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Tutorial 3: VS Code Data Analysis with Python

What You'll Learn (90 minutes)

Master data analysis in VS Code using:
- Pandas for financial data manipulation
- Excel integration for corporate finance
- Data visualization with Matplotlib & Plotly
- Interactive Jupyter notebooks
- Real financial statement analysis
- Stock market data analysis

Prerequisites:
- Completed Tutorials 1 & 2
- Python environment configured
- Basic Python knowledge

Part 1: Setting Up Data Analysis Environment (15 minutes)

Install Required Libraries

Open VS Code terminal ('Ctrl+`'):

```
# Activate virtual environment
venv\Scripts\activate

# Install data analysis stack
pip install pandas numpy matplotlib seaborn plotly yfinance openpyxl jupyter ipykernel

# Verify installations
python -c "import pandas; print(f'Pandas {pandas.__version__}')"
python -c "import matplotlib; print(f'Matplotlib {matplotlib.__version__}')"
python -c "import yfinance; print('yfinance installed!')"
```

Install VS Code Extensions

Ctrl+Shift+X → Search and install:
- Jupyter (Microsoft)
- Jupyter Keymap (Microsoft)
- Jupyter Notebook Renderers (Microsoft)
- Data Wrangler (Microsoft)
- Excel-like data viewer!

Configure Jupyter in VS Code

1. Press Ctrl+Shift+P
 2. Type: "Python: Select Interpreter"
 3. Choose your venv interpreter: .\venv\Scripts\python.exe
-

Part 2: Create Your First Jupyter Notebook (15 minutes)

Create Notebook

1. Ctrl+Shift+P → "Create: New Jupyter Notebook"
2. Save as: financial_analysis_intro.ipynb

Notebook Interface Tour

Key Components: - Code Cell: Write Python code - Markdown Cell: Write notes, explanations - Run Button: Execute cell - Add Cell: Insert new cell

Your First Analysis

Cell 1 (Markdown - click +Markdown):

```
# My First Financial Analysis
```

Learning data analysis in VS Code!

```
## Objectives
```

1. Load financial data
2. Calculate metrics
3. Visualize results

Cell 2 (Code):

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

print(" Libraries loaded!")
print(f"Pandas version: {pd.__version__}")
```

Run: Shift+Enter

Cell 3 (Code):

```
# Create sample financial data
data = {
    'Year': [2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024],
    'Revenue': [100, 120, 150, 180, 220], # millions
    'EBITDA': [20, 28, 38, 50, 66],
    'Net_Income': [10, 15, 22, 32, 45]
}

df = pd.DataFrame(data)
print(df)
```

Run: Shift+Enter

Cell 4 (Code):

```
# Calculate growth rates
df['Revenue_Growth'] = df['Revenue'].pct_change() * 100
df['EBITDA_Margin'] = (df['EBITDA'] / df['Revenue']) * 100
```

df

Run: Shift+Enter

You just did financial analysis in VS Code!

Jupyter Keyboard Shortcuts

Shortcut	Action
Shift+Enter	Run cell, move to next
Ctrl+Enter	Run cell, stay in place
Alt+Enter	Run cell, insert below
A	Insert cell above
B	Insert cell below
DD	Delete cell
M	Convert to Markdown
Y	Convert to Code
Ctrl+S	Save notebook

Part 3: Working with Excel Data (20 minutes)

Create Sample Financial Statement

Create Excel file: financial_statements.xlsx

Using Excel: - Sheet1: “Income_Statement” - Add this data:

Account	2022	2023	2024
Revenue	500	600	750
COGS	-300	-345	-420
Gross Profit	200	255	330
SG&A	-80	-90	-105
EBITDA	120	165	225
D&A	-20	-25	-30
EBIT	100	140	195
Interest	-15	-18	-20
EBT	85	122	175
Taxes	-21	-30	-44
Net Income	64	92	131

Save in your project folder.

Load and Analyze in VS Code

New notebook: excel_analysis.ipynb

Cell 1:

