

# Combining DataFrame

## Concatenation

Use `pd.concat()` for Combines DataFrames along rows or columns.

```
pd.concat([df1, df2])
```

	A	B	C	D
0	A0	B0	C0	D0
1	A1	B1	C1	D1
2	A2	B2	C2	D2
3	A3	B3	C3	D3

+

	A	B	C	D
4	A4	B4	C4	D4
5	A5	B5	C5	D5
6	A6	B6	C6	D6
7	A7	B7	C7	D7



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0	A0	B0	C0	D0
1	A1	B1	C1	D1
2	A2	B2	C2	D2
3	A3	B3	C3	D3
4	A4	B4	C4	D4
5	A5	B5	C5	D5
6	A6	B6	C6	D6
7	A7	B7	C7	D7

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- Join Row wise with *axis=1*
- Empty values are filled with *NaN*



```
pd.concat([df1,df2,df3],axis=1)
```


	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
0	A0	B0	C0	D0	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
1	A1	B1	C1	D1	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
2	A2	B2	C2	D2	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
3	A3	B3	C3	D3	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
4	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	A4	B4	C4	D4
5	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	A5	B5	C5	D5
6	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	A6	B6	C6	D6
7	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	A7	B7	C7	D7

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## Merging

The **merge** function allows you to merge DataFrames together using logic similar to merging SQL Tables

```
pd.merge(left, right, how='inner', on='key')
```

A B key					C D key					A B key C D					
0	A0	B0	K0	+	0	C0	D0	K0		0	A0	B0	K0	C0	D0
1	A1	B1	K1		1	C1	D1	K1		1	A1	B1	K1	C1	D1
2	A2	B2	K2		2	C2	D2	K2		2	A2	B2	K2	C2	D2
3	A3	B3	K3		3	C3	D3	K3		3	A3	B3	K3	C3	D3

Default merge type is **inner**, but **how** can be set to **left**, **right**, **outer**, etc.

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*on* can be list of keys as well

```
left = pd.DataFrame({'key1': ['K0', 'K0', 'K1', 'K2'],
                     'key2': ['K0', 'K1', 'K0', 'K1'],
                     'A': ['A0', 'A1', 'A2', 'A3'],
                     'B': ['B0', 'B1', 'B2', 'B3']})

right = pd.DataFrame({'key1': ['K0', 'K1', 'K1', 'K2'],
                     'key2': ['K0', 'K0', 'K0', 'K0'],
                     'C': ['C0', 'C1', 'C2', 'C3'],
                     'D': ['D0', 'D1', 'D2', 'D3']})
```

```
pd.merge(left, right, on=['key1', 'key2'])
```

	A	B	key1	key2	C	D
0	A0	B0	K0	K0	C0	D0
1	A2	B2	K1	K0	C1	D1
2	A2	B2	K1	K0	C2	D2

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## Joining

Convenient when combining DataFrames on index rather than column keys.

```
left = pd.DataFrame({'A': ['A0', 'A1', 'A2'],  
                     'B': ['B0', 'B1', 'B2']},  
                     index=['K0', 'K1', 'K2'])  
right = pd.DataFrame({'C': ['C0', 'C2', 'C3'],  
                      'D': ['D0', 'D2', 'D3']},  
                      index=['K0', 'K2', 'K3'])
```

`.join` uses same logic as `merge`. But `join` is a method

```
left.join(right, how='inner')
```

	A	B	C	D
K0	A0	B0	C0	D0
K1	A1	B1	NaN	NaN
K2	A2	B2	C2	D2

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## Summary Table

Method	Function	Description	Best For
Concatenation	<code>pd.concat()</code>	Stacks DataFrames along rows or columns	Appending data
Merging	<code>pd.merge()</code>	SQL-like joins based on columns (keys)	Row alignment on common columns
Joining	<code>df1.join(df2)</code>	Joins based on DataFrame indexes	Index alignment without columns