cf-pandas

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INSTALLATION

To install from conda-forge:

```
>>> conda install -c conda-forge cf_pandas
```

To install from PyPI:

```
>>> pip install cf-pandas
```

1.1 How to use cf-pandas

The main use of cf-pandas currently is for selecting columns of a DataFrame that represent axes or coordinates of the dataset and for selecting a variable from a pandas DataFrame using the accessor and a custom vocabulary that searches column names for a match to the regular expressions, as well as some other capabilities that have been ported over from cf-xarray. There are several class and utilities that support this functionality that are used internally but are also helpful for other packages.

```
import cf_pandas as cfp
import pandas as pd
```

1.1.1 Get some data

```
time
                             longitude
                                          latitude
                                                          profile
                                                                    temperature
0
       2013-08-07T22:26:00 -168.01784
                                         65.409500
                                                     0.0
                                                                        10.3291
                                                                 0
                                                    66.0
       2013-08-07T22:26:00 -168.01784
                                                                 0
1
                                         65.409500
                                                                            NaN
2
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                                                                 0
                                                                            NaN
3
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	pressure	salinity	chlorophyll_a	conducti	vity	distance	segment	
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2	NaN	NaN	NaN		NaN	0.00	0	
3	NaN	NaN	NaN		NaN	0.00	0	
4	NaN	NaN	NaN		NaN	0.00	0	
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1.1.2 Basic accessor usage

The terminology all comes from cf-xarray which deals with multi-dimensional data and has more layers of standardized attributes. This package ports over useful functionality, retaining some of the complexity of terminology and syntax from cf-xarray which doesn't always apply. The perspective is to be able to think about and use DataFrames of data in a similar manner to Datasets of data/model output.

When you use the cf-pandas accessor it will first validate that columns representing time, latitude, and longitude are present and identifiable (by validating the object).

Using an approach copied directly from cf-xarray, cf-pandas contains a mapping of names from the CF conventions that define the axes ("T", "Z", "Y", "X") and coordinates ("time", "vertical", "latitude", "longitude"). These are built in and used to identify columns containing axes and coordinates using name matching (column names are split by white space for the comparison).

Check axes and coordinates mappings of the dataset:

```
df.cf.axes, df.cf.coordinates
```

```
({'Z': ['z'], 'T': ['time']},
{'longitude': ['longitude'], 'latitude': ['latitude'], 'time': ['time']})
```

Check all available keys:

```
df.cf.keys()
```

```
{'T', 'Z', 'latitude', 'longitude', 'time'}
```

Is a certain key in the DataFrame?

```
"T" in df.cf, "X" in df.cf
```

```
(True, False)
```

What CF standard names can be identified with strict matching in the column names? Column names will be split by white space for this comparison.

```
df.cf.standard_names
```

```
{'latitude': ['latitude'], 'longitude': ['longitude'], 'time': ['time']}
```

1.1.3 Select variable

Selecting a variable typically requires knowing the name of the column representing the variable. What is demonstrated here is an approach to selecting a column name containing the variable using regular expression matching. In this case, the user defines the regular expression matching that will be used to identify matches to a variable. There are helper functions for this process available in cf-pandas; see the Reg, Vocab, and widget classes and below for more information.

Create custom vocabulary

More information about custom vocabularies and using the Vocab class here: https://cf-pandas.readthedocs.io/en/latest/demo_vocab.html

You can make regular expressions for your vocabulary by hand or use the Reg class in cf-pandas to do so.

```
# initialize class
vocab = cfp.Vocab()

# define a regular expression to represent your variable
reg = cfp.Reg(include="salinity", exclude="soil", exclude_end="_qc")

# Make an entry to add to your vocabulary
vocab.make_entry("salt", reg.pattern(), attr="standard_name")

# Add another entry to vocab
vocab.make_entry("temp", "temp")
vocab
```

```
{'salt': {'standard_name': '(?i)^(?!.*(soil))(?!.*(_qc)$)(?=.*salinity)'}, 'temp': {

→'standard_name': 'temp'}}
```

Access variable

Refer to the column of data you want by the nickname described in your custom vocabulary.

You can do this with a context manager, especially if you are using more than one vocabulary:

```
with cfp.set_options(custom_criteria=vocab.vocab):
    print(df.cf["salt"])
```

