

# Python - Work with Spreadsheets

- Level: Basic

In this example, we illustrate how Python can be used within MatDeck to work with spreadsheets, which includes Microsoft Excel files (various versions and formats), Open Office / Libre Office Calc, and CSV. In order to work with spreadsheets, it is necessary to install openpyxl library. The easiest way to install is to use following command in command prompt: pip install openpyxl

## Create an Excel file from scratch

The task is to create Excel file with given file name, and to write date and time at cell A2.

Input : File name as string

Output : File

```
file_name := "first.xlsx"
```

## Code

```
1 #py
2 import openpyxl
3 import datetime
4
5 wb = openpyxl.Workbook()
6 ws = wb.active
7 ws['A1'] = "Date and Time"
8 ws['A2'] = datetime.datetime.now()
9 wb.save(file_name)
10 ###
```

## Add expressions to Excel

The task is to write data into given cells, and to add expression which determines value of the third cell.

```
Variable1 := 13
```

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Variable2 := 25
```

```
file_name := "expression.xlsx"
```

```

11 #py
12 import openpyxl
13 wb = openpyxl.Workbook()
14 ws = wb.active
15 ws['A1'] = Variable2
16 ws['A2'] = Variable1
17 ws['A3'] = "=A1+A2"
18 wb.save(file_namee)
19 ###

```

## Number series and chart

The following Python code defines number series which are written in Excel file. After that, Excel chart is defined as two line chart.

```

20 #py
21 import openpyxl
22 wb = openpyxl.Workbook()
23 ws = wb.active
24 ws.title = "Chart"
25
26 a = ["First", 20, 28, 30, 37, 18, 47]
27 b = ["Second", 35, 30, 40, 40, 38, 35]
28
29 # write series as columns
30 for i in range(len(a)):
31     ws.cell(row=i+1, column=1).value = a[i]
32     ws.cell(row=i+1, column=2).value = b[i]
33 lc = openpyxl.chart.LineChart()
34 lc.title = "Two Lines Chart"
35
36 data = openpyxl.chart.Reference(ws,
37 min_col=1,
38 min_row=1,
39 max_col=2,
40 max_row=len(a))
41 lc.add_data(data, titles_from_data=True)
42
43 ws.add_chart(lc, "D1")
44 wb.save("chart.xlsx")
45 ###

```

## Read Excel File

Next code chunk illustrates how Excel file can be read using Python code directly from MatDeck

```

46 #py
47 import openpyxl
48 wb = openpyxl.load_workbook(filename = 'chart.xlsx')
49 for ws in wb.worksheets:
50     print(ws.title)
51 ws = wb.worksheets[0]
52 print(ws['A1'].value)
53 ###

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