

#### **Artificial Intelligence**

**LAB Three** 

### built-in data types

There are four collection data types in the Python programming language:

- List: is a collection which is ordered and changeable. Allows duplicate members.
- Tuple: is a collection which is ordered and unchangeable. Allows duplicate members.
- **Set:** is a collection which is unordered, unchangeable\*, and unindexed. No duplicate members.
- **Dictionary:** is a collection which is ordered\*\* and changeable. No duplicate members.

```
In [ ]: mylist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
```

#### 1. List

Lists are used to store multiple items in a single variable.

Lists are one of 4 built-in data types in Python used to store collections of data, the other 3 are Tuple, Set, and Dictionary, all with different qualities and usage.

Lists are created using square brackets:

Example Create a List:

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
print(thislist)
```

#### **List Items**

List items are ordered, changeable, and allow duplicate values.

List items are indexed, the first item has index [0], the second item has index [1] etc.

#### **Ordered**

When we say that lists are ordered, it means that the items have a defined order, and that order will not change.

If you add new items to a list, the new items will be placed at the end of the list.

Note: There are some list methods that will change the order, but in general: the order of the items will not change.

## Changeable

The list is changeable, meaning that we can change, add, and remove items in a list after it has been created.

### **Allow Duplicates**

Since lists are indexed, lists can have items with the same value:

Example

Lists allow duplicate values:

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry", "apple", "cherry"]
print(thislist)
```

## **List Length**

To determine how many items a list has, use the len() function:

Example

Print the number of items in the list:

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
    print(len(thislist))
```

### **List Items - Data Types**

List items can be of any data type:

Example

String, int and boolean data types:

```
In [ ]: list1 = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
list2 = [1, 5, 7, 9, 3]
list3 = [True, False, False]
```

A list can contain different data types:

Example

A list with strings, integers and boolean values:

```
In [ ]: list1 = ["abc", 34, True, 40, "male"]
```

From Python's perspective, lists are defined as objects with the data type 'list':

```
<class 'list'>
```

Example

What is the data type of a list?

```
In [ ]: mylist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
print(type(mylist))
```

## The list() Constructor

It is also possible to use the list() constructor when creating a new list.

Example

Using the list() constructor to make a List:

```
In [ ]: thislist = list(("apple", "banana", "cherry")) # note the double round-brackets
print(thislist)
```

#### **Access Items**

List items are indexed and you can access them by referring to the index number:

Example

Print the second item of the list:

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
    print(thislist[1])
```

Note: The first item has index 0.

### **Negative Indexing**

Negative indexing means start from the end

-1 refers to the last item, -2 refers to the second last item etc.

Example

Print the last item of the list:

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
print(thislist[-1])
```

#### Range of Indexes

You can specify a range of indexes by specifying where to start and where to end the range.

When specifying a range, the return value will be a new list with the specified items.

Example

Return the third, fourth, and fifth item:

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry", "orange", "kiwi", "melon", "mango"]
print(thislist[2:5])
```

Note: The search will start at index 2 (included) and end at index 5 (not included).

Remember that the first item has index 0.

By leaving out the start value, the range will start at the first item:

Example

This example returns the items from the beginning to, but NOT including, "kiwi":

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry", "orange", "kiwi", "melon", "mango"]
print(thislist[:4])
```

By leaving out the end value, the range will go on to the end of the list:

Example

This example returns the items from "cherry" to the end:

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry", "orange", "kiwi", "melon", "mango"]
print(thislist[2:])
```

# **Range of Negative Indexes**

Specify negative indexes if you want to start the search from the end of the list:

Example

This example returns the items from "orange" (-4) to, but NOT including "mango" (-1):

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry", "orange", "kiwi", "melon", "mango"]
    print(thislist[-4:-1])
```

#### **Check if Item Exists**

To determine if a specified item is present in a list use the in keyword:

Example

Chack if "annla" is present in the list.

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
    if "apple" in thislist:
        print("Yes, 'apple' is in the fruits list")
```