```
0 30.7286
1 NaN
2 NaN
```

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```
3 NaN
4 NaN
...

12735 NaN
12736 NaN
12737 NaN
12738 NaN
12738 NaN
12739 NaN
Name: salinity, Length: 12740, dtype: float64
```

Or you can set one for use generally in this kernel:

```
cfp.set_options(custom_criteria=vocab.vocab)
df.cf["salt"]
```

```
30.7286
             NaN
1
2
             NaN
3
             NaN
4
             NaN
12735
             NaN
12736
             NaN
12737
             NaN
             NaN
12738
12739
             NaN
Name: salinity, Length: 12740, dtype: float64
```

Display mapping of all variables in the dataset that can be identified using the custom criteria/vocab we defined above:

```
df.cf.custom_keys
```

```
{'salt': ['salinity'], 'temp': ['temperature']}
```

1.1.4 Other utilities

Access all CF Standard Names

```
sn = cfp.standard_names()
sn[:5]
```

```
['acoustic_signal_roundtrip_travel_time_in_sea_water',
  'aerodynamic_particle_diameter',
  'aerodynamic_resistance',
  'age_of_sea_ice',
  'age_of_stratospheric_air']
```

Use vocabulary to match any list

This is the logic under the hood of the cf-pandas accessor that selects what column matches a variable nickname according to the custom vocabulary. This comes from cf-xarray almost exactly. It is available as a separate function because it is useful to use in other scenarios too. Here we filter the standard names just found by our custom vocabulary from above.

```
cfp.match_criteria_key(sn, "salt", vocab.vocab)
```

```
['sea_water_practical_salinity_at_sea_floor',
'tendency_of_sea_water_salinity',
'sea_water_absolute_salinity',
'tendency_of_sea_water_salinity_expressed_as_salt_content',
'change_over_time_in_sea_water_preformed_salinity',
'tendency_of_sea_water_salinity_due_to_vertical_mixing',
'tendency_of_sea_water_salinity_due_to_sea_ice_thermodynamics',
'sea_water_salinity',
tendency_of_sea_water_salinity_expressed_as_salt_content_due_to_parameterized_

→submesoscale_eddy_advection',

'square_of_sea_surface_salinity',
'sea_water_cox_salinity',
'integral_wrt_depth_of_product_of_salinity_and_sea_water_density',
'sea_water_practical_salinity',
'tendency_of_sea_water_salinity_expressed_as_salt_content_due_to_parameterized_eddy_
→advection',
'tendency_of_sea_water_salinity_due_to_horizontal_mixing',
'tendency_of_sea_water_salinity_expressed_as_salt_content_due_to_parameterized_
→mesoscale_eddy_advection',
'integral_wrt_depth_of_sea_water_practical_salinity',
'tendency_of_sea_water_salinity_expressed_as_salt_content_due_to_parameterized_
→mesoscale_eddy_diffusion',
'sea_surface_salinity',
'change_over_time_in_sea_water_absolute_salinity',
'tendency_of_sea_water_salinity_due_to_parameterized_eddy_advection';
'ratio_of_sea_water_practical_salinity_anomaly_to_relaxation_timescale',
tendency_of_sea_water_salinity_expressed_as_salt_content_due_to_parameterized_

dianeutral_mixing',

'product_of_eastward_sea_water_velocity_and_salinity',
'product_of_northward_sea_water_velocity_and_salinity',
'tendency_of_sea_water_salinity_expressed_as_salt_content_due_to_residual_mean_advection
'sea_water_salinity_at_sea_floor',
'tendency_of_sea_water_salinity_due_to_advection',
'sea_water_reference_salinity',
'change_over_time_in_sea_water_practical_salinity',
'sea_water_knudsen_salinity',
'sea_water_preformed_salinity',
'change_over_time_in_sea_water_salinity',
'sea_ice_salinity']
```

1.2 Reg: Write Regular Expressions

This class will help you write simple regular expressions. The available options are:

These all work as logical "or" if there is more than one string specified:

- exclude (string or list)
- exclude_start (string or list)
- exclude_end (string or list)

Also:

- include (logical "and", string or list)
- include_or (logical "or", string or list)
- include_exact (string)
- include_start (string)
- include_end (string)
- and ignore_case (bool)

