

# How can I replace all zero values in a Pandas dataframe with NaN?

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The process of replacing all zero values in a Pandas dataframe with NaN involves using the `replace()` function and specifying the value to be replaced as 0 and the replacement value as NaN. This allows for the conversion of all zero values in the dataframe to NaN, which is a more suitable representation for missing or invalid values. This method can be used to clean and manipulate data in a dataframe, ensuring more accurate and consistent analysis.

## Pandas: Replace Zero with NaN

You can use the following basic syntax to replace zeros with NaN values in a pandas DataFrame:

```
df.replace(0, np.nan, inplace=True)
```

The following example shows how to use this syntax in practice.

**Example: Replace Zero with NaN in Pandas**

Suppose we have the following pandas DataFrame:

```
import pandas as pd

#create DataFrame
df = pd.DataFrame({'points': ,
'assists': ,
'rebounds': })

#view DataFrame
```

```
print(df)
```

```
points assists rebounds
```

```
0 25 5 11
```

```
1 0 0 8
```

```
2 15 7 10
```

```
3 14 0 6
```

```
4 19 12 6
```

```
5 23 9 0
```

```
6 25 9 9
```

```
7 29 4 0
```

We can use the following syntax to replace each zero in the DataFrame with a NaN value:

```
import numpy as np
```

```
#replace all zeros with NaN values
```

```
df.replace(0, np.nan, inplace=True)
```

```
#view updated DataFrame
```

```
print(df)
```

```
points assists rebounds
```

```
0 25.0 5.0 11.0
```

**1 NaN NaN 8.0**

**2 15.0 7.0 10.0**

**3 14.0 NaN 6.0**

**4 19.0 12.0 6.0**

**5 23.0 9.0 NaN**

**6 25.0 9.0 9.0**

**7 29.0 4.0 NaN**

**Notice that each zero in every column of the DataFrame has been replaced with NaN.**

**Note: We must use the argument `inplace=True` or else the changes won't be made to the original DataFrame.**

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