## **Python - Change List Items**

### **Change Item Value**

To change the value of a specific item, refer to the index number:

Example

Change the second item:

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
    thislist[1] = "blackcurrant"
    print(thislist)
```

### **Change a Range of Item Values**

To change the value of items within a specific range, define a list with the new values, and refer to the range of index numbers where you want to insert the new values:

Example

Change the values "banana" and "cherry" with the values "blackcurrant" and "watermelon":

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry", "orange", "kiwi", "mango"]
    thislist[1:3] = ["blackcurrant", "watermelon"]
    print(thislist)
```

If you insert more items than you replace, the new items will be inserted where you specified, and the remaining items will move accordingly:

Example

Change the second value by replacing it with two new values:

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
    thislist[1:2] = ["blackcurrant", "watermelon"]
    print(thislist)
```

Note: The length of the list will change when the number of items inserted does not match the number of items replaced.

If you insert less items than you replace, the new items will be inserted where you specified, and the remaining items will move accordingly:

Example

Change the second and third value by replacing it with one value:

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
    thislist[1:3] = ["watermelon"]
    print(thislist)
```

#### **Insert Items**

To insert a new list item, without replacing any of the existing values, we can use the insert() method.

The insert() method inserts an item at the specified index:

Example

Insert "watermelon" as the third item:

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
    thislist.insert(2, "watermelon")
    print(thislist)
```

Note: As a result of the example above, the list will now contain 4 items.

## **Append Items**

To add an item to the end of the list, use the append() method:

Example

Using the append() method to append an item:

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
     thislist.append("orange")
     print(thislist)
```

#### **Insert Items**

To insert a list item at a specified index, use the insert() method.

The insert() method inserts an item at the specified index:

Example

Insert an item as the second position:

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
    thislist.insert(1, "orange")
    print(thislist)
```

Note: As a result of the examples above, the lists will now contain 4 items.

#### **Extend List**

To append elements from another list to the current list, use the extend() method.

Example

Add the elements of tropical to thislist:

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
    tropical = ["mango", "pineapple", "papaya"]
    thislist.extend(tropical)
    print(thislist)
```

The elements will be added to the end of the list.

## **Add Any Iterable**

The extend() method does not have to append lists, you can add any iterable object (tuples, sets, dictionaries etc.).

Example

Add elements of a tuple to a list:

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
    thistuple = ("kiwi", "orange")
    thislist.extend(thistuple)
    print(thislist)
```

## **Remove Specified Item**

The remove() method removes the specified item.

Example

Remove "banana":

## **Remove Specified Index**

The pop() method removes the specified index.

Example

Remove the second item:

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
    thislist.pop(1)
    print(thislist)
```

If you do not specify the index, the pop() method removes the last item.

Example

Remove the last item:

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
thislist.pop()
print(thislist)
```

The del keyword also removes the specified index:

Example

Remove the first item:

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
    del thislist[0]
    print(thislist)
```

The del keyword can also delete the list completely.

Example

Delete the entire list:

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
del thislist
```

## **Clear the List**

The clear() method empties the list.

The list still remains, but it has no content.

Example

Clear the list content:

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
     thislist.clear()
     print(thislist)
```

## **Sort List Alphanumerically**

List objects have a sort() method that will sort the list alphanumerically, ascending, by default:

Example

Sort the list alphabetically:

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["orange", "mango", "kiwi", "pineapple", "banana"]
    thislist.sort()
    print(thislist)
```

Example

Sort the list numerically:

```
In [ ]: thislist = [100, 50, 65, 82, 23]
    thislist.sort()
    print(thislist)
```

## **Sort Descending**

To sort descending, use the keyword argument reverse = True:

Example

Sort the list descending:

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["orange", "mango", "kiwi", "pineapple", "banana"]
    thislist.sort(reverse = True)
    print(thislist)
```

Example

Sort the list descending:

```
In [ ]: thislist = [100, 50, 65, 82, 23]
    thislist.sort(reverse = True)
    print(thislist)
```

#### **Case Insensitive Sort**

By default the sort() method is case sensitive, resulting in all capital letters being sorted before lower case letters:

Example

Case sensitive sorting can give an unexpected result:

Luckily we can use built-in functions as key functions when sorting a list.

