

# Check dtype for All Columns in DataFrame

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Checking the dtype for all columns in a DataFrame is a way to verify that the data stored in each column is of the correct type. This helps to ensure that the data is well formatted and can be used properly in analysis and other operations. It also helps to identify potential issues that may arise when working with the data. For example, if a column contains numeric values but is stored as a string, it may cause errors when performing calculations.

You can use the following methods to check the data type () for columns in a pandas DataFrame:

### Method 1: Check dtype of One Column

`df.column_name.dtype`

### Method 2: Check dtype of All Columns

`df.dtypes`

### Method 3: Check which Columns have Specific dtype

`df.dtypes`

The following examples show how to use each method with the following pandas DataFrame:

```
import pandas as pd
```

```
#create DataFrame
```

```
df = pd.DataFrame({'team': ,  
'points': ,  
'assists': ,  
'all_star': })
```

```
#view DataFrame
```

```
print(df)
```

```
team points assists all_star
```

```
0 A 18 5 True
```

```
1 B 22 7 False
```

```
2 C 19 7 False
```

```
3 D 14 9 True
```

```
4 E 14 12 True
```

```
5 F 11 9 True
```

## Example 1: Check dtype of One Column

We can use the following syntax to check the data type of just the **points** column in the DataFrame:

```
#check dtype of points column  
df.points.dtype
```

```
dtype('int64')
```

From the output we can see that the **points** column has a data type of integer.

## Example 2: Check dtype of All Columns

We can use the following syntax to check the data type of all columns in the DataFrame:

```
#check dtype of all columns  
df.dtypes
```

```
team object  
points int64  
assists int64  
all_star bool  
dtype: object
```

From the output we can see:

```
team column: object (this is the same as a string)  
points column: integer  
assists column: integer  
all_star column: boolean
```

By using this one line of code, we can see the data type of each column in the DataFrame.

## Example 3: Check which Columns have Specific dtype

We can use the following syntax to check which columns in the DataFrame have a data type of int64:

```
#show all columns that have a class of int64  
df.dtypes
```

```
points int64
assists int64
dtype: object
```

From the output we can see that the **points** and **assists** columns both have a data type of int64.

We can use similar syntax to check which columns have other data types.

For example, we can use the following syntax to check which columns in the DataFrame have a data type of object:

```
#show all columns that have a class of object (i.e. string)
df.dtypes
```

```
team object
dtype: object
```

We can see that only the **team** column has a data type of 'O', which stands for object.

The following tutorials explain how to perform other common operations on pandas DataFrames: