Python Dictionary

Dictionary in Python is a collection of keys values, used to store data values like a map, which, unlike other data types which hold only a single value as an element.

Example of Dictionary in Python

Dictionary holds **key:value** pair. Key-Value is provided in the dictionary to make it more optimized.

```
Dict = {1: 'Geeks', 2: 'For', 3: 'Geeks'}
print(Dict)
```

```
# Creating a Dictionary

Dict = {1: 'Geeks', 2: 'For', 3: 'Geeks'}

print("\nDictionary with the use of Integer Keys: ")

print(Dict)

# Creating a Dictionary with Mixed keys

Dict = {'Name': 'Geeks', 1: [1, 2, 3, 4]}

print("\nDictionary with the use of Mixed Keys: ")

print(Dict)
```

```
# Creating a Nested Dictionary as shown in the below image

Dict = {1: 'Geeks', 2: 'For',3: {'A': 'Welcome', 'B': 'To', 'C': 'Geeks'}}

print(Dict)
```

Adding elements to a Dictionary

Addition of elements can be done in multiple ways. One value at a time can be added to a Dictionary by defining value along with the key e.g. Dict[Key] = 'Value'. Updating an existing value in a Dictionary can be done by using the built-in **update()** method. Nested key values can also be added to an existing Dictionary.

Note- While adding a value, if the key-value already exists, the value gets updated otherwise a new Key with the value is added to the Dictionary.

```
# Creating an empty Dictionary
Dict = {}
print("Empty Dictionary: ")
print(Dict)
# Adding elements one at a time
Dict[0] = 'Disha'
Dict[2] = 'For'
Dict[3] = 1
print("\nDictionary after adding 3 elements: ")
print(Dict)
# Adding set of values to a single Key
Dict['Value_set'] = 2, 3, 4
print("\nDictionary after adding 3 elements: ")
print(Dict)
# Updating existing Key's Value
Dict[2] = 'Welcome'
print("\nUpdated key value: ")
print(Dict)
# Adding Nested Key value to Dictionary
Dict[5] = {'Nested': {'1': 'Like', '2': Disha}}
print("\nAdding a Nested Key: ")
print(Dict)
```

Accessing elements of a Dictionary

In order to access the items of a dictionary refer to its key name. Key can be used inside square brackets.

```
# Python program to demonstrate accessing a element from a Dictionary

# Creating a Dictionary

Dict = {1: 'Disha', 'name': 'Computer', 3: 'Institute'}

# accessing a element using key

print("Accessing a element using key:")

print(Dict['name'])

# accessing a element using key

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print("Accessing a element using key:")

print(Dict[1])
```

```
# Creating a Dictionary

Dict = {1: 'Geeks', 'name': 'For', 3: 'Geeks'}

# accessing a element using get()method

print("Accessing a element using get:")

print(Dict.get(3))
```

Accessing an element of a nested dictionary

In order to access the value of any key in the nested dictionary, use indexing [] syntax.

```
# Creating a Dictionary
Dict = {'Dict1': {1: 'Geeks'}, 'Dict2': {'Name': 'For'}}
# Accessing element using key
print(Dict['Dict1'])
print(Dict['Dict1'][1])
print(Dict['Dict2']['Name'])
```

Deleting Elements using del Keyword

The items of the dictionary can be deleted by using the del keyword as given below.

```
# Python program to demonstrate Deleting Elements using del Keyword

# Creating a Dictionary

Dict = {1: 'Geeks', 'name': 'For', 3: 'Geeks'}

print("Dictionary =")

print(Dict)

#Deleting some of the Dictionar data

del(Dict[1])

print("Data after deletion Dictionary=")

print(Dict)
```

```
# demo for all dictionary methods

dict1 = {1: "Python", 2: "Java", 3: "Ruby", 4: "Scala"}

# copy() method

dict2 = dict1.copy()

print(dict2)

# clear() method

dict1.clear()

print(dict1)

# get() method

print(dict2.get(1))

# items() method

print(dict2.items())
```