So if you want a case-insensitive sort function, use str.lower as a key function:

Example

Perform a case-insensitive sort of the list:

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["banana", "Orange", "Kiwi", "cherry"]
    thislist.sort(key = str.lower)
    print(thislist)
```

### **Reverse Order**

What if you want to reverse the order of a list, regardless of the alphabet?

The reverse() method reverses the current sorting order of the elements.

Example

Reverse the order of the list items:

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["banana", "Orange", "Kiwi", "cherry"]
    thislist.reverse()
    print(thislist)
```

## Copy a List

You cannot copy a list simply by typing list2 = list1, because: list2 will only be a reference to list1, and changes made in list1 will automatically also be made in list2.

There are ways to make a copy, one way is to use the built-in List method copy().

Example

Make a copy of a list with the copy() method:

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
mylist = thislist.copy()
print(mylist)
```

Another way to make a copy is to use the built-in method list().

Example

Make a copy of a list with the list() method:

```
In [ ]: thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
mylist = list(thislist)
print(mylist)
```

#### **Join Two Lists**

There are several ways to join, or concatenate, two or more lists in Python.

One of the easiest ways are by using the + operator.

Example

Join two list:

```
In [ ]: list1 = ["a", "b", "c"]
list2 = [1, 2, 3]

list3 = list1 + list2
print(list3)
```

### 2. Tuples

```
In [ ]: mytuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")
```

### **Tuple**

Tuples are used to store multiple items in a single variable.

Tuple is one of 4 built-in data types in Python used to store collections of data, the other 3 are List, Set, and Dictionary, all with different qualities and usage.

A tuple is a collection which is ordered and unchangeable.

Tuples are written with round brackets.

Example

Create a Tuple:

```
In [ ]: thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")
print(thistuple)
```

## **Tuple Items**

Tuple items are ordered, unchangeable, and allow duplicate values.

Tuple items are indexed, the first item has index [0], the second item has index [1] etc.

#### **Ordered**

When we say that tuples are ordered, it means that the items have a defined order, and that order will not change.

# Unchangeable

Tuples are unchangeable, meaning that we cannot change, add or remove items after the tuple has been created.

# **Allow Duplicates**

Since tuples are indexed, they can have items with the same value:

Example

Tuples allow duplicate values:

```
In [ ]: thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry", "apple", "cherry")
print(thistuple)
```

## **Tuple Length**

To determine how many items a tuple has, use the len() function:

Example

Print the number of items in the tuple:

```
In [ ]: thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")
print(len(thistuple))
```

### **Create Tuple With One Item**

To create a tuple with only one item, you have to add a comma after the item, otherwise Python will not recognize it as a tuple.

Example

One item tuple, remember the comma:

```
In [ ]: thistuple = ("apple",)
    print(type(thistuple))

#NOT a tuple
    thistuple = ("apple")
    print(type(thistuple))
```

### **Tuple Items - Data Types**

Tuple items can be of any data type:

Example

String, int and boolean data types:

```
In [ ]: tuple1 = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")
tuple2 = (1, 5, 7, 9, 3)
tuple3 = (True, False, False)
```

A tuple can contain different data types:

Example

A tuple with strings, integers and boolean values:

```
In [ ]: tuple1 = ("abc", 34, True, 40, "male")
```

#### type()

From Python's perspective, tuples are defined as objects with the data type 'tuple':

```
<class 'tuple'>
```

Example

What is the data type of a tuple?