If you find you want to use more than one include_exact, include_start, or include_end at once, you should write a new regular expression with the class, instead. That is, write multiple expressions and pipe them together with a pipe between, like:

"expression1|expression2"

rather than try to get everything into a single expression, or just use the built-in convenience function:

```
cfp.joinpat([reg1, reg2])
```

Note: you may need to use Python package regex instead of re with piped-together expressions.

```
import cf_pandas as cfp
import regex
```

1.2.1 Write a regular expression

```
reg = cfp.Reg(include="one", exclude="two")
reg.pattern()
```

```
'(?i)^(?!.*(two))(?=.*one)'
```

```
[string for string in ["onetwo","twothree","onethree"] if regex.match(reg.pattern(), string)]
```

```
['onethree']
```

1.3 Vocab: manage custom vocabularies

Custom vocabularies are used in cf-xarray and cf-pandas to search variable names and available metadata (in the case of cf-xarray with Dataset variable attributes) and compare with regular expressions to make selections. These make it possible to generically select variables from different Datasets and DataFrames. However, they are difficult to write, handle, and maintain, and control which variables are found so being able to tweak them is important.

```
import cf_pandas as cfp
import regex
```

1.3.1 What does a custom vocabulary look like?

cf-xarray

For a netcdf-style Dataset, this criteria dictionary will be used to search over the attributes in each variable and compare with the regular expressions to search for matches, in this case checking specifically the variable standard_name and name. There will be a match to the nickname "ssh" if the standard_name for a variable is exactly "sea_surface_height" or if the standard_name contains the string "sea_surface_elevation".

cf-pandas

cf-pandas is made to access pandas DataFrames in an analogous manner to using the cf-xarray accessor with Datasets. DataFrames do not have attributes to compare with, only the column name. So, every regular expression for a given nickname (in the example given, "ssh" and "temp"), will be compared with the column name. The extra dictionary structure is maintained in this case so that vocabularies can be used between cf-xarray and cf-pandas if needed, for example, to select a model variable and compare it with a data file variable.

```
criteria = {
    "ssh": {
        "standard_name": "sea_surface_height$|sea_surface_elevation",
        "name": "(?i)sea_surface_elevation(?!.*?_qc)"
    },
    "temp": {
        "standard_name": "sea_water_temperature",
        "name": "(?i)temperature(?!.*(skin|ground|air|_qc))"
    },
}
criteria
```

```
{'ssh': {'standard_name': 'sea_surface_height$|sea_surface_elevation',
    'name': '(?i)sea_surface_elevation(?!.*?_qc)'},
    'temp': {'standard_name': 'sea_water_temperature',
    'name': '(?i)temperature(?!.*(skin|ground|air|_qc))'}}
```

1.3.2 How should I use the custom vocabulary?

You can set your vocabulary to be used generally, or use with a context-manager. I recommend using the context-manager approach whenever you might use more than one vocabulary.

To set it generally for, for example, cf-xarray, you would do:

```
cf_xarray.set_options(custom_criteria=criteria)
or for cf-pandas, imported as cfp:
```

```
cfp.set_options(custom_criteria=criteria)
```

In this demo, we will use the context manager approach so that we can use more than one vocabulary. For example, here we compare a list of strings with the vocabulary we called criteria and are searching for all matches in the list to the variable by the nickname "ssh".

```
vals = ["zeta", "sea_surface_height", "sea_surface", "sea_surface_elevation_zeta"]
with cfp.set_options(custom_criteria=criteria):
    print(cfp.match_criteria_key(vals, "ssh"))
```

```
['sea_surface_elevation_zeta', 'sea_surface_height']
```

1.3.3 How can I make a custom vocabulary? Introducing the Vocab class.

As you can see, making criteria could be labor intensive. Also, users may want to create more than one of these and use them separately or together in different circumstances, and save them for later. That is what the Vocab class in cf-pandas is meant to help with.

