[301] CSV Files

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Learning Objectives Today

CSV format

- purpose
- syntax
- comparison to spreadsheet

Reading CSV files

- without header
- with header
- type casting

Chapter 14 of Sweigart, to (and including) "Reading Data from Reader Objects in a for Loop"

https://automatetheboringstuff.com/chapter14/

Today's Outline

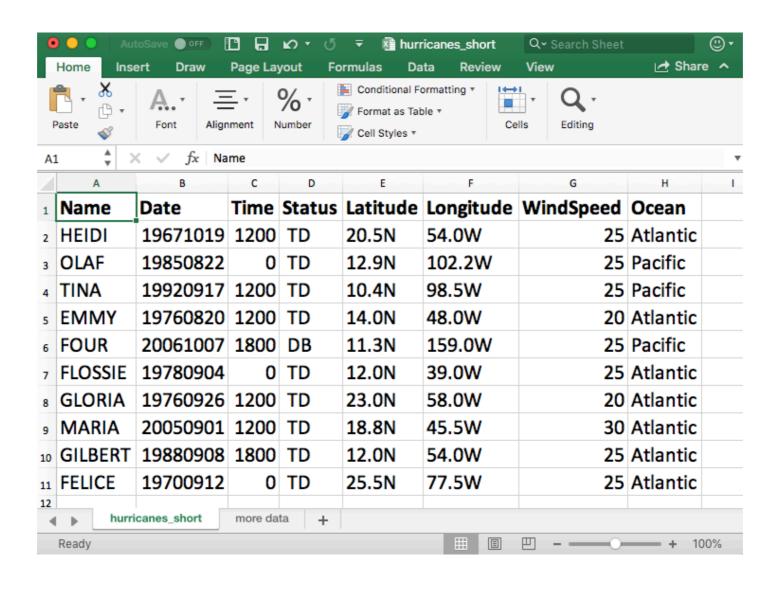
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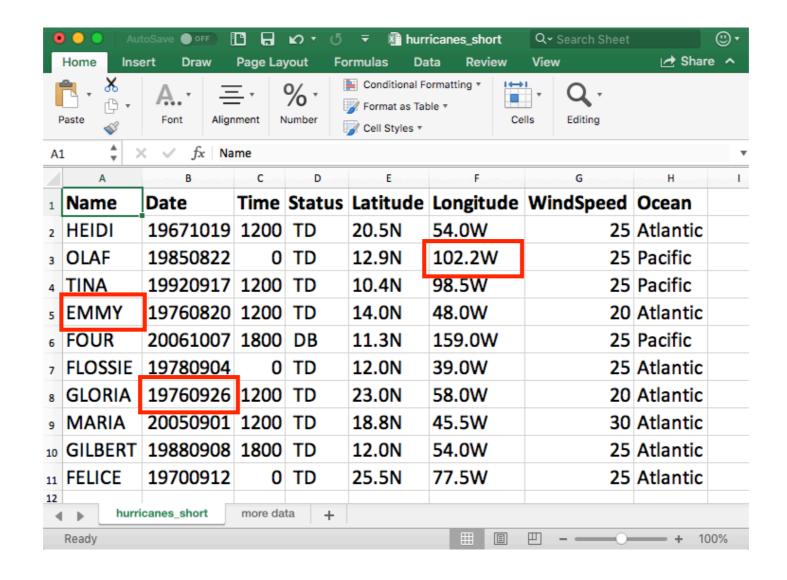
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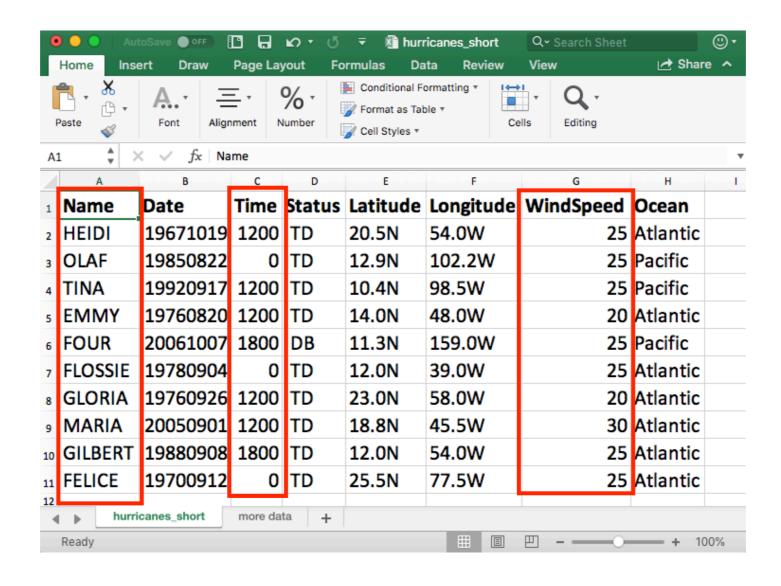


