

Coding & Development / Python Prompts

Generate pandas code for data cleaning, transformation, and visualization based on a described dataset.

Difficulty: Intermediate → Advanced

Model: GPT-4 / Claude / Gemini

Use Case: Data Analysis, Pandas, Visualization

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Why This Prompt Exists

Most data analysis code is repetitive — loading, cleaning, transforming, visualizing.

You get:

- manual data cleaning (slow, error-prone)
- inconsistent column naming
- missing value handling that's not documented
- visualizations that don't tell the right story
- analysis that can't be reproduced

But data analysis is not one-off scripting.

It is a reproducible pipeline.

- Load data: from CSV, Excel, SQL, or API
- Clean data: handle missing values, rename columns, filter outliers
- Transform data: group, aggregate, pivot, merge
- Analyze: statistics, trends, correlations
- Visualize: charts that answer specific questions

Without a structured approach, analysis is messy.

This framework forces AI to generate reproducible analysis scripts.

The Prompt

Assume the role of a data analyst who writes clean, reproducible pandas code.

Your task is to generate a data analysis script.

Generate:

1. IMPORTS

- pandas, numpy, matplotlib/seaborn

2. DATA LOADING

- Read data from source
- Initial inspection (head, info, describe)

3. DATA CLEANING

- Handle missing values (drop or fill)
- Rename columns (snake_case)
- Fix data types
- Remove duplicates

4. DATA TRANSFORMATION

- Filtering, grouping, aggregating
- Creating new calculated columns

5. ANALYSIS & VISUALIZATION

- Summary statistics
- Key charts (histograms, bar plots, scatter plots)

6. INSIGHTS SUMMARY

- Key findings in plain English

INPUTS:

Data Source Description:

[E.G., "CSV file with columns: date, product, sales, region"]

Data Cleaning Needs:

[E.G., "Dates are strings, sales has missing values, region has typos"]

Analysis Questions (2-3):

[LIST]

Desired Visualizations:

[E.G., "Sales by month," "Sales by region," "Top 5 products"]

Output Format:

[JUPYTER NOTEBOOK / PYTHON SCRIPT]

RULES:

- Use pandas for data manipulation
- Use matplotlib/seaborn for visualization
- Add comments explaining each step
- Handle common data issues (missing values, wrong types)

- Make visualizations publication-ready (labels, titles, legends)
- Print summary statistics before and after cleaning

How To Use It

- Describe your data schema clearly — column names, types, meanings.
- List specific cleaning needs — missing values, outliers, typos.
- The analysis questions drive what visualizations to create.
- Test the generated script on a sample of your data first.
- Add your own domain-specific logic after generation.

Example Input

Data Source Description: CSV file with columns: Date (string), Product (string), Sales (number), Region (string: East, West, North, South)

Data Cleaning Needs: Date column needs conversion to datetime, Sales has missing values (fill with median), Region has typos (“Eat” instead of “East”)

Analysis Questions: “Which month had the highest sales?”, “Which region has the best performance?”, “What are the top 3 products?”

Desired Visualizations: Sales by month (line chart), Sales by region (bar chart), Top 5 products (horizontal bar chart)

Output Format: JUPYTER NOTEBOOK

Why It Works

Most data analysis is messy and unreproducible.

This framework improves outcomes by forcing:

- reproducible pipeline (load → clean → transform → analyze)

- explicit cleaning steps (handles edge cases)
- visualization best practices (labels, titles, legends)
- insights summary (plain English findings)
- pandas best practices (vectorized operations)

Great data analysis scripts don't just produce numbers — they tell a story and can be rerun.

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