

Collections Module

<code>namedtuple()</code>	factory function for creating tuple subclasses with named fields
<code>deque</code>	list-like container with fast appends and pops on either end
<code>ChainMap</code>	dict-like class for creating a single view of multiple mappings
<code>Counter</code>	dict subclass for counting hashable objects
<code>OrderedDict</code>	dict subclass that remembers the order entries were added
<code>defaultdict</code>	dict subclass that calls a factory function to supply missing values
<code>UserDict</code>	wrapper around dictionary objects for easier dict subclassing
<code>UserList</code>	wrapper around list objects for easier list subclassing
<code>UserString</code>	wrapper around string objects for easier string subclassing

deque

A list-like data structure with fast appends and pops on either end

- Deques are generalization of stacks and queues (the name is pronounced "deck" and is short for "double-ended queue").
- Deques support thread-safe, memory efficient appends and from either side of the deque with approximately the same $O(1)$ performance in either direction.
- Though list objects support similar operations, they are optimized for fast fixed-length operations and incur $O(n)$ memory movements for `pop()` and `insert(O, v)` operations which change both the size and position of the underlying data representation.
- Indexed access is $O(1)$ at both ends but slows to $O(n)$ in the middle. For fast random access, use lists instead.

<https://docs.python.org/3/library/collections.html#collections.deque> (<https://docs.python.org/3/library/collections.html#collections.deque>)

```
In [1]: 1 # Queue using list
2
3 lst= []
4 def add_person(name):
5     lst.append(name)
6     print(f"{name} has been added to the queue")
7     print(f"new list is {lst}\n")
8
9 def service_person():
10    lst.pop(0)
11    print("first person has been serviced")
12    print(f"new list is {lst}\n")
13
14 def add_vip(name):
15    lst.insert(0, name)
16    print(f"{name} : vip is added to the queue")
17    print(f"new list is {lst}\n")
18
19 add_person("A")
20 add_person("B")
21 add_person("C")
22 service_person()
23 add_vip("VIP")
```

A has been added to the queue
new list is ['A']

B has been added to the queue
new list is ['A', 'B']

C has been added to the queue
new list is ['A', 'B', 'C']

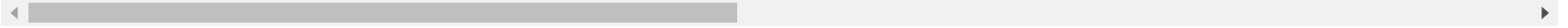
first person has been serviced
new list is ['B', 'C']

VIP : vip is added to the queue
new list is ['VIP', 'B', 'C']

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/14668769/does-python-have-built-in-linkedlist-data->

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It is also possible to use a list as a queue, where the first element added is the first element retrieved (“first-in, first-out”); however, lists are not efficient for this purpose. While appends and pops from the end of list are fast, doing inserts or pops from the beginning of a list is slow (because all of the other elements have to be shifted by one). To implement a queue, use collections.deque which was designed to have fast appends and pops from both ends.



```
In [2]: 1 from collections import deque
2
3 lst = deque()
4 def add_person(name):
5     lst.append(name)
6     print(f"{name} has been added to the queue")
7     print(f"new list is {lst}\n")
8
9 def service_person():
10    lst.popleft()
11    print("first person has been serviced")
12    print(f"new list is {lst}\n")
13
14 def add_vip(name):
15    lst.appendleft(name)
16    print(f"{name} has been added to the queue")
17    print(f"new list is {lst}")
18
19 add_person("A")
20 add_person("B")
21 add_person("C")
22 service_person()
23 add_vip("VIP")
```

A has been added to the queue
new list is deque(['A'])

B has been added to the queue
new list is deque(['A', 'B'])

C has been added to the queue
new list is deque(['A', 'B', 'C'])

first person has been serviced
new list is deque(['B', 'C'])

VIP has been added to the queue
new list is deque(['VIP', 'B', 'C'])

Default dict

Usually, a Python dictionary throws a `KeyError` if you try to get an item with a key that is not currently in the dictionary.

The `defaultdict` in contrast will simply create any items that you try to access (provided of course they do not exist yet).

