PYTHON DATA SCIENCE ECOSYSTEM

Pandas Package Architecture & Functions

A comprehensive visual diagram guide to Pandas core data structures, end-to-end processing pipelines, and essential operations.

DataFrame
2D Tabular Grid

Series
1D Labeled Array

I/O Pipeline
Multi-Format Connect

Core Data Structure Architecture

pd.DataFrame (2D Grid Architecture)

Axis 0 (Rows) • Axis 1 (Cols)

Tabular data container holding multiple typed columns with aligned indexing.

	col_0 (int)	col_1 (str)	col_2 (float)
idx_0	101	"Alpha"	12.45
idx_1	102	"Beta"	89.10
idx_2	103	"Gamma"	45.00

pd.Series (1D Vector)

A single column extracted from a DataFrame. Holds homogeneous data values alongside its explicit Index alignment.

Index Object

Immutable axis labels enabling O(1) fast lookup, automatic alignment across datasets, and multi-level indexing (MultiIndex).

End-to-End Data Processing Workflow

STEP 01

Ingest Data

- `read_csv()`
- `read_excel()`
- `read_parquet()`
- `read_sql()`

STEP 02

Clean & Prep

- `dropna()` / `fillna()`
- `astype()` type cast
- `drop_duplicates()`
- `rename()` columns

STEP 03

Transform

- `apply()` custom fn
- `pivot_table()`
- `melt()` unpivot
- `assign()` new col

STEP 04

Aggregate

- `groupby()` split
- `agg()` multi-stats
- `rolling()` windows
- `resample()` time

STEP 05

Export & Viz

- `to_csv()` / `to_json()`
- `to_parquet()`
- `plot()` visualization
- `to_clipboard()`

Vectorized Execution: Pandas leverages C-optimized CPython extensions & NumPy arrays under the hood, allowing operations to execute across entire columns without manual Python `for` loops.

Key Functional Capabilities Matrix

1. Inspection & Diagnostics

Understand dataset dimensions, datatypes, memory footprint, and quick statistics.

`df.head(n)` `df.info()` `df.describe()` `df.shape` `df.value_counts()`

2. Selection & Filtering

Access rows and columns by explicit label, integer position, or conditional logic.

`df.loc[row, col]` `df.iloc[pos]` `df.query("age > 25")` `df[mask]`

3. Merging & Combining

Relational database style joins, axis concatenation, and dynamic dataset updating.

`pd.merge(df1, df2, on='key')` `pd.concat([df1, df2])` `df.join()`

4. Time Series & Windows

Date range generation, frequency conversion, moving averages, and time shifting.

`pd.to_datetime()` `df.resample('M')` `df.rolling(window=7)` `df.shift()`

Method Chaining Pipeline

Method chaining allows expressing sequential data transformations in a readable declarative flow without storing intermediate state variables.

STEP 01: LOAD & FILTER

```
df = pd.read_csv("data.csv").query("status == 'active'")
```

STEP 02: ASSIGN & TRANSFORM

```
.assign(revenue=lambda x: x.price * x.qty)
```

STEP 03: GROUP & AGGREGATE

```
.groupby("region")["revenue"].sum()
```

STEP 04: SORT & RESET INDEX

```
.reset_index().sort_values("revenue", ascending=False)
```

Pandas Function Reference Diagram

CATEGORY	KEY FUNCTIONS	PRIMARY USE CASE / OPERATION
Data Reading	`read_csv`, `read_parquet`	Loads external datasets into memory as a 2D DataFrame.
Data Cleaning	`fillna`, `dropna`, `astype`	Handles missing NaNs, type conversion, and sanitization.
Aggregation	`groupby`, `agg`, `pivot_table`	Splits data into groups, applies aggregations, and reshapes.
Combining	`merge`, `concat`, `join`	Performs inner/outer/left joins and row/column stacks.
Statistics	`describe`, `corr`, `std`	Computes summary statistical properties across numerical axes.

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