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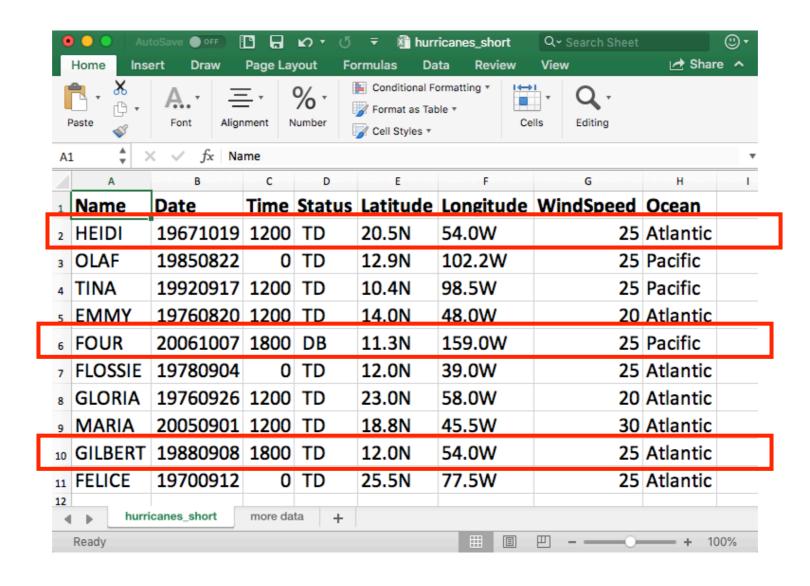
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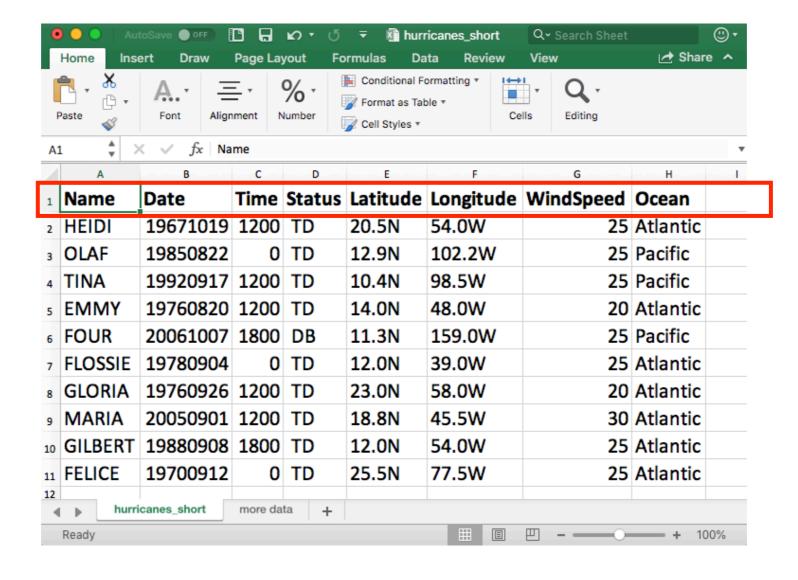
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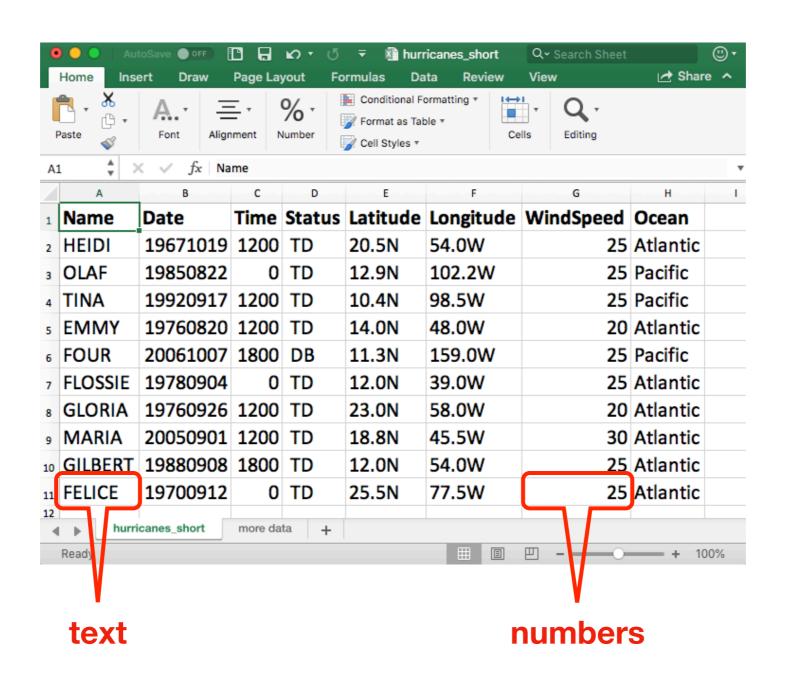
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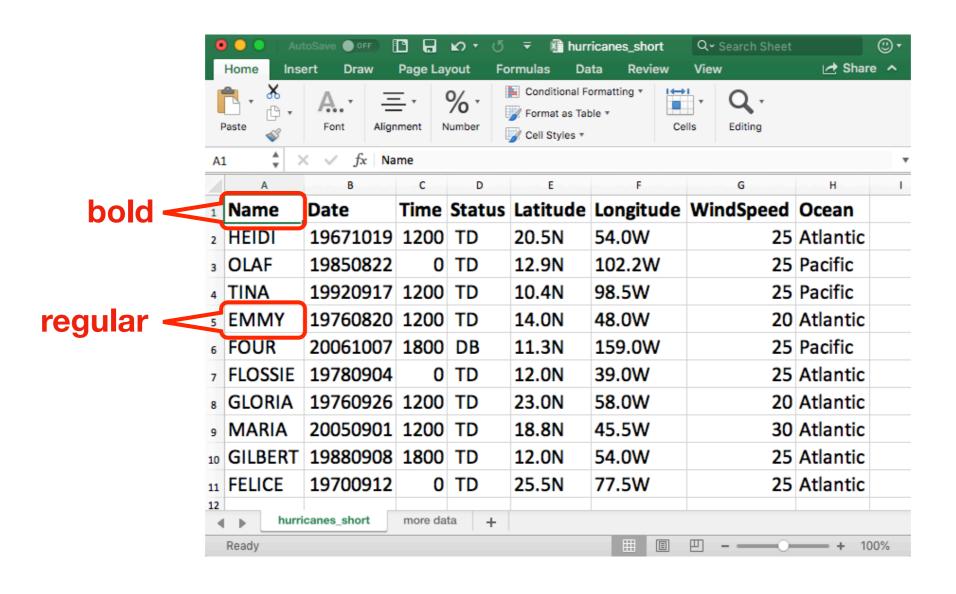


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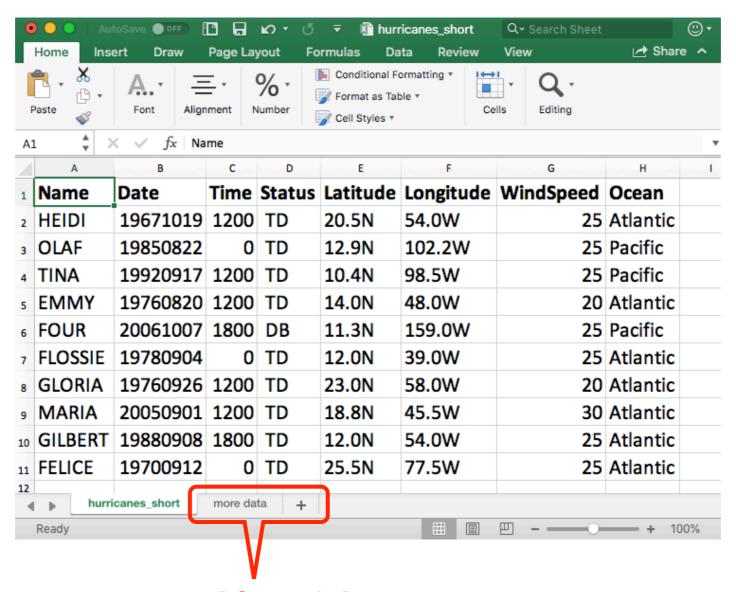
Spreadsheets often allow different data types



