

ADVANCED DATA STORAGE TECNIQUE IN PYTHON: LIST AND DICTIONARY

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#### Objectives

- Create, index, and slice a list
- Add and delete elements from a list
- Use list methods to append, sort, and reverse a list
- Use nested sequences to represent even more complex information
- Use dictionaries to work with pairs of data
- Add and delete dictionary items

#### Lists

- Lists
  - Sequences of any type
  - Like tuples, but mutable (can be modified)
  - Essentially can do everything tuples can, plus more

### Creating a List

- List: A mutable sequence of any type
- Creating an Empty List

```
inventory = []
```

Creating a List with Elements

#### Using len() and in with Lists

- The len() function with lists
  - Just as with tuples, returns number of elements print "You have", len(inventory), "items."

- The in operator with lists
  - Just as with tuples, tests for element membership

```
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   print "You will live to fight another day."
```

#### Indexing and Slicing Lists

- Indexing lists
  - Just as with tuples, supply the position number of the element in brackets

```
print "At index", index, "is", inventory[index]
```

- Slicing lists
  - Just as with tuples, supply the two end points, separated by a colon, in brackets

```
print inventory[begin:end]
```

#### **Concatenating Lists**

Just as with tuples, concatenation operator, +, works with lists

### **Understanding List Mutability**

- Mutable: Changeable
- Lists are mutable
  - Elements (or slices) can be added
  - Elements (or slices) can be removed

### Assigning a New List Element by Index

Just as with tuples, you can assign a value to an existing list element

#### Assigning a New List Slice

- Assignment statement replaces elements in slice with new element
- Replaces the two elements inventory[4] and inventory[5] with
   "orb of future telling"

#### Deleting a List Element

Designate element to delete after del

#### Deleting a List Slice

Designate slice to delete after del

```
inventory = ["sword"
             "shield",
             "healing potion"]
print ("Your items:\t")
for item in inventory:
   print (item)
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# get the length of items in inventory
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print (inventory[start:end])
input ("\nPress Enter to continue")
## concatenate two lists
chest = ["gold", "gems"]
print ("You find a chest which contains:\t")
print (chest)
print ("\nYou add the contents of the chest to your inventory")
inventory += chest
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#### Using List Methods

- List methods manipulate lists
- Through list methods, you can:
  - Add an element
  - Remove an element
  - Sort a list
  - Reverse a list

#### Selected List Methods

Description

and returned.

Method

pop([i])

remove(value)

#### TABLE 5.1 SELECTED LIST METHODS

# append(value) Adds value to end of a list. sort() Sorts the elements, smallest value first. reverse() Reverses the order of a list. count(value) Returns the number of occurrences of value. index(value) Returns the first position number where value occurs. insert(i, value) Inserts value at position i.

Returns value at position i and removes value from the list. Providing the

position number i is optional. Without it, the last element in the list is removed

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Removes the first occurrence of *value* from the list.

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#### Using Nested Sequences

- Nested Sequence: A sequence inside another sequence
- A list can contain lists or tuples
- A tuple can contain tuples or lists

#### **Creating Nested Sequences**

- scores is a nested sequence
- scores is a list of tuples
- scores has three elements, each of which is a tuple

#### **Accessing Nested Elements**

- scores[2] is the element of the list at position 2
- scores[2][0] is the element at position 0 of scores[2]

#### Unpacking a Sequence

```
>>> name, score = ("Shemp", 175)
>>> print name
Shemp
>>> print score
175
```

- Sequence unpacking: Automatically accessing each element of a sequence
- The tuple is unpacked as result of assignment statement

## Accessing Elements of a Nested Sequence

```
for entry in scores:
    score, name = entry
    print name, "\t", score
```

- entry is an element of scores
- Assignment statement unpacks entry
- score is assigned first element of entry
- name is assigned second element of entry

## Appending Elements to a Nested Sequence