```
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

# Load Excel file
df = pd.read_excel('financial_statements.xlsx',
                    sheet_name='Income_Statement',
                    index_col='Account')

print(" Financial Statements Loaded!")
df
```

Cell 2:

```
# Transpose for easier viewing
df_t = df.T
df_t.index.name = 'Year'
df_t
```

Cell 3:

```
# Calculate key metrics
metrics = pd.DataFrame()

metrics['Revenue_Growth'] = df_t['Revenue'].pct_change() * 100
metrics['Gross_Margin'] = (df_t['Gross Profit'] / df_t['Revenue']) * 100
metrics['EBITDA_Margin'] = (df_t['EBITDA'] / df_t['Revenue']) * 100
metrics['Net_Margin'] = (df_t['Net Income'] / df_t['Revenue']) * 100

metrics.round(2)
```

Cell 4:

```
# Visualize margin trends
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))

plt.plot(metrics.index, metrics['Gross_Margin'],
         marker='o', label='Gross Margin', linewidth=2)
plt.plot(metrics.index, metrics['EBITDA_Margin'],
         marker='s', label='EBITDA Margin', linewidth=2)
plt.plot(metrics.index, metrics['Net_Margin'],
         marker='^', label='Net Margin', linewidth=2)

plt.title('Profitability Margins Over Time', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
plt.xlabel('Year')
plt.ylabel('Margin (%)')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True, alpha=0.3)
plt.tight_layout()

plt.show()
```

Use Data Wrangler (Excel-Like Interface)

1. Click on `df` variable in notebook
2. Right-click → “Open in Data Wrangler”
3. See Excel-like interface!
4. Try:
 - Sorting columns
 - Filtering rows
 - Creating calculated columns
 - Export operations as code

This is HUGE for finance professionals! □

Part 4: Real Stock Market Data Analysis (20 minutes)

Download Stock Data

New notebook: `stock_analysis.ipynb`

Cell 1:

```
import yfinance as yf
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

# Download Apple stock data (last 2 years)
ticker = 'AAPL'
stock = yf.Ticker(ticker)
df = stock.history(period='2y')

print(f" Downloaded {len(df)} days of {ticker} data")
df.head()
```

Cell 2:

```
# Stock info
info = stock.info
print(f"Company: {info.get('longName', 'N/A')}")"
print(f"Sector: {info.get('sector', 'N/A')}")"
print(f"Market Cap: ${info.get('marketCap', 0) / 1e9:.2f}B")
print(f"P/E Ratio: {info.get('trailingPE', 'N/A')}")"
print(f"Dividend Yield: {info.get('dividendYield', 0) * 100:.2f}%")
```

Cell 3:

```
# Calculate returns
df['Daily_Return'] = df['Close'].pct_change()
df['Cumulative_Return'] = (1 + df['Daily_Return']).cumprod() - 1

# Calculate moving averages
df['MA_50'] = df['Close'].rolling(window=50).mean()
df['MA_200'] = df['Close'].rolling(window=200).mean()

df[['Close', 'MA_50', 'MA_200', 'Cumulative_Return']].tail()
```

Cell 4:

```

# Visualize stock price with moving averages
fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(2, 1, figsize=(12, 10))

# Price chart
ax1.plot(df.index, df['Close'], label='Close Price', linewidth=1.5)
ax1.plot(df.index, df['MA_50'], label='50-day MA', alpha=0.7)
ax1.plot(df.index, df['MA_200'], label='200-day MA', alpha=0.7)
ax1.set_title(f'{ticker} Stock Price with Moving Averages', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
ax1.set_ylabel('Price ($)')
ax1.legend()
ax1.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

# Volume chart
ax2.bar(df.index, df['Volume'], alpha=0.5, color='blue')
ax2.set_title('Trading Volume', fontsize=12)
ax2.set_ylabel('Volume')
ax2.set_xlabel('Date')
ax2.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

```

Cell 5:

```

# Calculate volatility and risk metrics
daily_returns = df['Daily_Return'].dropna()

print(" Risk Metrics")
print(f"Average Daily Return: {daily_returns.mean() * 100:.3f}%")
print(f"Daily Volatility: {daily_returns.std() * 100:.3f}%")
print(f"Annualized Volatility: {daily_returns.std() * np.sqrt(252) * 100:.2f}%")
print(f"Sharpe Ratio (0% risk-free): {daily_returns.mean() / daily_returns.std() * np.sqrt(252):.2f}")
print(f"Max Daily Gain: {daily_returns.max() * 100:.2f}%")
print(f"Max Daily Loss: {daily_returns.min() * 100:.2f}%")

```

Cell 6:

```

# Distribution of returns
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))

plt.hist(daily_returns * 100, bins=50, alpha=0.7, edgecolor='black')
plt.axvline(daily_returns.mean() * 100, color='red',
            linestyle='--', linewidth=2, label=f'Mean: {daily_returns.mean()*100:.3f}%')
plt.title(f'{ticker} Daily Returns Distribution', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
plt.xlabel('Daily Return (%)')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

plt.show()

```

Part 5: Multi-Stock Portfolio Analysis (15 minutes)

Cell 1:

```

# Download multiple stocks
tickers = ['AAPL', 'MSFT', 'GOOGL', 'AMZN', 'TSLA']
data = yf.download(tickers, period='1y', group_by='ticker')

print(f" Downloaded data for {len(tickers)} stocks")

Cell 2:

# Extract closing prices
closes = pd.DataFrame()
for ticker in tickers:
    closes[ticker] = data[ticker]['Close']

closes.head()

Cell 3:

# Calculate normalized performance (starting at 100)
normalized = (closes / closes.iloc[0]) * 100

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))

for ticker in tickers:
    plt.plot(normalized.index, normalized[ticker], label=ticker, linewidth=2)

plt.title('Stock Performance Comparison (Normalized)', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
plt.ylabel('Normalized Price (Start = 100)')
plt.xlabel('Date')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True, alpha=0.3)
plt.tight_layout()

plt.show()

Cell 4:

# Calculate correlation matrix
returns = closes.pct_change().dropna()
correlation = returns.corr()

print(" Correlation Matrix")
correlation.round(2)

Cell 5:

# Visualize correlation heatmap
import seaborn as sns

plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
sns.heatmap(correlation, annot=True, fmt='.2f', cmap='coolwarm',
            square=True, linewidths=1, cbar_kws={'label': 'Correlation'})
plt.title('Stock Returns Correlation Matrix', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

Cell 6:

# Portfolio performance metrics
metrics = pd.DataFrame({

```

```

    'Total Return (%)': ((closes.iloc[-1] / closes.iloc[0]) - 1) * 100,
    'Volatility (%)': returns.std() * np.sqrt(252) * 100,
    'Sharpe Ratio': (returns.mean() / returns.std()) * np.sqrt(252)
})

metrics.round(2).sort_values('Sharpe Ratio', ascending=False)

```

Part 6: Interactive Visualizations with Plotly (10 minutes)

Cell 1:

```

import plotly.graph_objects as go
from plotly.subplots import make_subplots

# Get Apple data
aapl = yf.Ticker('AAPL')
df = aapl.history(period='6mo')

```

Cell 2:

```

# Create interactive candlestick chart
fig = go.Figure(data=[go.Candlestick(
    x=df.index,
    open=df['Open'],
    high=df['High'],
    low=df['Low'],
    close=df['Close'],
    name='AAPL'
)])

fig.update_layout(
    title='Apple Stock - Interactive Candlestick Chart',
    xaxis_title='Date',
    yaxis_title='Price ($)',
    height=600,
    xaxis_rangeslider_visible=False
)

fig.show()

```

Hover over chart, zoom, pan - it's interactive! □

Cell 3:

```

# Create dashboard with subplots
fig = make_subplots(
    rows=2, cols=1,
    subplot_titles=('Stock Price', 'Trading Volume'),
    row_heights=[0.7, 0.3],
    vertical_spacing=0.1
)

# Price line
fig.add_trace(
    go.Scatter(x=df.index, y=df['Close'], name='Close Price',

```

```

        line=dict(color='blue', width=2),
        row=1, col=1
    )

# Volume bars
fig.add_trace(
    go.Bar(x=df.index, y=df['Volume'], name='Volume',
           marker=dict(color='lightblue')),
    row=2, col=1
)

fig.update_layout(
    title_text='AAPL Stock Dashboard',
    height=700,
    showlegend=True
)

```

fig.show()

Cell 4:

```

# Financial statement visualization
# Load our Excel data
df_fin = pd.read_excel('financial_statements.xlsx',
                       sheet_name='Income_Statement',
                       index_col='Account')

revenue_data = df_fin.loc['Revenue']
ebitda_data = df_fin.loc['EBITDA']
net_income_data = df_fin.loc['Net Income']

fig = go.Figure()

fig.add_trace(go.Bar(
    x=revenue_data.index,
    y=revenue_data.values,
    name='Revenue',
    marker_color='lightblue'
))

fig.add_trace(go.Bar(
    x=ebitda_data.index,
    y=ebitda_data.values,
    name='EBITDA',
    marker_color='orange'
))

fig.add_trace(go.Bar(
    x=net_income_data.index,
    y=net_income_data.values,
    name='Net Income',
    marker_color='green'
))

fig.update_layout(

```

```

        title='Income Statement Trends',
        xaxis_title='Year',
        yaxis_title='Amount ($M)',
        barmode='group',
        height=500
    )

fig.show()

```

Part 7: Real Financial Analysis Project (15 minutes)

Project: Company Valuation Comparison

New notebook: company_comparison.ipynb

Cell 1:

```

import yfinance as yf
import pandas as pd
import plotly.graph_objects as go

# Compare tech giants
tickers = ['AAPL', 'MSFT', 'GOOGL', 'META', 'AMZN']

# Get company info
companies = []
for ticker in tickers:
    stock = yf.Ticker(ticker)
    info = stock.info
    companies.append({
        'Ticker': ticker,
        'Name': info.get('longName', ticker),
        'Market Cap ($B)': info.get('marketCap', 0) / 1e9,
        'P/E Ratio': info.get('trailingPE', None),
        'Revenue ($B)': info.get('totalRevenue', 0) / 1e9,
        'Profit Margin (%)': info.get('profitMargins', 0) * 100,
        'ROE (%)': info.get('returnOnEquity', 0) * 100,
        'Debt/Equity': info.get('debtToEquity', 0) / 100
    })

df_comp = pd.DataFrame(companies)
df_comp

```

Cell 2:

```

# Calculate EV/Revenue multiples
df_comp['EV/Revenue'] = df_comp['Market Cap ($B)'] / df_comp['Revenue ($B)']

df_comp[['Ticker', 'Name', 'Market Cap ($B)', 'P/E Ratio',
         'EV/Revenue', 'Profit Margin (%)']].round(2)

```

Cell 3:

```

# Visualize valuation multiples
fig = go.Figure()

```

```

fig.add_trace(go.Bar(
    x=df_comp['Ticker'],
    y=df_comp['P/E Ratio'],
    name='P/E Ratio',
    marker_color='lightblue'
))

fig.update_layout(
    title='P/E Ratio Comparison - Big Tech',
    xaxis_title='Company',
    yaxis_title='P/E Ratio',
    height=500
)

fig.show()

```

Cell 4:

```

# Profitability vs Valuation scatter
fig = go.Figure()

fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(
    x=df_comp['Profit Margin (%)'],
    y=df_comp['P/E Ratio'],
    mode='markers+text',
    marker=dict(
        size=df_comp['Market Cap ($B)'] / 50, # Size by market cap
        color=df_comp['ROE (%)'], # Color by ROE
        colorscale='Viridis',
        showscale=True,
        colorbar=dict(title='ROE (%)')
    ),
    text=df_comp['Ticker'],
    textposition='top center'
))

fig.update_layout(
    title='Profitability vs Valuation (Bubble Size = Market Cap)',
    xaxis_title='Profit Margin (%)',
    yaxis_title='P/E Ratio',
    height=600
)

fig.show()

```

Cell 5:

```

# Summary insights
print(" INVESTMENT INSIGHTS")
print("=" * 60)

# Highest PE
highest_pe = df_comp.loc[df_comp['P/E Ratio'].idxmax()]
print(f"\n Highest P/E: {highest_pe['Ticker']} ({highest_pe['P/E Ratio']:.1f})")

# Lowest PE

```

```

lowest_pe = df_comp.loc[df_comp['P/E Ratio'].idxmin()]
print(f" Lowest P/E: {lowest_pe['Ticker']} {lowest_pe['P/E Ratio']:.1f}x")

# Best margins
best_margin = df_comp.loc[df_comp['Profit Margin (%)'].idxmax()]
print(f"\n Best Profit Margin: {best_margin['Ticker']} {best_margin['Profit Margin (%)']:.1f}%")

# Highest ROE
best_roe = df_comp.loc[df_comp['ROE (%)'].idxmax()]
print(f" Highest ROE: {best_roe['Ticker']} {best_roe['ROE (%)']:.1f}%")

# Largest company
largest = df_comp.loc[df_comp['Market Cap ($B)').idxmax()]
print(f"\n Largest Market Cap: {largest['Name']} ${largest['Market Cap ($B)']:.1f}B")

print("\n" + "=" * 60)

```

Part 8: Export and Share Results (5 minutes)

Export to Excel

Cell:

```

# Create comprehensive report
with pd.ExcelWriter('tech_company_analysis.xlsx', engine='openpyxl') as writer:
    # Company comparison
    df_comp.to_excel(writer, sheet_name='Company_Comparison', index=False)

    # Stock returns (if you have the data)
    if 'returns' in locals():
        returns_summary = returns.describe().T
        returns_summary.to_excel(writer, sheet_name='Returns_Statistics')

    # Correlation matrix
    if 'correlation' in locals():
        correlation.to_excel(writer, sheet_name='Correlation_Matrix')

print(" Report exported to: tech_company_analysis.xlsx")

```

Export Charts

Cell:

```

# Save interactive chart as HTML
fig.write_html('company_comparison_chart.html')
print(" Interactive chart saved: company_comparison_chart.html")

# Save static image (requires kaleido)
# pip install kaleido
# fig.write_image('company_comparison.png')

```

Export Notebook as HTML

1. Click “...” (more actions) in notebook toolbar

2. Select “Export”
3. Choose “HTML”
4. Save as: financial_analysis_report.html

Share with colleagues who don't use Python!

Skills Checklist

After this tutorial, you can:

- Create and use Jupyter notebooks in VS Code
 - Load data from Excel files
 - Manipulate financial data with Pandas
 - Download real-time stock data
 - Calculate financial metrics and returns
 - Create static visualizations (Matplotlib)
 - Create interactive charts (Plotly)
 - Analyze multiple stocks
 - Export results to Excel
 - Share analysis reports
-

Data Analysis Cheat Sheet

Pandas Essentials

```
# Loading Data
df = pd.read_excel('file.xlsx')
df = pd.read_csv('file.csv')

# Viewing Data
df.head()           # First 5 rows
df.tail()           # Last 5 rows
df.info()           # Data types and memory
df.describe()       # Statistics

# Selecting Data
df['Column']        # Single column
df[['Col1', 'Col2']] # Multiple columns
df.loc[0]            # Row by index
df.loc[0:5]          # Rows 0-5
df.iloc[0]           # Row by position

# Calculations
df['New'] = df['A'] / df['B']    # New column
df['Growth'] = df['Rev'].pct_change()
df['MA'] = df['Price'].rolling(20).mean()