Spreadsheets often allow different fonts



Spreadsheets often support multiple sheets



more tables of data

Excel Files

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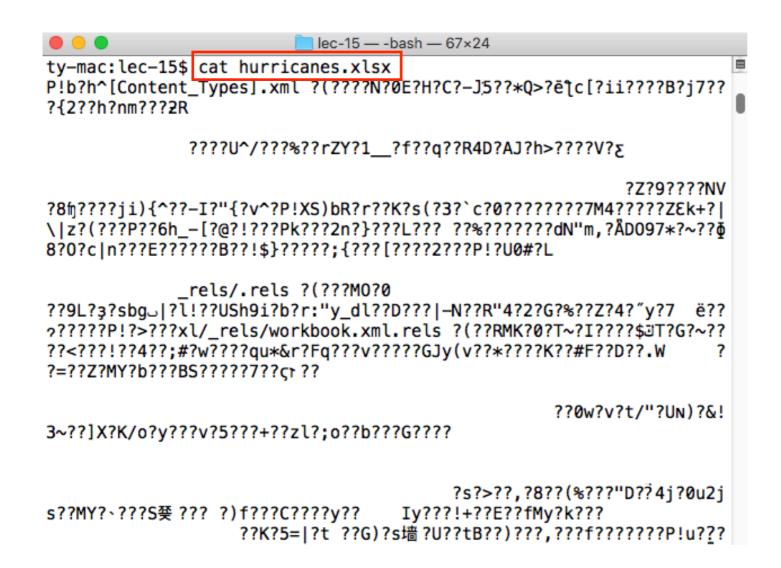
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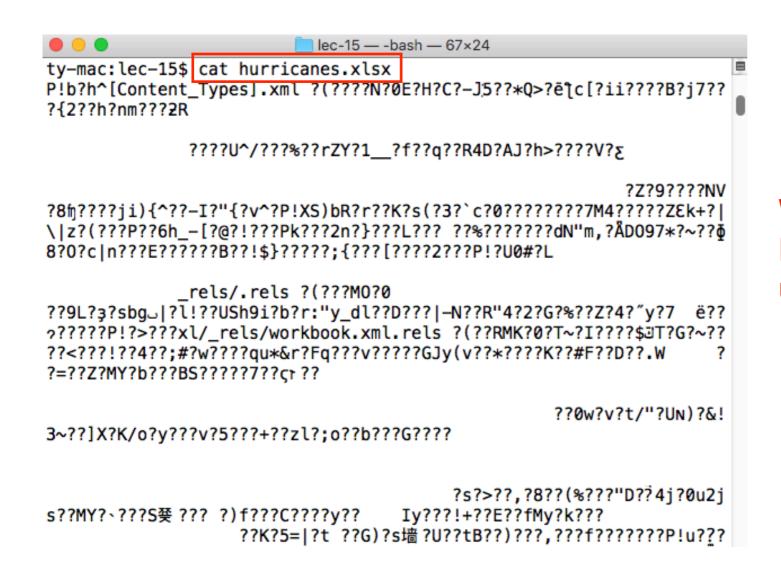


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Writing code to read data from Excel files is tricky, unless you use special modules

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CSVs

CSV is a simple data format that stands for Comma-Separated Values

CSVs are like simple spreadsheets

- organize cells of data into rows and columns
- only one sheet per file
- only holds strings
- no way to specify font, borders, cell size, etc

CSV Files

Extension: .csv

Format: plain text>

just open in any editor (notepad, textedit, PyCharm, etc) and you'll be able to read it

Ty-mac:lec-15\$ cat hurricanes_short.csv
Name,Date,Time,Status,Latitude,Longitude,WindSpeed,Ocean
HEIDI,19671019,1200, TD,20.5N,54.0W,25,Atlantic
OLAF,19850822,0, TD,12.9N,102.2W,25,Pacific
TINA,19920917,1200, TD,10.4N,98.5W,25,Pacific
EMMY,19760820,1200, TD,14.0N,48.0W,20,Atlantic
FOUR,20061007,1800, DB,11.3N,159.0W,25,Pacific
FLOSSIE,19780904,0, TD,12.0N,39.0W,25,Atlantic
GLORIA,19760926,1200, TD,23.0N,58.0W,20,Atlantic
MARIA,20050901,1200, TD,18.8N,45.5W,30,Atlantic
GILBERT,19880908,1800, TD,12.0N,54.0W,25,Atlantic
FELICE,19700912,0, TD,25.5N,77.5W,25,Atlanticty-mac:lec-15\$