```
entry = (score, name)
scores.append(entry)
```

- append() method works for any list, including a list of sequences
- New tuple entry is created
- entry is appended to list scores as last element

#### **Shared References**

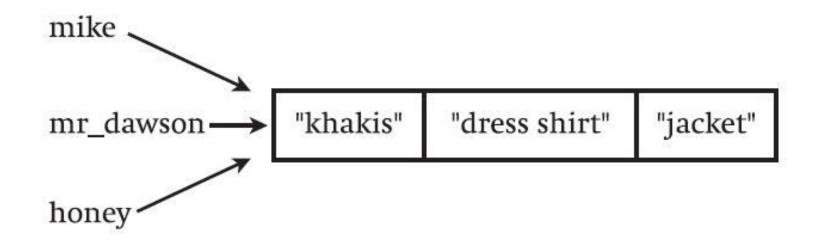


Figure 5.9: A single object has three references to it.

Mike, mr\_dawson and honey all refer to same single list.

#### **Shared References**

```
>>> mike = ["khakis", "dress shirt", "jacket"]
>>> mr dawson = mike
>>> honey = mike
>>> print mike
['khakis', 'dress shirt', 'jacket']
>>> print mr dawson
['khakis', 'dress shirt', 'jacket']
>>> print honey
['khakis', 'dress shirt', 'jacket']
```

#### All variables refer to same single list

#### **Shared References**

```
>>> honey[2] = "red sweater"
>>> print honey
['khakis', 'dress shirt', 'red sweater']
>>> print mike
['khakis', 'dress shirt', 'red sweater']
>>> print mr_dawson
['khakis', 'dress shirt', 'red sweater']
```

 Change to list through one variable reflects change for all variables because there is only one list

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```

List slicing can create a new copy of a list and avoid shared references

# **Using Dictionaries**

- Dictionary: A mutable collection of key-value pairs
- Like tuple and list, dictionary is another built-in type
- Unlike tuples and lists, dictionaries don't organize data into sequences,
   but pairs
- Works like actual dictionary; look up one thing to get another
- Look up a key to get a value

### **Creating Dictionaries**

- Creates new dictionary called geek
- geek has two entries or items (or elements)
- Each item is made up of a key and a value
- 404 is a key of one item; use it to look up value "clueless."
- Create dictionary by pairing values with colon, separated by commas, surrounded by curly braces

# Using a Key to Retrieve a Value

```
>>> geek["404"]
'clueless.'
>>> geek["Uninstalled"]
'being fired.'
```

- Use key as index to get value
- Cannot use value as index to get key
- Using non-existent key as index produces error
- Dictionaries don't have position numbers no order

# Testing for a Key with the in Operator

- Use the in operator to test for key
- Condition is True if key exists in dictionary, False otherwise
- in operator can't be used to test for dictionary values

# The Dictionary get () Method

```
>>> geek.get("404")
'clueless.'
>>> geek.get("Dancing Baloney")
None
>>> geek.get("Dancing Baloney", "I have no idea.")
'I have no idea.'
```

- Used for retrieving value based on key
- Has built-in safety net for handling non-existent key
  - If key exists, returns associated value
  - If key doesn't exist, returns a default, program-provided value (or None if no default is provided)

# Adding a Key-Value Pair

```
geek["Link Rot"] = "process by which web page links
become obsolete."
```

- Dictionaries are mutable
- Add item by assigning value to dictionary indexed by key
- Overwrites current entry if key already exists in dictionary

# Deleting a Key-Value Pair

```
del geek["404"]
```

- Removes key-value pair if key exists
- Generates error if key doesn't exist

print("\nSorry, I don't know", term)