```
In [ ]: mytuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")
print(type(mytuple))
```

## The tuple() Constructor

It is also possible to use the tuple() constructor to make a tuple.

Example

Using the tuple() method to make a tuple:

```
In [ ]: thistuple = tuple(("apple", "banana", "cherry")) # note the double round-brackets
print(thistuple)
```

# **Access Tuple Items**

You can access tuple items by referring to the index number, inside square brackets:

Example

Print the second item in the tuple:

```
In [ ]: thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")
print(thistuple[1])
```

Note: The first item has index 0.

## **Negative Indexing**

Negative indexing means start from the end.

-1 refers to the last item, -2 refers to the second last item etc.

Example

Print the last item of the tuple:

```
In [ ]: thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")
print(thistuple[-1])
```

## Range of Indexes

You can specify a range of indexes by specifying where to start and where to end the range.

When specifying a range, the return value will be a new tuple with the specified items.

Example

Return the third, fourth, and fifth item:

```
In [ ]: thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry", "orange", "kiwi", "melon", "mango")
print(thistuple[2:5])
```

Note: The search will start at index 2 (included) and end at index 5 (not included).

Remember that the first item has index 0.

By leaving out the start value, the range will start at the first item:

Example

This example returns the items from the beginning to, but NOT included, "kiwi":

```
In [ ]: thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry", "orange", "kiwi", "melon", "mango")
print(thistuple[:4])
```

By leaving out the end value, the range will go on to the end of the list:

Example

This example returns the items from "cherry" and to the end:

```
In [ ]: thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry", "orange", "kiwi", "melon", "mango")
print(thistuple[2:])
```

### **Range of Negative Indexes**

Specify negative indexes if you want to start the search from the end of the tuple:

Example

This example returns the items from index -4 (included) to index -1 (excluded)

```
In [ ]: thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry", "orange", "kiwi", "melon", "mango")
    print(thistuple[-4:-1])
```

#### **Check if Item Exists**

To determine if a specified item is present in a tuple use the in keyword:

Example

Check if "apple" is present in the tuple:

```
In [ ]: thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")
if "apple" in thistuple:
    print("Yes, 'apple' is in the fruits tuple")
```

### **Update Tuples**

Tuples are unchangeable, meaning that you cannot change, add, or remove items once the tuple is created.

But there are some workarounds.

## **Change Tuple Values**

Once a tuple is created, you cannot change its values. Tuples are unchangeable, or immutable as it also is called.

But there is a workaround. You can convert the tuple into a list, change the list, and convert the list back into a tuple.

Example Convert the tuple into a list to be able to change it:

#### **Add Items**

Since tuples are immutable, they do not have a build-in append() method, but there are other ways to add items to a tuple.

1. Convert into a list: Just like the workaround for changing a tuple, you can convert it into a list, add your item(s), and convert it back into a tuple.

Example

Convert the tuple into a list, add "orange", and convert it back into a tuple:

```
In [ ]: thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")
y = list(thistuple)
y.append("orange")
thistuple = tuple(y)
```

2. Add tuple to a tuple. You are allowed to add tuples to tuples, so if you want to add one item, (or many), create a new tuple with the item(s), and add it to the existing tuple:

Example

Create a new tuple with the value "orange", and add that tuple:

```
In []: thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")
y = ("orange",)
thistuple += y
print(thistuple)
```

Note: When creating a tuple with only one item, remember to include a comma after the item, otherwise it will not be identified as a tuple

#### **Remove Items**

Note: You cannot remove items in a tuple.

Tuples are unchangeable, so you cannot remove items from it, but you can use the same workaround as we used for changing and adding tuple items:

Example

Convert the tuple into a list, remove "apple", and convert it back into a tuple:

```
In [ ]: thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")
y = list(thistuple)
y.remove("apple")
thistuple = tuple(y)
```

Or you can delete the tuple completely:

Example

The del keyword can delete the tuple completely:

```
thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")
del thistuple
```

## **Unpacking a Tuple**

When we create a tuple, we normally assign values to it. This is called "packing" a tuple:

Example

Packing a tuple:

```
In [ ]: fruits = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")
```

But, in Python, we are also allowed to extract the values back into variables. This is called "unpacking":

Example

Unpacking a tuple:

Note: The number of variables must match the number of values in the tuple, if not, you must use an asterisk to collect the remaining values as a list.

### **Using Asterisk\***

If the number of variables is less than the number of values, you can add an \* to the variable name and the values will be assigned to the variable as a list:

Example

Assign the rest of the values as a list called "red":

If the asterisk is added to another variable name than the last, Python will assign values to the variable until the number of values left matches the number of variables left.

Example

Add a list of values the "tropic" variable:

# **Join Two Tuples**

To join two or more tuples you can use the + operator:

Example

Join two tuples:

```
In [ ]: tuple1 = ("a", "b" , "c")
tuple2 = (1, 2, 3)

tuple3 = tuple1 + tuple2
print(tuple3)
```

### **Multiply Tuples**

If you want to multiply the content of a tuple a given number of times, you can use the  $^{\star}$  operator:

Example

Multiply the fruits tuple by 2:

```
In [ ]: fruits = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")
mytuple = fruits * 2
print(mytuple)
```

## 3. Sets

```
In [ ]: myset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}
```

### Set

Sets are used to store multiple items in a single variable.

Set is one of 4 built-in data types in Python used to store collections of data, the other 3 are List, Tuple, and Dictionary, all with different qualities and usage.

A set is a collection which is unordered, unchangeable\*, and unindexed.

• Note: Set items are unchangeable, but you can remove items and add new items.

Sets are written with curly brackets.

Example

Create a Set:

```
In [ ]: thisset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}
print(thisset)
```

Note: Sets are unordered, so you cannot be sure in which order the items will appear.

#### **Set Items**

Set items are unordered, unchangeable, and do not allow duplicate values.

#### **Unordered**

Unordered means that the items in a set do not have a defined order.

Set items can appear in a different order every time you use them, and cannot be referred to by index or key.

## Unchangeable

Set items are unchangeable, meaning that we cannot change the items after the set has been created.

Once a set is created, you cannot change its items, but you can remove items and add new items.

## **Duplicates Not Allowed**

Sets cannot have two items with the same value.

Example

Duplicate values will be ignored:

```
In [ ]: thisset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry", "apple"}
    print(thisset)
```

## Get the Length of a Set

To determine how many items a set has, use the len() function.

Example

Get the number of items in a set:

```
In [ ]: thisset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}
print(len(thisset))
```

### **Set Items - Data Types**

Set items can be of any data type:

Example

String, int and boolean data types:

```
In [ ]: set1 = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}
set2 = {1, 5, 7, 9, 3}
set3 = {True, False, False}
```

A set can contain different data types:

Example

A set with strings, integers and boolean values:

```
In [ ]: set1 = {"abc", 34, True, 40, "male"}
```

#### type()

From Python's perspective, sets are defined as objects with the data type 'set':

```
<class 'set'>
```

Example

What is the data type of a set?

```
In [ ]: myset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}
print(type(myset))
```

## The set() Constructor

It is also possible to use the set() constructor to make a set.

Example

Using the set() constructor to make a set:

```
In [ ]: thisset = set(("apple", "banana", "cherry")) # note the double round-brackets
print(thisset)
```

#### **Access Items**

You cannot access items in a set by referring to an index or a key.

But you can loop through the set items using a for loop, or ask if a specified value is present in a set, by using the in keyword.

Example

Loop through the set, and print the values:

```
In [ ]: thisset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}
for x in thisset:
    print(x)
```

Example

Check if "banana" is present in the set:

```
In [ ]: thisset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}
    print("banana" in thisset)
```

### **Change Items**

Once a set is created, you cannot change its items, but you can add new items.

#### **Add Items**

Once a set is created, you cannot change its items, but you can add new items.

To add one item to a set use the add() method.

Example

Add an item to a set, using the add() method:

#### **Add Sets**

To add items from another set into the current set, use the update() method.

Example

Add elements from tropical into thisset:

### **Add Any Iterable**

The object in the update() method does not have to be a set, it can be any iterable object (tuples, lists, dictionaries etc.).

Example

Add elements of a list to at set:

