

How can I select rows in Pandas that are not present in another DataFrame?

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Pandas is a popular Python library used for data manipulation and analysis. It offers a variety of tools for selecting and manipulating data within DataFrames. One common task is to select rows that are present in one DataFrame but not in another. This can be achieved by using the "isin" method to compare the values in a specific column between the two DataFrames. The "isin" method returns a boolean series which can be used as a filter to select the desired rows. This process allows for efficient and easy identification of rows that are not present in a specific DataFrame, providing a powerful tool for data analysis and manipulation.

Pandas: Get Rows Which Are Not in Another DataFrame

You can use the following basic syntax to get the rows in one pandas DataFrame which are not in another DataFrame:

```
#merge two DataFrames and create indicator column  
df_all = df1.merge(df2.drop_duplicates(), on=  
how='left', indicator=True)
```

```
#create DataFrame with rows that exist in first  
DataFrame only  
df1_only = df_all[df_all['indicator'] == 'left_only']
```

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

Example: Get Rows in Pandas DataFrame Which Are Not in Another DataFrame

Suppose we have the following two pandas

DataFrames:

```
import pandas as pd
```

```
#create first DataFrame
```

```
df1 = pd.DataFrame({'team' : ,  
'points' : })
```

```
print(df1)
```

```
team points
```

```
0 A 12
```

```
1 B 15
```

```
2 C 22
```

```
3 D 29
```

```
4 E 24
```

```
#create second DataFrame
```

```
df2 = pd.DataFrame({'team' : ,  
'points' : })
```

```
print(df2)
```

```
team points
```

```
0 A 12
```

```
1 D 29
```

2 F 15

3 G 19

4 H 10

We can use the following syntax to merge the two DataFrames and create an indicator column to indicate which rows belong in each DataFrame:

```
#merge two DataFrames and create indicator column  
df_all = df1.merge(df2.drop_duplicates(), on=  
how='left', indicator=True)
```

```
#view result  
print(df_all)
```

We can then use the following syntax to only get the rows in the first DataFrame that are not in the second DataFrame:

```
#create DataFrame with rows that exist in first  
DataFrame only  
df1_only = df_all == 'left_only']
```

```
#view DataFrame  
print(df1_only)
```

```
team points _merge
```

```
1 B 15 left_only
```

```
2 C 22 left_only
```

```
4 E 24 left_only
```

Lastly, we can drop the `_merge` column if we'd like:

```
#drop '_merge' column
```

```
df1_only = df1_only.drop('_merge', axis=1)
```

```
#view DataFrame
```

```
print(df1_only)
```

```
team points
```

```
1 B 15
```

```
2 C 22
```

```
4 E 24
```

The result is a DataFrame in which all of the rows exist in the first DataFrame but not in the second DataFrame.

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