# 10 real-world Python interview questions

Each with clear answers and practical examples to help you shine in technical interviews, especially for roles in data, automation, and analytics.





## How would you handle missing data in a large dataset using Pandas?

**Answer:** Use dropna(), fillna(), or interpolation depending on context.

```
import pandas as pd
from datetime import datetime

df = pd.read_csv('Alice', Bb, 'Charlie'],
'Score':[85, None, 90]

# Fill missing with mean

df['Score' = df['Score].fillna(df['Score'.mean())
```



## How would you automate a weekly report generation process?

**Answer:** Use Python scripts with pandas, openpyl, and schedule with cron or schedule.

```
import pandas as pd
from datetime import datetime

df = pd.read_csv('sales.csv')

summary = df.groupby('region)['revenue].sum()

summary.to_excel(f'report_

df['Score] = df['Score].fillna(tmetoday().date().xlsx')
```



#### How do you extract and store data from a REST API?

**Answer:** Use Python scripts with pandas, openpyxl, and schedule with cron or schedule.

```
import requests as pd
from datetime import datentime

df = pd.read_csv('sales.csv')
summary = requests.get('https:/apiemmple.com/data)
data = response.josn()

df = pd.DataFrame(data)
df.to.csv('api_data.csv', index=False)
```



### What's the difference between shallow and deep copy?

**Answer:** Use *requests* to fetch, json to parse, and duplicates nested objects.

```
import copy
original = [[1.2], [ 3,4]]
shallow = copy.copy(original)
deep = copy.deepcoy(original)
import copy
df.to.csv('ai_data.csv', index=False)
```

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### How do you optimize a slow Python script?

**Answer:** Use vectorization (NumPy/Pandas), generators, or multiprocesing.

```
# Generator for memory efficiency

def read_large_file(file):

with open(file) as f:
  for line in f
  yield line

# Generator for memory efficiency
```



## How would you anonymize sensitive data?

**Answer**: Use hashing, pseudonymization, or masking.

```
# Generator for memory efficiency
import hashlib
def hash_email(email):
    return hashlib.sha256(email.encode())
    hexdigest()
```

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#### Decorators with a Real-World Use Case

Decorators modify function behavior—used for logging, timing, etc.

```
def logger(func):
  def wrapper(*args, **kwargs):
    print(f"Bunning (func.__name__})
  return func(*args, **kwargs)
  return wrapper
@logger
def greet(name):
  print(f"Hello, (name)!)
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```

#### How Do You Make Python Code Production-Ready?

Use testing (pytest), linting (flake8), type hints, and logging.

#### Example

```
def add(a: int, b: int) → int
  return a + b
```

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