```
In [ ]: thisset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}
    mylist = ["kiwi", "orange"]
    thisset.update(mylist)
    print(thisset)
```

# **Remove Item**

To remove an item in a set, use the remove(), or the discard() method.

Example

Remove "banana" by using the remove() method:

```
In [ ]: thisset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}
     thisset.remove("banana")
     print(thisset)
```

Note: If the item to remove does not exist, remove() will raise an error.

Example

Remove "banana" by using the discard() method:

```
In [ ]: thisset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}
    thisset.discard("banana")
    print(thisset)
```

Note: If the item to remove does not exist, discard() will NOT raise an error.

You can also use the pop() method to remove an item, but this method will remove the last item. Remember that sets are unordered, so you will not know what item that gets removed.

The return value of the pop() method is the removed item.

Example

Remove the last item by using the pop() method:

```
In [ ]: thisset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}
    x = thisset.pop()
    print(x)
    print(thisset)
```

Note: Sets are unordered, so when using the pop() method, you do not know which item that gets removed.

Example

The clear() method empties the set:

Example

The del keyword will delete the set completely:

#this will raise an error because the set no longer exists

```
thisset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}
del thisset
print(thisset)
```

### **Join Two Sets**

There are several ways to join two or more sets in Python.

You can use the union() method that returns a new set containing all items from both sets, or the update() method that inserts all the items from one set into another:

Example

The union() method returns a new set with all items from both sets:

```
In [ ]: set1 = {"a", "b" , "c"}
    set2 = {1, 2, 3}

set3 = set1.union(set2)
    print(set3)
```

Example

The update() method inserts the items in set2 into set1:

```
In [ ]: set1 = {"a", "b" , "c"}
    set2 = {1, 2, 3}
    set1.update(set2)
    print(set1)
```

Note: Both union() and update() will exclude any duplicate items.

## **Keep ONLY the Duplicates**

The intersection\_update() method will keep only the items that are present in both sets.

Example

Keep the items that exist in both set x, and set y:

```
In [ ]: x = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}
y = {"google", "microsoft", "apple"}

x.intersection_update(y)
print(x)
```

The intersection() method will return a new set, that only contains the items that are present in both sets.

Example

Return a set that contains the items that exist in both set  $\mathbf{x}$ , and set  $\mathbf{y}$ :

```
In [ ]: x = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}
y = {"google", "microsoft", "apple"}

z = x.intersection(y)
print(z)
```

# **Keep All, But NOT the Duplicates**

The symmetric\_difference\_update() method will keep only the elements that are NOT present in both sets.

Example

Keep the items that are not present in both sets:

The symmetric\_difference() method will return a new set, that contains only the elements that are NOT present in both sets.

Example

Return a set that contains all items from both sets, except items that are present in both:

```
In [ ]: x = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}
y = {"google", "microsoft", "apple"}
z = x.symmetric_difference(y)
print(z)
```

#### 4. Dictionaries

```
In [ ]: thisdict = {
    "brand": "Ford",
    "model": "Mustang",
    "year": 1964
}
```

### **Dictionary**

Dictionaries are used to store data values in key:value pairs.

A dictionary is a collection which is ordered\*, changeable and do not allow duplicates.

As of Python version 3.7, dictionaries are ordered. In Python 3.6 and earlier, dictionaries are unordered.

Dictionaries are written with curly brackets, and have keys and values:

Example

Create and print a dictionary:

```
In [ ]: thisdict = {
    "brand": "Ford",
    "model": "Mustang",
    "year": 1964
    }
    print(thisdict)
```

### **Dictionary Items**

Dictionary items are ordered, changeable, and does not allow duplicates.

Dictionary items are presented in key:value pairs, and can be referred to by using the key name.

Example

Print the "brand" value of the dictionary:

```
In [ ]: thisdict = {
    "brand": "Ford",
    "model": "Mustang",
    "year": 1964
    }
    print(thisdict["brand"])
```

#### **Ordered or Unordered?**

As of Python version 3.7, dictionaries are ordered. In Python 3.6 and earlier, dictionaries are unordered.

When we say that dictionaries are ordered, it means that the items have a defined order, and that order will not change.

Unordered means that the items does not have a defined order, you cannot refer to an item by using an index.

## Changeable

Dictionaries are changeable, meaning that we can change, add or remove items after the dictionary has been created.

## **Duplicates Not Allowed**

Dictionaries cannot have two items with the same key:

Example

Duplicate values will overwrite existing values:

```
In [ ]: thisdict = {
    "brand": "Ford",
    "model": "Mustang",
    "year": 1964,
    "year": 2020
    }
    print(thisdict)
```

### **Dictionary Length**

To determine how many items a dictionary has, use the len() function:

Example

Print the number of items in the dictionary:

In [ ]: print(len(thisdict))

# **Dictionary Items - Data Types**

The values in dictionary items can be of any data type:

Example

String, int, boolean, and list data types:

```
In [ ]: thisdict = {
    "brand": "Ford",
    "electric": False,
    "year": 1964,
    "colors": ["red", "white", "blue"]
}
```

## type()

From Python's perspective, dictionaries are defined as objects with the data type 'dict':

```
<class 'dict'>
```

Example

Print the data type of a dictionary:

```
In [ ]: thisdict = {
    "brand": "Ford",
    "model": "Mustang",
    "year": 1964
    }
    print(type(thisdict))
```

## **Accessing Items**

You can access the items of a dictionary by referring to its key name, inside square brackets:

Example

Get the value of the "model" key:

```
In [ ]: thisdict = {
    "brand": "Ford",
    "model": "Mustang",
    "year": 1964
    }
    x = thisdict["model"]
```

There is also a method called get() that will give you the same result:

Example

Get the value of the "model" key:

```
In [ ]: x = thisdict.get("model")
```

# **Get Keys**

The keys() method will return a list of all the keys in the dictionary.

Example

Get a list of the keys:

```
In [ ]: x = thisdict.keys()
```

The list of the keys is a view of the dictionary, meaning that any changes done to the dictionary will be reflected in the keys list.

Example

Add a new item to the original dictionary, and see that the keys list gets updated as well:

#### **Get Values**

The values() method will return a list of all the values in the dictionary.

Example

Get a list of the values:

```
In [ ]: x = thisdict.values()
```

The list of the values is a view of the dictionary, meaning that any changes done to the dictionary will be reflected in the values list.

Make a change in the original dictionary, and see that the values list gets updated as well:

Example

Add a new item to the original dictionary, and see that the values list gets updated as well:

### **Get Items**

The items() method will return each item in a dictionary, as tuples in a list.

Example

Get a list of the key:value pairs

```
In [ ]: x = thisdict.items()
```

The returned list is a view of the items of the dictionary, meaning that any changes done to the dictionary will be reflected in the items list.

Example

Make a change in the original dictionary, and see that the items list gets updated as well:

```
In []:
    car = {
        "brand": "Ford",
        "model": "Mustang",
        "year": 1964
    }
    x = car.items()
    print(x) #before the change
    car["year"] = 2020
    print(x) #after the change
```

Example

Add a new item to the original dictionary, and see that the items list gets updated as well:

```
In []: car = {
    "brand": "Ford",
    "model": "Mustang",
    "year": 1964
    }
    x = car.items()
    print(x) #before the change
    car["color"] = "red"
    print(x) #after the change
```

## **Check if Key Exists**

To determine if a specified key is present in a dictionary use the in keyword:

Example

```
In [ ]: thisdict = {
    "brand": "Ford",
    "model": "Mustang",
    "year": 1964
    }
    if "model" in thisdict:
    print("Yes, 'model' is one of the keys in the thisdict dictionary")
```

```
In [ ]:
```