

# How can I convert a timestamp to a datetime in Pandas?

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Converting a timestamp to a datetime in Pandas allows for the manipulation and analysis of time-based data. This process involves utilizing the built-in functions and methods in Pandas to convert the timestamp, which is a single point in time, into a datetime object, which includes both date and time information. This transformation can be achieved by using the `to_datetime()` function or the `astype()` method, both of which allow for the customization and formatting of the final datetime output. Overall, converting a timestamp to a datetime in Pandas is a crucial step in effectively working with time-series data in a data analysis project.

## Convert Timestamp to Datetime in Pandas

You can use the following basic syntax to convert a timestamp to a datetime in a pandas DataFrame:

```
timestamp.to_pydatetime()
```

The following examples show how to use this function in practice.

**Example 1: Convert a Single Timestamp to a Datetime**

The following code shows how to convert a single timestamp to a datetime:

```
#define timestamp  
stamp = pd.Timestamp('2021-01-01 00:00:00')  
  
#convert timestamp to datetime  
stamp.to_pydatetime()
```

```
datetime.datetime(2021, 1, 1, 0, 0)
```

### Example 2: Convert an Array of Timestamps to Datetimes

The following code shows how to convert an array of timestamps to a datetime:

```
#define array of timestamps  
stamps = pd.date_range(start='2020-01-01 12:00:00',  
periods=6, freq='H')  
  
#view array of timestamps  
stamps  
  
DatetimeIndex(  
dtype='datetime64', freq='H')  
  
#convert timestamps to datetimes  
stamps.to_pydatetime()  
  
array(, dtype=object)
```

### Example 3: Convert a Pandas Column of Timestamps to Datetimes

The following code shows how to convert a pandas column of timestamps to datetimes:

```
import pandas as pd
```

```
#create DataFrame
```

```
df = pd.DataFrame({'stamps':  
pd.date_range(start='2020-01-01 12:00:00',  
periods=6,  
freq='H'),  
'sales': })
```

```
#convert column of timestamps to datetimes
```

```
df.stamps = df.stamps.apply(lambda x: x.date())
```

```
#view DataFrame
```

```
df
```

```
stamps sales
```

```
0 2020-01-01 11
```

```
1 2020-01-01 14
```

```
2 2020-01-01 25
```

```
3 2020-01-01 31
```

```
4 2020-01-01 34
```

```
5 2020-01-01 35
```