In this example, we make an entry in our vocabulary that has two regular expressions in it to start.

```
{'new_variable_nickname': {'name': 'match_this_exactly$|match_that_exactly$'}}
```

Retrieve the vocabulary you've made with vocab1.vocab:

```
vocab1.vocab
```

And you can subsequently add other entries:

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```
# add another entry
vocab1.make_entry("other_variable_nickname", "match_that_string", attr="standard_name")
```

```
{'new_variable_nickname': {'name': 'match_this_exactly$|match_that_exactly$', 'long_name
→': 'match_this_string|match_that_exactly$'}, 'other_variable_nickname': {'standard_name
→': 'match_that_string'}}
```

vocab1

Test our new vocabulary:

```
['match_this_exactly']
```

1.3.4 Working with vocabularies

Save to file

Save your new vocabulary to a file with:

vocab1.save(filename)

Read from file

Retrieve your previously-saved vocabulary by inputting the path into a new instantiation of the Vocab class with: vocab_read = cfp.Vocab(filepath)

Combine

```
{'other_variable_nickname': {'standard_name': 'match_that_string'}, 'new_variable_
→nickname': {'name': 'match_this_exactly$|match_that_exactly$', 'long_name': 'match_
→this_string|match_that_exactly$'}}
```

Merge 2 or more Vocab objects:

```
cfp.merge([vocab1, vocab2])
```

```
{'other_variable_nickname': {'standard_name': 'match_that_string'}, 'new_variable_
→nickname': {'name': 'match_this_exactly$|match_that_exactly$', 'long_name': 'match_
→this_string|match_that_exactly$'}}
```

Can also add in place

```
# also works
vocab1 += vocab2
```

1.3.5 Use the Reg class to write regular expressions

We used simple exact matching regular expressions above, but for anything more complicated it can be hard to write regular expressions. You can use the Reg class in cf-pandas to write regular expressions with several options, as demonstrated more in another doc page, and briefly here.

```
{'temp': {'standard_name': '(?i)^(?!.*(air))(?!.*(_qc)$)^sea.*(?=.*temperature)'}}
```

1.4 Widget to help humans select strings to match

The best way to understand this demo is with a Binder notebook since it includes a widget! Click on the badge to launch the Binder notebook.

One way to deal with vocabularies (see vocab demo) is to create a vocabulary that represents exactly which variables you want to match with for a given server. This way, when you are interacting with catalogs and data from that server you can be sure that your vocabulary will pull out the correct variables. It is essentially a variable mapping in this use case as opposed to a variable matching.

Sometimes the variables we want to search through for making selections could be very long. This widget is meant to help quickly include and exclude strings from the list and then allow for human-centered multi-select with command/control to export a vocabulary.

```
import cf_pandas as cfp
```

1.4.1 Select from list of CF standard_names

You can read in all available standard_names with a utility in cf-pandas with:

cfp.standard_names().

```
names = cfp.standard_names()
```

The basic idea is to write in a nickname for the variable you are representing in the top text box, and then select the standard_names that "count" as that variable. One problem is that if you don't include and exclude specific strings, the list of standard_names is too long to look through and select what you want for a given variable nickname.

Here is an example with a few inputs initialized to demonstrate. You can add more strings to exclude by adding them to the text box with a pipe ("|") between strings like air | change. You can pipe together terms to include also; the terms are treated as the logical "or" so the options list will show strings that have at least one of the "include" terms.

Once you narrow the options in the dropdown menu enough, you can select the standard_names you want. When you are happy with your selections, click "Press to save". This creates an entry in the class "vocab" of your variable nickname mapping to the attribute "standard_name" exactly matching each of the standard_names selected. Then, you can enter a new variable nickname and repeat the process to create another entry in the vocabulary.

```
interactive(children=(Text(value='temp', description='nickname'), Text(value='temperature \rightarrow', description='inclu...
```

```
Button(description='Press to save', style=ButtonStyle())
```

```
Output()
```

The rest of the notebook shows results based on the user not changing anything in the widget so the results can be consistent.

Look at vocabulary

```
w.vocab
```

```
{'temp': {'standard_name': 'brightness_temperature$'}}
```

Save vocabulary for future use

```
w.vocab.save("std_name_demo")
```

Open and check out your vocab with:

```
cfp.Vocab("std_name_demo")
```

```
{'temp': {'standard_name': 'brightness_temperature$'}}
```

1.5 API

1.5.1 Accessor

From cf-xarray.

class cf_pandas.accessor.CFAccessor(pandas_obj)

Bases: object

Dataframe accessor analogous to cf-xarray accessor.

Attributes

axes

Property that returns a dictionary mapping valid Axis standard names for .cf[] to variable names.

axes_cols

Property that returns a list of column names from the axes mapping.

coordinates

Property that returns a dictionary mapping valid Coordinate standard names for .cf[] to variable names.

coordinates_cols

Property that returns a list of column names from the coordinates mapping.

custom_keys

Returns a dictionary mapping criteria keys to variable names.

standard_names

Returns a dictionary mapping standard_names to variable names, if there is a match.

Methods

keys()

Utility function that returns valid keys for .cf[].

property axes: Dict[str, List[str]]

Property that returns a dictionary mapping valid Axis standard names for .cf[] to variable names.

This is useful for checking whether a key is valid for indexing, i.e. that the attributes necessary to allow indexing by that key exist. It will return the Axis names ("X", "Y", "Z", "T") present in .columns.

Returns

Dictionary with keys that can be used with <code>__getitem__</code> or as <code>.cf[key]</code>. Keys will be the appropriate subset of ("X", "Y", "Z", "T"). Values are lists of variable names that match that particular key.

Return type

dict

property axes_cols: List[str]

Property that returns a list of column names from the axes mapping.

Returns

Variable names that are the column names which represent axes.

Return type

list

property coordinates: Dict[str, List[str]]

Property that returns a dictionary mapping valid Coordinate standard names for .cf[] to variable names.

This is useful for checking whether a key is valid for indexing, i.e. that the attributes necessary to allow indexing by that key exist. It will return the Coordinate names ("latitude", "longitude", "vertical", "time") present in .columns.

Returns

```
Dictionary of valid Coordinate names that can be used with __getitem__ or .cf[key]. Keys will be the appropriate subset of ("latitude", "longitude", "vertical", "time"). Values are lists of variable names that match that particular key.
```

Return type

dict

property coordinates_cols: List[str]

Property that returns a list of column names from the coordinates mapping.

Returns

Variable names that are the column names which represent coordinates.

Return type

list

property custom_keys

Returns a dictionary mapping criteria keys to variable names.

Returns

Dictionary mapping criteria keys to variable names.

Return type

dict

Notes

Need to use this with context manager version of providing custom_criteria.

keys() \rightarrow Set[str]

Utility function that returns valid keys for .cf[].

This is useful for checking whether a key is valid for indexing, i.e. that the attributes necessary to allow indexing by that key exist.

Returns

Set of valid key names that can be used with __getitem__ or .cf[key].

Return type

set

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property standard_names

Returns a dictionary mapping standard_names to variable names, if there is a match. Compares with all cf-standard names.

Returns

Dictionary mapping standard_names to variable names.

Return type

dict

Notes

This is not the same as the cf-xarray accessor method of the same name, which searches for variables with standard_name attributes and surfaces those values to map to the variable name.

Applies a mapping function; does error handling / returning defaults. Expects the mapper function to raise an error if passed a bad key. It should return a list in all other cases including when there are no results for a good key.

1.5.2 cf-pandas utilities

Utilities for cf-pandas.

```
cf_pandas.utils.always_iterable(obj: \sim typing.Any, allowed = (< class 'tuple'>, < class 'list'>, < class 'set'>, < class 'dict'>)) <math>\rightarrow Iterable
```

This is from cf-xarray.

```
cf_pandas.utils.astype(value, type_)
```

Return *value* as type *type*_. Particularly made to work correctly for returning string, *PosixPath*, or *Timestamp* as list.