Writing code that understands CSV files is easy

Table

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... are separated by commas

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We call characters that act a separators "delimiters"

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The comma is a delimiter between cells in a row EMMY, 19760820, 1200, TD, 14.0N, 48.0W, 20, Atlantic

Advanced Syntax

We won't go into details here, but there are some complexities

Motivation for more complicated syntax

- what if a cell contains a newline?
- what if we want a comma inside a cell?
- what if a cell contains a quote?
- what if we want to use different delimiters between rows/cells?

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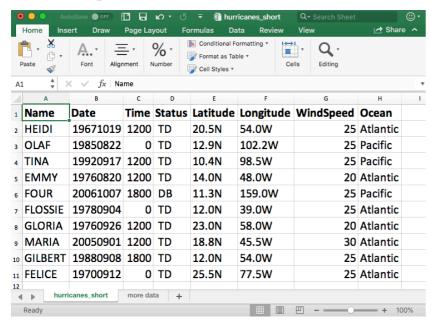
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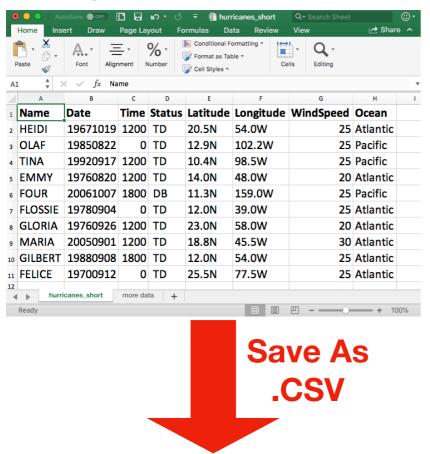
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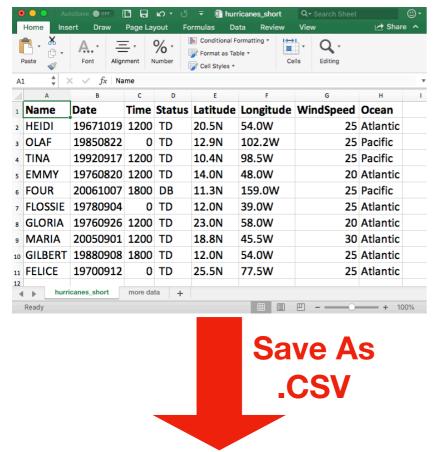
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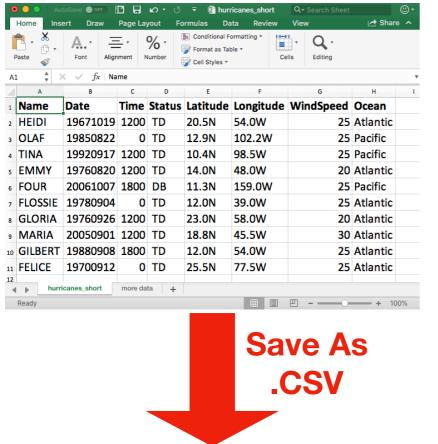
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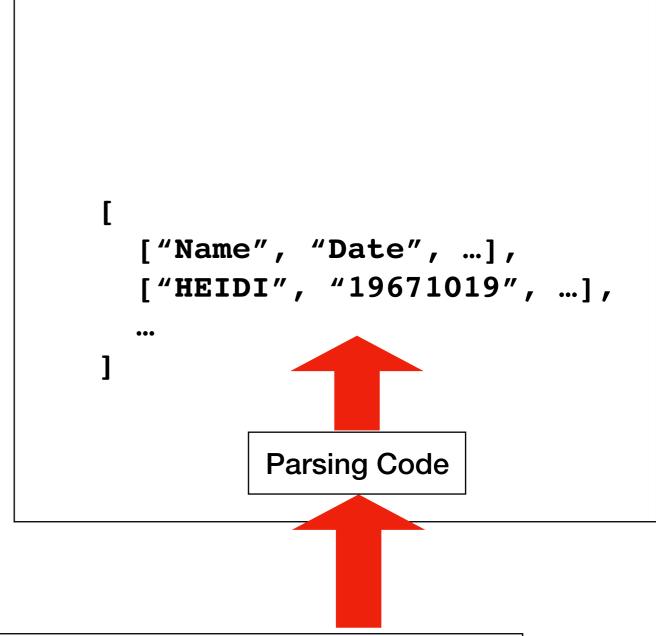


