

Pharo DataFrame: Past, Present, and Future

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Agenda

What is Data Frames and what they are good for

Evolution of Data Frames in Pharo

Data Frames outside of Pharo

Data Frames

Tabular structure

Columns with named headers

Columns/Rows index

Mixed data types in rows

Primitive data types

Attributes

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4.5	2.3	1.3	0.3	setosa
5.5	2.3	4	1.3	versicolor
6.3	2.3	4.4	1.3	versicolor
5	2.3	3.3	1	versicolor
4.9	2.4	3.3	1	versicolor
5.5	2.4	3.8	1.1	versicolor
5.5	2.4	3.7	1	versicolor
5.6	2.5	3.9	1.1	versicolor
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5.1	2.5	3	1.1	versicolor
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6.7	2.5	5.8	1.8	virginica
5.7	2.5	5	2	virginica
6.3	2.5	5	1.9	virginica
5.7	2.6	3.5	1	versicolor
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Data point /example

Numerical value

Categorical value

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Data Frames API

Data Import/Export

Grouping and Aggregation

Missing Data Handling

Statistical Operations

Time Series Analysis

Visualization

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Pharo DataFrame. Past

Started as a GSoC 2017 project (by Oleks)



Focus of the two followed-up GSoC



Google Summer of Code

Contributions from external developers

Contributors 12



Pharo DataFrame. **Past**

Problems:

- No stable maintenance
- Lack of functionality
- Low performance
- Incomplete coherence with Pharo collections
- Lack of detailed documentation

Pharo DataFrame. Present

Stable project with a permanent developer (Cyril)

Code optimization

- code quality
- speed and volume improvements



Adding new functionality

	v1.0 (2017)	pre-v3 (2023)
Methods in DataFrame class	73	186
Methods in DataSeries class	63	108
Test methods	103	595
Test coverage	72.02%	95.43%

Awesome Data Frames

Kyle Mitchell (jcmkk3) and
Uwe L. Korn (xhochy)

<https://github.com/jcmkk3/awesome-dataframes>

Python

- [pandas](#) - Flexible and powerful data analysis / manipulation library for Python, providing labeled data structures similar to R data.frame objects, statistical functions, and much more.

- [Polars](#) - Fast multi

- [Modin](#) - Speed up

- [Ibis](#) - Elm

- [agate](#) - tidy -

- [tidy](#) -

Julia

- [DataFrames.jl](#) - Tools for working with tabular data in Julia.
- [DataKnots.jl](#) - A Julia library for querying data with an extensible, practical combinators.
- [Volcanito.jl](#) - Backend agnostic for tabular data operations in Julia.
- [Query.jl](#) - A package for querying julia data sources. It can filter, project, join data source, including all the sources supported in IterableTables.jl.

R

- [dplyr](#) - A grammar of common data manipulation verbs.
- [data.table](#) - Provides enhancements for ease of use, convenience and programming speed.
- [dance](#) - Dancing 🕺 with the stats, aka `tibble()` dancing 🕺 `dance` is a sort of reinvention of `dplyr` classes and verbs, with a more modern stack up
- [dfply](#) - dplyr-style piping operations

Kotlin

- [krangl](#) - A {K}otlin library for data w{rangl}ing.

JavaScript

- [Arquero](#) - A JavaScript library for query processing and transformation of array-backed data tables. Following the relational algebra and column-oriented data frame paradigm.
- [fletcher](#) - Pandas Extension
- [tidypandas](#) - A grammar of data manipulation for pandas inspired by tidyverse.

Common Lisp

- [Data Frame](#) - Data frames for Common Lisp

Pharo DataFrame

VS

Pandas



Data Import / Export:

CSV	<i>yes</i>
Excel	<i>yes</i>
SQL	<i>no</i>
XML	<i>no</i>

Data Manipulation:

Select data	<i>yes</i>
Filter data	<i>yes</i>
Add/remove column/row	<i>yes</i>
Transpose	<i>yes</i>
Handle missing values	<i>yes</i>
Grouping and Aggregation	<i>yes</i>
Join (inner, outer, left, right)	<i>yes</i>
Merge	<i>yes</i>
Sort	<i>yes</i>
Rank	<i>no</i>

Time Series Analysis:

Handle date/time	<i>no</i>
Resample	<i>no</i>
Frequency conversion	<i>no</i>
Time shifting	<i>no</i>
Rolling window	<i>no</i>

Statistical Analysis:

Descriptive statistics	<i>yes</i>
Correlation	<i>yes</i>
Covariance	<i>yes</i>
Regression	<i>no</i>

Handling Categorical Data

Encode categorical variables	<i>no</i>
Transform categorical variables	<i>no</i>
Create dummy variables	<i>no</i>
Categorical data analysis	<i>no</i>

Pharo DataFrame. Future

✨ Better performance ✨

Functionality Enhancements

Better synchronisation with PolyMath and pharo-ai

Big Data Support

Evaluation ❤️



Toy Story 1995

Do you want to contribute?

<https://github.com/PolyMathOrg/DataFrame>

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Student project → Mature project with engineers