```
cf_pandas.utils.match_criteria_key(available_values: list, keys_to_match: Union[str, list], criteria: Optional[dict] = None, split: bool = False) \rightarrow list
```

Use criteria to choose match to key from available available_values.

Parameters

- available_values (list) String or list of strings to compare against list of category values. They should be keys in *criteria*.
- **keys_to_match** (*str*, *list*) Key(s) from criteria to match with available_values.
- **criteria**(*dict*, *optional*) Criteria to use to map from variable to attributes describing the variable. If user has defined custom_criteria, this will be used by default.
- **split** (*bool*, *optional*) If split is True, split the available_values by white space before performing matches. This is helpful e.g. when columns headers have the form "standard_name (units)" and you want to match standard_name.

Returns

Values from available_values that match keys_to_match, according to criteria.

Return type

list

Notes

This uses logic from cf-xarray.

 $\begin{cal} {\tt cf_pandas.utils.set_up_criteria} (\it criteria: Optional[Union[dict, Iterable]] = None) \to {\tt ChainMap} \\ {\tt Get custom criteria from options.} \end{cal}$

Parameters

criteria (*dict*, *optional*) – Criteria to use to map from variable to attributes describing the variable. If user has defined custom_criteria, this will be used by default.

Returns

Criteria

Return type

ChainMap

cf_pandas.utils.standard_names()

Returns list of CF standard_names.

Returns

All CF standard names

Return type

list

1.5.3 Reg class for writing regular expressions

Class for writing regular expressions.

Bases: object

Class to write a regular expression.

Notes

- Input strings are never allowed to be empty.
- Need escape characters on any special characters, and then convert to raw, e.g., r"[celsius]" for "[celsius]".
- The exclude options are logical "or".
- The *include* option is logical "and", *include_or* is logical "or", and the other *include_* options allow for only one selection. If you want to use more than one *include_start* for example, you should make an additional regular expression.

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Methods

check()	Check to make sure selected options are compatible.
exclude(string)	Exclude string from anywhere in matches.
exclude_end(string)	Exclude string from end of matches.
exclude_start(string)	Exclude string from start of matches.
include(string)	String must be present anywhere in matches, logical
	"and".
include_end(string)	String must be present at the end of matches.
<pre>include_exact(string)</pre>	String must match exactly.
include_or(string)	String must be present anywhere in matches, logical
	"or".
<pre>include_start(string)</pre>	String must be present at the start of matches.
pattern()	Generate regular expression pattern from user rules.

check()

Check to make sure selected options are compatible.

exclude(string: Union[str, list])

Exclude string from anywhere in matches.

Parameters

string (*str*, *list*) – Matches with regular expression *pattern* will not contain string(s).

Notes

As a list of strings, this acts as a logical "or" for the exclusions.

exclude_end(string: Union[str, list])

Exclude string from end of matches.

Parameters

string (*str*, *list*) – Matches with regular expression *pattern* will not end with string(s).

Notes

As a list of strings, this acts as a logical "or" for the exclusions.

exclude_start(string: Union[str, list])

Exclude string from start of matches.

Parameters

string (*str*, *list*) – Matches with regular expression *pattern* will not start with string(s).

Notes

As a list of strings, this acts as a logical "or" for the exclusions.

include(string: Union[str, list])

String must be present anywhere in matches, logical "and".

Parameters

string (str, list) – Matches with regular expression pattern will contain all string(s).

Notes

A list of strings will be treated as a logical "and".

include_end(string: str)

String must be present at the end of matches.

Parameters

string (*str*) – Matches with regular expression *pattern* will end with string.

include_exact(string: str)

String must match exactly.

Parameters

string (*str*) – A match with regular expression *pattern* will be exactly string.

include_or(string: Union[str, list])

String must be present anywhere in matches, logical "or".

Parameters

string (str, list) – Matches with regular expression *pattern* will contain at lease one of string(s).

Notes

A list of strings will be treated as a logical "or".

include_start(string: str)

String must be present at the start of matches.

Parameters

string (*str*) – Matches with regular expression *pattern* will start with string.