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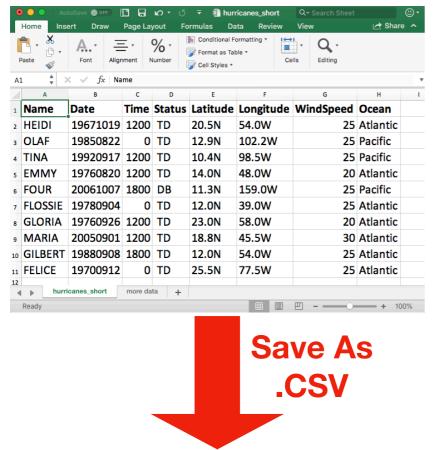






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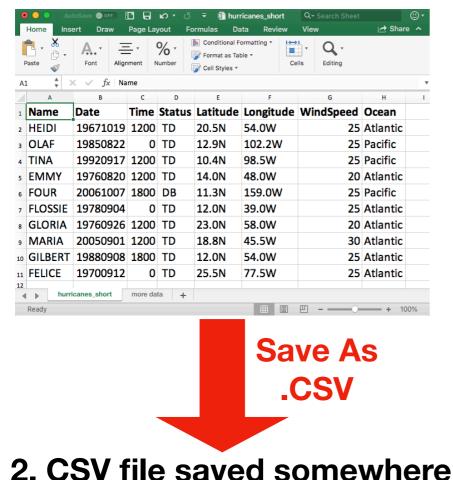




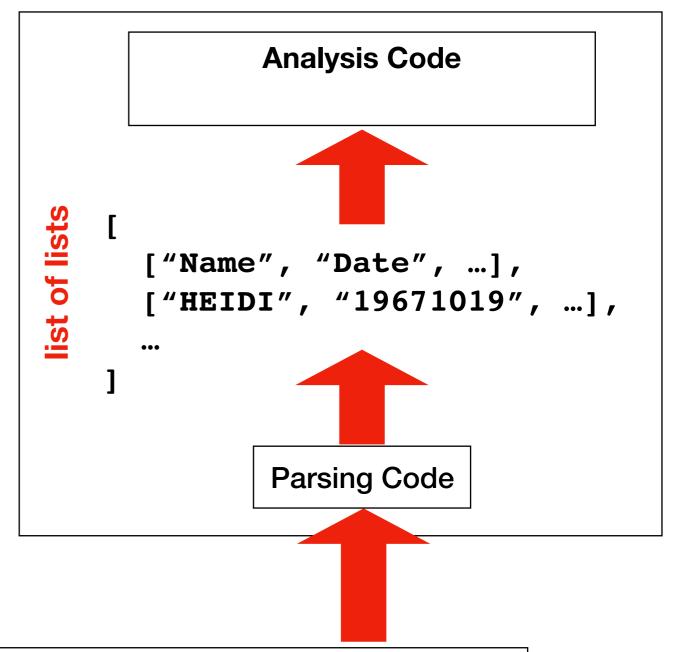
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["Name", "Date", ...], ["HEIDI", "19671019", ...], **Parsing Code**

