

Python Dictionaries

Dictionaries are ordered collection of data items. They store multiple items in a single variable. Dictionary items are key-value pairs that are separated by commas and enclosed within curly brackets {}.

Example:

```
info = {'name':'Karan', 'age':19, 'eligible':True}
print(info)
```

Output:

```
{'name': 'Karan', 'age': 19, 'eligible': True}
```

Accessing Dictionary items:

I. Accessing single values:

Values in a dictionary can be accessed using keys. We can access dictionary values by mentioning keys either in square brackets or by using get method.

Example:

```
info = {'name':'Karan', 'age':19, 'eligible':True}
print(info['name'])
print(info.get('eligible'))
```

Output:

```
Karan
True
```

II. Accessing multiple values:

We can print all the values in the dictionary using values() method.

Example:

```
info = {'name':'Karan', 'age':19, 'eligible':True}
print(info.values())
```

Output:

```
dict_values(['Karan', 19, True])
```

III. Accessing keys:

We can print all the keys in the dictionary using keys() method.

Example:

```
info = {'name':'Karan', 'age':19, 'eligible':True}  
print(info.keys())
```

Output:

```
dict_keys(['name', 'age', 'eligible'])
```

IV. Accessing key-value pairs:

We can print all the key-value pairs in the dictionary using items() method.

Example:

```
info = {'name':'Karan', 'age':19, 'eligible':True}  
print(info.items())
```

Output:

```
dict_items([('name', 'Karan'), ('age', 19), ('eligible', True)])
```

Dictionary Methods

Dictionary uses several built-in methods for manipulation. They are listed below

update()

The update() method updates the value of the key provided to it if the item already exists in the dictionary, else it creates a new key-value pair.

Example:

```
info = {'name':'Karan', 'age':19, 'eligible':True}
print(info)
info.update({'age':20})
info.update({'DOB':2001})
print(info)
```

Output:

```
{'name': 'Karan', 'age': 19, 'eligible': True}
{'name': 'Karan', 'age': 20, 'eligible': True, 'DOB': 2001}
```

Removing items from dictionary:

There are a few methods that we can use to remove items from dictionary.

clear():

The clear() method removes all the items from the list.

Example:

```
info = {'name':'Karan', 'age':19, 'eligible':True}
info.clear()
print(info)
```

Output:

```
{}
```

pop():

The pop() method removes the key-value pair whose key is passed as a parameter.

Example:

```
info = {'name':'Karan', 'age':19, 'eligible':True}
info.pop('eligible')
print(info)
```

Output:

```
{'name': 'Karan', 'age': 19}
```

popitem():

The popitem() method removes the last key-value pair from the dictionary.

Example:

```
info = {'name':'Karan', 'age':19, 'eligible':True, 'DOB':2003}
info.popitem()
print(info)
```

Output:

```
{'name': 'Karan', 'age': 19, 'eligible': True}
```

del:

we can also use the del keyword to remove a dictionary item.

Example:

```
info = {'name':'Karan', 'age':19, 'eligible':True, 'DOB':2003}
del info['age']
print(info)
```

Output:

```
{'name': 'Karan', 'eligible': True, 'DOB': 2003}
```

If key is not provided, then the del keyword will delete the dictionary entirely.

Example:

```
info = {'name':'Karan', 'age':19, 'eligible':True, 'DOB':2003}
del info
print(info)
```

Output:

```
NameError: name 'info' is not defined
```