

# How can I check the dtype for all columns in a Pandas DataFrame?

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The process of determining the data type of each column in a Pandas DataFrame is known as checking the dtype. This can be done by using the `.dtypes` attribute which returns a series with the data type of each column. It is an efficient and straightforward way to quickly understand the type of data present in a DataFrame, allowing for easier data manipulation and analysis.

## **Pandas: Check dtype for All Columns in DataFrame**

**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.**

**Additional Resources**

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

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