# Filtering
df[df['Revenue'] > 100]
df[df['Year'].isin([2023, 2024])]

# Aggregations
```

```

df.sum()
df.mean()
df.groupby('Year').sum()

# Sorting
df.sort_values('Revenue', ascending=False)

Matplotlib Basics

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Line chart
plt.plot(x, y, label='Label')
plt.title('Title')
plt.xlabel('X Axis')
plt.ylabel('Y Axis')
plt.legend()
plt.grid()
plt.show()

# Bar chart
plt.bar(categories, values)

# Scatter plot
plt.scatter(x, y)

# Multiple subplots
fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(2, 1, figsize=(12, 8))
ax1.plot(x, y1)
ax2.plot(x, y2)

```

□ Pro Tips

1. Use Variable Inspector

- Bottom of notebook shows all variables
- Click to inspect values
- Right-click → “Open in Data Wrangler”

2. Clear Output

- Cell output cluttering notebook?
- Right-click cell → “Clear Outputs”
- Or: Clear All Outputs

3. Cell Execution Order

- Numbers in brackets show execution order: [1], [2], [3]
- Important for debugging!
- Restart kernel if confused: Top menu → Restart

4. Keyboard Shortcuts

- Learn these to work 10x faster!
- Ctrl+Shift+P → “Notebook: Show All Shortcuts”

5. Comments and Documentation

```
# Use comments for complex calculations
df['ROIC'] = (
    df['NOPAT'] /
    (df['Total_Debt'] + df['Shareholders_Equity']))
) # Return on Invested Capital
```

Real-World Applications

Investment Banking

- Comparable company analysis
- Precedent transaction analysis
- DCF sensitivity tables
- LBO returns analysis

Private Equity

- Portfolio company monitoring
- Entry/exit multiple analysis
- IRR calculations
- Fund performance tracking

Corporate Finance

- Budget vs actual analysis
- Financial statement modeling
- KPI dashboards
- Scenario analysis

Equity Research

- Stock screening
- Valuation models
- Peer comparison
- Trend analysis

Bonus: Advanced Techniques

1. Automated Reports

```
# Run daily, export to Excel, email to team
import yfinance as yf
from datetime import datetime
```

```

def daily_portfolio_report(tickers):
    data = yf.download(tickers, period='1d')
    # ... analysis ...

    filename = f'portfolio_report_{datetime.now().strftime("%Y%m%d")}.xlsx'
    # ... export ...
    return filename

# Schedule this with Windows Task Scheduler!

```

2. Custom Functions

```

def calculate_financial_ratios(df):
    """Calculate all key ratios"""
    ratios = pd.DataFrame()
    ratios['Current_Ratio'] = df['Current_Assets'] / df['Current_Liabilities']
    ratios['Quick_Ratio'] = (df['Current_Assets'] - df['Inventory']) / df['Current_Liabilities']
    ratios['Debt_to_Equity'] = df['Total_Debt'] / df['Shareholders_Equity']
    ratios['ROE'] = df['Net_Income'] / df['Shareholders_Equity']
    ratios['ROA'] = df['Net_Income'] / df['Total_Assets']
    return ratios

# Use in any notebook!
ratios = calculate_financial_ratios(balance_sheet_df)

```

3. Templates

Save your best notebooks as templates: - Company analysis template - Stock comparison template - Financial statement template

Copy and reuse!

What's Next?

You now have: - Data analysis superpowers - Excel integration - Stock market data access - Visualization skills - Professional reporting capabilities

Next steps:

1. Practice with real data
 2. Build your own analysis templates
 3. Continue to: Tutorials/04_Building_DCF_with_VS_Code.md
 4. Create portfolio tracking dashboard
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You're now a VS Code data analyst!

Next: Tutorials/04_Building_DCF_with_VS_Code.md - Build DCF models step-by-step

Estimated completion time: 90 minutes Difficulty: Intermediate Next: Building DCF Models