

# How can I filter rows in Pandas based on the length of a string?

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Pandas is a popular data analysis library in Python that offers various functionalities for manipulating data. One of its useful features is the ability to filter rows in a dataframe based on the length of a string. This can be achieved by using the "str.len()" function, which calculates the length of each string in a specified column. By setting a condition on the length of the string, we can select only the rows that meet the desired criteria. This allows for efficient data filtering and manipulation, making it a valuable tool for data analysts and researchers.

## Pandas: Filter Rows Based on String Length

You can use the following methods to filter for rows that contain a string with a specific length in a pandas DataFrame:

### Method 1: Filter Rows Based on String Length in One Column

```
#filter rows where col1 has a string length of 5  
df.loc[str.len() == 5]
```

### Method 2: Filter Rows Based on String Length of Multiple Columns

```
#filter rows where col1 has string length of 5 and col2  
has string length of 7  
df.loc[str.len() == 5) & (df.str.len() == 7)]
```

The following examples show how to use each method

in practice with the following pandas DataFrame:

```
import pandas as pd
```

```
#create DataFrame
```

```
df = pd.DataFrame({'conf': ,  
'pos': ,  
'points': })
```

```
#view DataFrame
```

```
print(df)
```

```
conf pos points
```

```
0 East Guard 5
```

```
1 East Guard 7
```

```
2 North Forward 7
```

```
3 West Center 9
```

```
4 North Center 12
```

```
5 South Forward 9
```

Example 1: Filter Rows Based on String Length in One Column

The following code shows how to filter for rows in the DataFrame that have a string length of 5 in the conf column:

```
#filter rows where conf has a string length of 5  
df.loc[str.len() == 5]
```

**conf pos points**

**2 North Forward 7**

**4 North Center 12**

**5 South Forward 9**

Only the rows where the conf column has a string length of 5 are returned.

We can see that two different strings met this criteria in the conf column:

**"North""South"**

Both strings have a length of 5.

**Example 2: Filter Rows Based on String Length of Multiple Columns**

The following code shows how to filter for rows in the DataFrame that have a string length of 5 in the conf column and a string length of 7 in the pos column:

```
#filter rows where conf has string length of 5 and pos  
has string length of 7
```

```
df.loc[str.len() == 5] & (df.str.len() == 7)]
```

**conf pos points**

**2 North Forward 7**

**5 South Forward 9**

**Note: You can find the complete documentation for the `str.len()` function in pandas .**

**Additional Resources**

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