

# Python Dictionary Exampels and Usages

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## 1 Dictionary

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### 1.1 Create a List of Dictionaries

```
import datetime
import pprint
ls_dc_exa = [
    {"file": "mat_matlab",
     "title": "One Variable Graphs and Tables",
     "description": "Frequency table, bar chart and histogram",
     "val": 1,
     "date": datetime.date(2020, 5, 2)},
    {"file": "mat_two",
     "title": "Second file",
     "description": "Second file.",
     "val": [1, 2, 3],
     "date": datetime.date(2020, 5, 2)},
    {"file": "mat_algebra_rules",
     "title": "Opening a Dataset",
     "description": "Opening a Dataset.",
     "val": 1.1,
     "date": datetime.date(2018, 12, 1)}
]
pprint.pprint(ls_dc_exa, width=1)
```

```
## [{'date': datetime.date(2020, 5, 2),
##   'description': 'Frequency '
##                 'table, '
##                 'bar '
##                 'chart '
##                 'and '
##                 'histogram',
```

```

## 'file': 'mat_matlab',
## 'title': 'One '
##     'Variable '
##     'Graphs '
##     'and '
##     'Tables',
## 'val': 1},
## {'date': datetime.date(2020, 5, 2),
## 'description': 'Second '
##     'file.',
## 'file': 'mat_two',
## 'title': 'Second '
##     'file',
## 'val': [1,
##     2,
##     3]},
## {'date': datetime.date(2018, 12, 1),
## 'description': 'Opening '
##     'a '
##     'Dataset.',
## 'file': 'mat_algebra_rules',
## 'title': 'Opening '
##     'a '
##     'Dataset',
## 'val': 1.1}]

```

## 1.2 Select by Keys in Dictionary

Given a list of dictionary, search if key name is in list:

```

# string to search through
ls_str_file_ids = ['mat_matlab', 'mat_algebra_rules']
# select subset
ls_dc_selected = [dc_exa
                    for dc_exa in ls_dc_exa
                    if dc_exa['file'] in ls_str_file_ids]
# print
pprint.pprint(ls_dc_selected, width=1)

```

```

## [{'date': datetime.date(2020, 5, 2),
## 'description': 'Frequency '
##     'table, '
##     'bar '
##     'chart '
##     'and '
##     'histogram',
## 'file': 'mat_matlab',
## 'title': 'One '
##     'Variable '
##     'Graphs '
##     'and '
##     'Tables',
## 'val': 1},
## {'date': datetime.date(2018, 12, 1),
## 'description': 'Opening '

```

```
##             'a '
##             'Dataset.',
##   'file': 'mat_algebra_rules',
##   'title': 'Opening '
##             'a '
##             'Dataset',
##   'val': 1.1}]
```

Search and Select by Multiple Keys in Dictionary. Using two keys below:

```
# string to search through
ls_str_file_ids = ['mat_matlab', 'mat_algebra_rules']
# select subset
ls_dc_selected = [dc_exa
                   for dc_exa in ls_dc_exa
                   if ((dc_exa['file'] in ls_str_file_ids)
                       and
                       (dc_exa['val']== 1))]
# print
pprint.pprint(ls_dc_selected, width=1)
```

```
## [{'date': datetime.date(2020, 5, 2),
##   'description': 'Frequency '
##                 'table, '
##                 'bar '
##                 'chart '
##                 'and '
##                 'histogram',
##   'file': 'mat_matlab',
##   'title': 'One '
##           'Variable '
##           'Graphs '
##           'and '
##           'Tables',
##   'val': 1}]
```