

You don't need N dimensions when you have **pandas**

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→ 1.1 pandas for dummies

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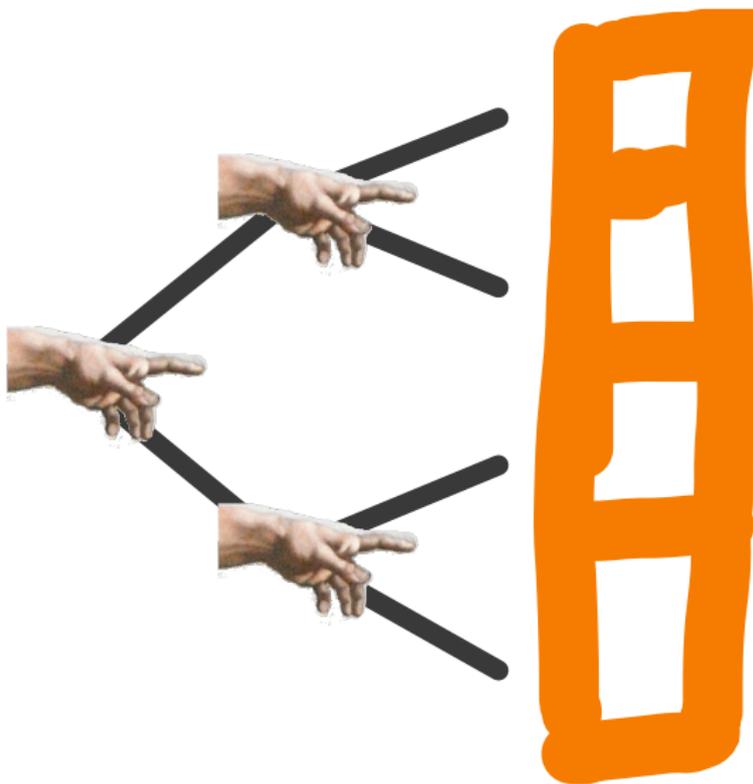


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The star tonight: `pd.MultiIndex`.

What a MultiIndex looks like



→ 1.1 Basic example

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- ▶ Most importantly, we want to “split” dimensions in two groups when doing operations

→1.2 - Reshape

If you *really* need n -dimensional, indexed structures



```
In [4]: xr.DataArray(np.random.randn(2, 3))
```

```
Out[4]:
```

```
<xarray.DataArray (dim_0: 2, dim_1: 3)>  
array([[ 1.643563, -1.469388,  0.357021],  
       [-0.6746  , -1.776904, -0.968914]])  
Dimensions without coordinates: dim_0, dim_1
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In [5]: data = xr.DataArray(np.random.randn(2, 3), coords={'x': ['a', 'b']}, dims=('x',  
'y'))
```

```
In [6]: data
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<xarray.DataArray (x: 2, y: 3)>  
array([[ -1.294524,  0.413738,  0.276662],  
       [-0.472035, -0.01396  , -0.362543]])  
Coordinates:  
  * x          (x) <U1 'a' 'b'  
Dimensions without coordinates: y
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“groupby” is levels aware!

```
df.groupby(level=...)
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→ 1.2 Groupby

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