To create such a "default" item, it calls the function object that you pass to the constructor (more precisely, it's an arbitrary "callable" object, which includes function and type objects).

`defaultdict` means that if a key is not found in the dictionary, then instead of a `KeyError` being thrown, a new entry is created. The type of this new entry is given by the argument of `defaultdict`.

The functionality of both dictionaries and `defaultdict` are almost same except for the fact that `defaultdict` never raises a `KeyError`. It provides a default value for the key that does not exist.

Syntax: `defaultdict(default_factory)`

`default_factory` is a function returning the default value for the dictionary defined. If this argument is absent then the dictionary raises a `KeyError`.

In [3]:

```
1 d = {"hi", 2:"bye"}
2 print(d[1])
3 print(d[3])
```

hi

```
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KeyError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-3-b7bc426e108d> in <module>
      1 d = {"hi", 2:"bye"}
      2 print(d[1])
----> 3 print(d[3])

KeyError: 3
```

In [4]:

```
1 from collections import defaultdict
```

```
In [5]: 1 def def_value():
2         return "Not Present"
3
4 d = defaultdict(def_value)
5 d["a"] = 1
6 d["b"] = 2
7
8 print(d["a"])
9 print(d["b"])
10 print(d["c"])
```

```
1
2
Not Present
```

```
In [6]: 1 # Default items are created using int(), which will return the integer object 0.
2 d = {1:"hi", 2:"bye"}
3
4 new = defaultdict(int, d)
5 print(new[3])
6 new
```

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0
```

```
Out[6]: defaultdict(int, {1: 'hi', 2: 'bye', 3: 0})
```

```
In [7]: 1 # Default items are created using list(), which returns a new empty list object.
2 d = {1: [10, 9, 8], 2:[12, 10, 15]}
3
4 new = defaultdict(list, d)
5 print(new[3])
6 new
```

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[]
```

```
Out[7]: defaultdict(list, {1: [10, 9, 8], 2: [12, 10, 15], 3: []})
```

```
In [8]: 1 def my_fun():
        2     return("Not Present")
        3
        4 d = {1:"hi", 2:"bye"}
        5
        6 new = defaultdict(my_fun, d)
        7 print(new[3])
        8 new
```

Not Present

```
Out[8]: defaultdict(<function __main__.my_fun()>,
                    {1: 'hi', 2: 'bye', 3: 'Not Present'})
```

```
In [9]: 1 # Example 1
        2 # Input: s = 'mississippi'
        3 # Output: {'m':1, 'i':4, 's':4, 'p':2}
```

```
In [10]: 1 # Using dictionary
        2 s = 'mississippi'
        3 r = {}
        4 def count(s):
        5     for i in s:
        6         if i not in r:
        7             r[i] = 1
        8         else:
        9             r[i] += 1
        10
        11 count(s)
        12 print(r)
```

Can also use r.keys() insted of r

{'m': 1, 'i': 4, 's': 4, 'p': 2}

```
In [11]: 1 # Using defaultdict
2 s = 'mississippi'
3 r = defaultdict(int)
4 def count(s):
5     for i in s:
6         r[i] += 1
7
8 count(s)
9 print(r)
```

```
defaultdict(<class 'int'>, {'m': 1, 'i': 4, 's': 4, 'p': 2})
```

```
In [12]: 1 # Example 2
2 # Input: s = [('red',1), ('blue',2), ('red',3), ('blue',5), ('yellow',1)]
3 # Output: {'red': [1, 3], 'blue': [2, 5], 'yellow': [1]}
```

```
In [13]: 1 # Using defaultdict
2 s = [('red',1), ('blue',2), ('red',3), ('blue',5), ('yellow',1)]
3
4 a = defaultdict(list)
5 for key, value in s:
6     x = a[key]
7     x.append(value)
8     # a[key].append(value)
9
10 print(a)
```

```
defaultdict(<class 'list'>, {'red': [1, 3], 'blue': [2, 5], 'yellow': [1]})
```