```
geek = {"404": "clueless. From the web error message 404, meaning page not found.",
        "Googling": "searching the Internet for background information on a person.",
        "Keyboard Plaque": "the collection of debris found in computer keyboards.",
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   4 - Delete a Geek Term
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    print()
   # exit
   if choice == "0":
        print("Good-bye.")
   # get a definition
    elif choice == "1":
        term = input("What term do you want me to translate?: ")
        if term in geek:
            definition = geek[term]
            print("\n", term, "means", definition)
        else:
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What term do you want me to add?: Dancing Baloney
What's the definition?: I have no idea
Dancing Baloney has been added.
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            print("\n", term, "means", definition)
        else:
            print("\nSorry, I don't know", term)
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Console 1/A 🛛
    Geek Translator
    0 - Quit
    1 - Look Up a Geek Term
    2 - Add a Geek Term
    3 - Redefine a Geek Term
    4 - Delete a Geek Term
Choice: 1
What term do you want me to translate?: 404
 404 means clueless. From the web error message 404, meaning page not found
    Geek Translator
   0 - Quit
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    4 - Delete a Geek Term
Choice: 2
What term do you want me to add?: Dancing Baloney
What's the definition?: I have no idea
 Dancing Baloney has been added.
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# add a term-definition pair
elif choice == "2":
    term = input("What term do you want me to add?: ")
    if term not in geek:
        definition = input("\nWhat's the definition?: ")
        geek[term] = definition
        print("\n", term, "has been added.")
        print("\nThat term already exists! Try redefining it.")
# redefine an existing term
elif choice == "3":
    term = input("What term do you want me to redefine?: ")
    if term in geek:
        definition = input("What's the new definition?: ")
        geek[term] = definition
        print("\n", term, "has been redefined.")
    else:
        print("\nThat term doesn't exist! Try adding it.")
# delete a term-definition pair
elif choice == "4":
    term = input("What term do you want me to delete?: ")
    if term in geek:
        del geek[term]
        print("\nOkay, I deleted", term)
    else:
        print("\nI can't do that!", term, "doesn't exist in the dictionary.")
# some unknown choice
else:
    print("\nSorry, but", choice, "isn't a valid choice.")
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Console 1/A Geek Translator 0 - Quit 1 - Look Up a Geek Term 2 - Add a Geek Term 3 - Redefine a Geek Term 4 - Delete a Geek Term Choice: 1 What term do you want me to translate?: 404 404 means clueless. From the web error message 404, meaning page not found Geek Translator 0 - Quit 1 - Look Up a Geek Term 2 - Add a Geek Term 3 - Redefine a Geek Term 4 - Delete a Geek Term Choice: 2 What term do you want me to add?: Dancing Baloney What's the definition?: I have no idea Dancing Baloney has been added.

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Geek Translator
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Choice: 4
What term do you want me to delete?: Dancing Baloney
Okay, I deleted Dancing Baloney
    Geek Translator
    0 - Ouit
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    4 - Delete a Geek Term
Choice: 0
Good-bye.
```

## **Dictionary Requirements**

- Keys
  - Must be unique
  - Must be immutable
- Values
  - Can be mutable or immutable
  - Doesn't have to be unique

# **Built-in Dictionary Functions:**

SN	Function with Description
1	cmp(dict1, dict2)
	Compares elements of both dict.
2	<u>len(dict)</u>
	Gives the total length of the dictionary. This would be equal to the number of items in the dictionary.
3	str(dict)
	Produces a printable string representation of a dictionary
4	type(variable)
	Returns the type of the passed variable. If passed variable is dictionary then it would return a dictionary type.

# Built-in Dictionary Methods:

SN	Methods with Description
1	dict.clear()
	Removes all elements of dictionary dict
2	dict.copy()
	Returns a shallow copy of dictionary dict
2	dict.fromkeys()
	Create a new dictionary with keys from seq and values set to value.
3	dict.get(key, default=None)
	For key key, returns value or default if key not in dictionary
4	dict.has_key(key)
	Returns true if key in dictionary dict, false otherwise
5	dict.items()
	Returns a list of dict's (key, value) tuple pairs
6	dict.keys()
	Returns list of dictionary dict's keys
7	dict.setdefault(key, default=None)
	Similar to get(), but will set dict[key]=default if key is not already in dict
8	dict.update(dict2)
	Adds dictionary dict2's key-values pairs to dict
9	dict.values()
	Returns list of dictionary dict2's values

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