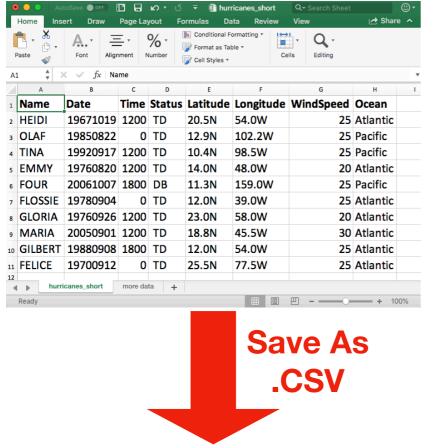
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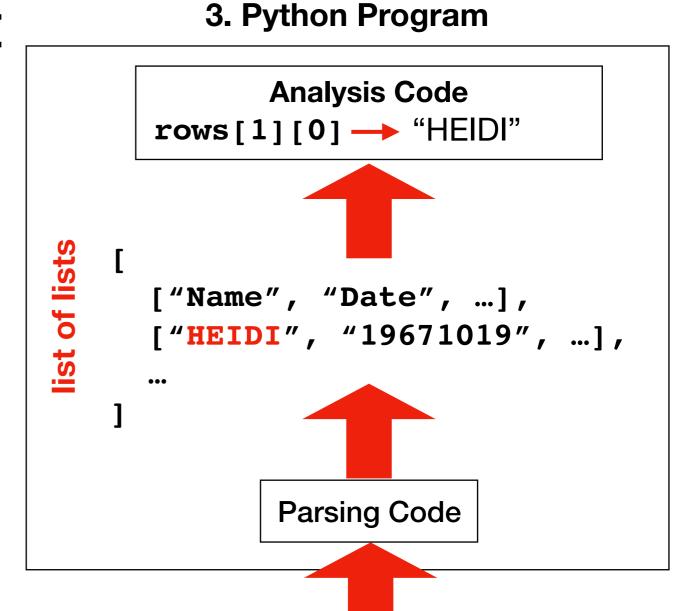
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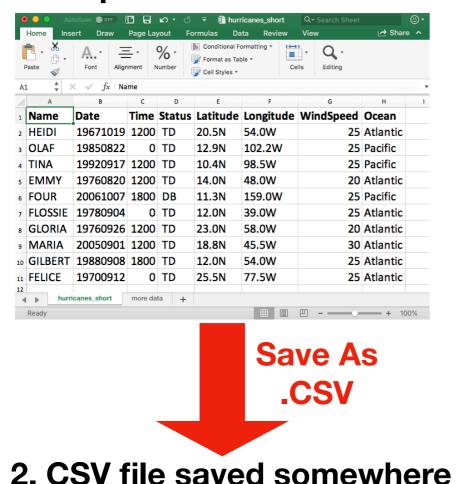
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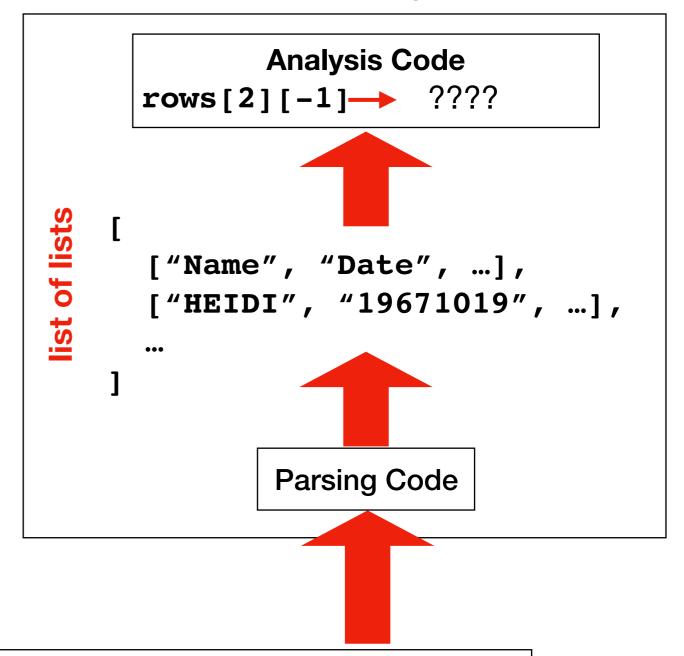
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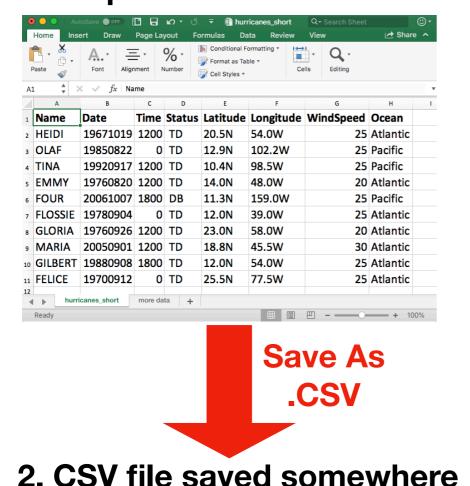
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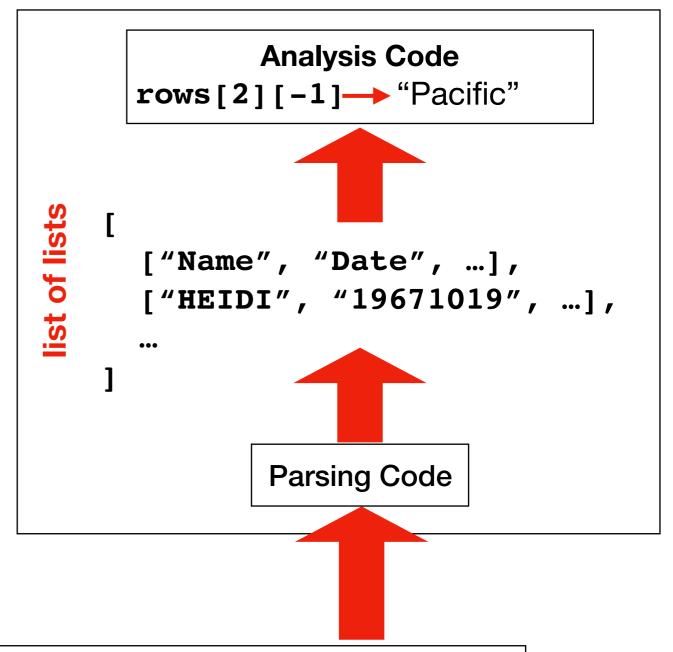
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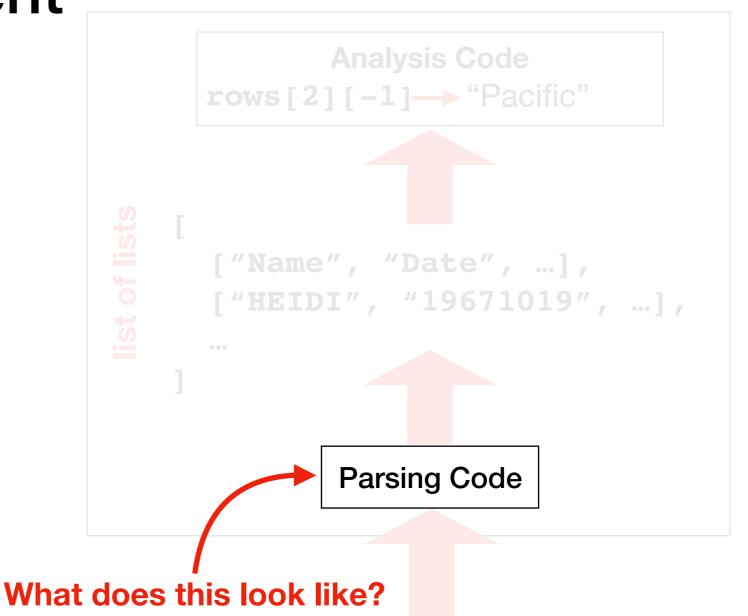
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Example From Sweigart Ch 14

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Code
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list of
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lists
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We'll eventually learn more about reading files.

For now, let's copy and paste this to a function

so we don't need to worry about it.

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Demo 1: Restaurant Location Lookup

Goal: given a restaurant name, give x,y coordinates for it

Input:

Restaurant name (and a CSV file)

Output:

X, Y coordinates

Example:

```
prompt> python rlookup.py subway x=1, y=0 prompt> python rlookup.py mcdonalds x=4, y=-3
```

Demo 2: Nearest Restaurant Search

Goal: given a location, find the nearest restaurant

Input:

• X, Y coordinates (and a CSV file)

Output:

nearest restaurant

Example:

prompt> python nearest.py 4,-4
McDonalds
prompt> python nearest.py -2,0
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Demo 3: Hurricane Column Dump

Goal: column name, print that data for all hurricanes

Input:

column name (and a CSV file)

Output:

data in given column, associated with name

Example:

prompt> python dump.py ocean

HEIDI: Atlantic

OLAF: Pacific

TINA: Pacific

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Demo 4: Hurricanes per Year

Goal: column name, print that data for all hurricanes

Input:

none typed (only a CSV file)

Output:

the number of hurricanes in each year

Example:

prompt> python yearly.py ocean

1967: 23

1968: 29

2969: 15

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