

## graphlab.SFrame.filter\_by

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`SFrame.filter_by` (*values, column\_name, exclude=False*)

Filter an SFrame by values inside an iterable object. Result is an SFrame that only includes (or excludes) the rows that have a column with the given `column_name` which holds one of the values in the given `values` `SArray`. If `values` is not an SArray, we attempt to convert it to one before filtering.

**Parameters:** **values** : SArray | list | numpy.ndarray | pandas.Series | str

The values to use to filter the SFrame. The resulting SFrame will only include rows that have one of these values in the given column.

**column\_name** : str

The column of the SFrame to match with the given *values*.

**exclude** : bool

If True, the result SFrame will contain all rows EXCEPT those that have one of `values` in `column_name`.

**Returns:** **out** : SFrame

The filtered SFrame.

### Examples

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>>> sf = graphlab.SFrame({'id': [1, 2, 3, 4],
...                        'animal_type': ['dog', 'cat', 'cow', 'horse'],
...                        'name': ['bob', 'jim', 'jimbob', 'bobjim']})
>>> household_pets = ['cat', 'hamster', 'dog', 'fish', 'bird', 'snake']
>>> sf.filter_by(household_pets, 'animal_type')
+-----+-----+
| animal_type | id | name |
+-----+-----+
|      dog    | 1  | bob  |
|      cat    | 2  | jim  |
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[2 rows x 3 columns]
>>> sf.filter_by(household_pets, 'animal_type', exclude=True)
+-----+-----+
| animal_type | id | name |
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|    horse    | 4  | bobjim |
|     cow     | 3  | jimbob |
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[2 rows x 3 columns]

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