```
pattern() \rightarrow str
```

Generate regular expression pattern from user rules.

Returns

Regular expression accounting for all input selections.

Return type

str

cf_pandas.reg.joinpat(regs: Sequence[Reg]) \rightarrow str

Join patterns from Reg objects.

Parameters

regs (Sequence) – Reg objects from which .pattern() will be used.

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Returns

Regular expression patterns from regs joined together with "|"

Return type

str

1.5.4 Vocab class for handling custom variable-selection vocabularies

Class for creating and working with vocabularies.

class cf_pandas.vocab.Vocab(openname: Optional[str] = None)

Bases: object

Class to handle vocabularies.

Methods

add(other_vocab, method)	Add two Vocab objects together
<pre>make_entry(nickname, expressions[, attr])</pre>	Make an entry for vocab.
open_file(openname)	Open previously-saved vocab.
save(savename)	Save to file.

add($other_vocab$: Union[DefaultDict[str, Dict[str, str]], Vocab], method: <math>str) $\rightarrow Vocab$

Add two Vocab objects together...

by adding their .vocab`s together. Expressions are piped together but otherwise not changed. This is used for both `_add__ and __iadd__.

Parameters

- **other_vocab** (Vocab) Other Vocab object to combine with.
- **method** (*str*) Whether to run as "add" which returns a new Vocab object or "iadd" which adds to the original object.

Returns

vocab + other_vocab either as a new object or in place.

Return type

Vocab

 $\mathbf{make_entry}(nickname:\ str,\ expressions:\ Union[str,\ list],\ attr:\ str='standard_name')$

Make an entry for vocab.

Parameters

- **nickname** (*str*) The nickname to call the variable being represented in this entry.
- **expressions** (*str*, *list*) Regular expression(s) to use to select out the variable in a regex match. Multiple expressions input in a list are piped together to create one str of expressions.
- attr (str) What attribute to identify the regular expressions with. Default is "standard_name", but other reasonable options are any variable attributes in a netcdf file such as "units", "name", and "long_name".

Examples

The following creates an entry in the vocabulary stored in *vocab.vocab*. It doesn't print the entry but it has been pasted in below the example to show what it looks like.

```
>>> import cf_pandas as cfp
>>> vocab = cfp.Vocab()
>>> vocab.make_entry("temp", ["a","b"], attr="name")
{'temp': {'standard_name': 'a|b'}})
```

open_file(openname: Union[str, PurePath])

Open previously-saved vocab.

Parameters

openname (str) – Where to find vocab to open.

save(savename: Union[str, PurePath])

Save to file.

Parameters

savename (*str*, *PurePath*) – Filename to save to.

cf_pandas.vocab.merge(vocabs: Sequence[Vocab]) $\rightarrow Vocab$

Add together multiple Vocab objects.

Parameters

vocabs (Sequence [Vocab]) – Sequence of Vocab objects to merge.

Returns

Single Vocab object made up of input vocabs.

Return type

Vocab

1.5.5 widget class for easy human selection of variables to exactly match

Widget

class cf_pandas.widget.Selector(options: Sequence, vocab: Optional[Vocab] = None, nickname_in: str = ", $include_in: str = "$, $exclude_in: str = "$)

Bases: object

Coordinates interaction with dropdown widget to make simple vocabularies.

Options are filtered by a regular expression written to reflect the include and exclude inputs, and these are updated when changed and shown in the dropdown. The user should select using *command* or *control* to make multiple options. Then push the "save" button when the nickname and selected options from the dropdown menu are the variables you want to include exactly in a future regular expression search.

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Examples

Show widget with a short list of options. Input a nickname and press button to save an entry to the running vocabulary in the object:

```
>>> import cf_pandas as cpf
>>> sel = cfp.Selector(options=["var1", "var2", "var3"])
>>> sel
```

See resulting vocabulary with:

```
>>> sel.vocab
```

Methods

button_pressed(*args)	Saves a new entry in the catalog when button is
	pressed.

button_pressed(*args)

Saves a new entry in the catalog when button is pressed.

cf_pandas.widget.dropdown(nickname: str, options: Union[Sequence, Series], include: str = ", exclude: str = ")

Makes widget that is used by class.

Options are filtered by a regular expression written to reflect the include and exclude inputs, and these are updated when changed and shown in the dropdown. The user should select using *command* or *control* to make multiple options. Then push the "save" button when the nickname and selected options from the dropdown menu are the variables you want to include exactly in a future regular expression search.

Parameters

- **nickname** (*str*) nickname to associate with the Vocab class vocabulary entry from this, e.g., "temp". Inputting this to the function creates a text box for the user to enter it into.
- **options** (*Sequence*) strings to select from in the dropdown widget. Will be filtered by include and exclude inputs.
- **include** (*str*) include must be in options values for them to show in the dropdown. Will update as more are input. To input more than one, join separate strings with "|". For example, to search on both "temperature" and "sea water", input "temperature|sea water".
- **exclude** (*str*) exclude must not be in options values for them to show in the dropdown. Will update as more are input. To input more than one, join separate strings with "|". For example, to exclude both "temperature" and "sea_water", input "temperature|sea_water".

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