Counter

class collections.Counter(iterable-or-mapping)

- A Counter is a dict subclass for counting hashable objects. It is an unordered collection where elements are stored as dictionary keys and their counts are stored as dictionary values.
- Counter objects have a dictionary interface except that they return a zero count for missing items instead of raising a KeyError


```
In [14]: 1 from collections import Counter
```

```
In [15]: 1 # Converting list to counter
2 l = [1, 2, 1, 3, 4, 2, 2, 3, 4, 2, 3]
3 c = Counter(l)
4 print(c)
```

```
Counter({2: 4, 3: 3, 1: 2, 4: 2})
```

```
In [16]: 1 c[3], c[2]
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```
Out[16]: (3, 4)
```

```
In [17]: 1 # Converting dictionary to counter
2 d = {2: 4, 3: 3, 1: 2, 4: 2}
3 c = Counter(d)
4 c[5]
```

```
Out[17]: 0
```

```
In [18]: 1 d = {2: [1,2,3], 3: [1,3,3], 1: [1,5,7], 4: [2,5,6]}
2 c = Counter(d)
3 c[6]
```

```
Out[18]: 0
```

```
In [19]: 1 # Deleting key, same as dictionary
2 del c[4]
3 c
```

```
Out[19]: Counter({2: [1, 2, 3], 3: [1, 3, 3], 1: [1, 5, 7]})
```

Counter Methods: Counter support 3 additional methods apart from available dictionary methods.

```
In [20]: 1 # elements(): Returns an iterator over elements repeating each as many times as its count. Eleme
2 # in arbitrary order. If an element's count is less than one, elements() will ignore it.
3
4 c = Counter(a=4, b=2, d=-5, g =7)
5 c.elements()
6 # list(c.elements())
```

Out[20]: <itertools.chain at 0x7f79d97b7490>

```
In [21]: 1 # most_common(n): Returns a list of the n most common elements and their counts from the most c
2 # least. If n is omitted or None, most_common() returns all elernents in the counter.
3 # Elements with equal counts are ordered arbitrarily.
4
5 c = Counter('mississippiippimriver')
6 print(c)
7 c.most_common()      # give all count
8 # c.most_common(4)   # top 4
```

Counter({'i': 7, 's': 4, 'p': 4, 'm': 2, 'r': 2, 'v': 1, 'e': 1})

Out[21]: [('i', 7), ('s', 4), ('p', 4), ('m', 2), ('r', 2), ('v', 1), ('e', 1)]

```
In [22]: 1 # Same problem using dictionary
2 s = 'mississippiippimriver'
3 d = {}
4 for char in s:
5     if char not in d:                # This case is omitted for defaultdict
6         d[char] = 1
7     else:
8         d[char] += 1
9
10 new_d = sorted(d.items(), key=lambda x: x[1], reverse= True)
11 new_d
12
13 # Can you try this using defaultdict?
```

Out[22]: [('i', 7), ('s', 4), ('p', 4), ('m', 2), ('r', 2), ('v', 1), ('e', 1)]

```
In [23]: 1 # subtract([iterable-or-mapping]): Elements are subtracted from an iterable or from another mapping
          2 # counter). Like dict.update() but subtracts instead of replacing them. Both inputs and outputs
          3 # or negative
          4
          5 c = Counter({2: 4, 3: 3, 1: 2, 4: 2})
          6 d = Counter({2: 5, 1: 1, 4: 0, 3: 2})
          7
          8 c.subtract(d)
          9 c
```

Out[23]: Counter({2: -1, 3: 1, 1: 1, 4: 2})

OrderedDict

An OrderedDict is a dictionary subclass that remembers the order that keys were first inserted. The only difference between dict() and OrderedDict() is that:

OrderedDict preserves the order in which the keys are inserted. A regular dict doesn't track the insertion order, and iterating it gives the values in an arbitrary order. By contrast, the order the items are inserted is remembered by OrderedDict.

<https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/ordereddict-in-python/> (<https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/ordereddict-in-python/>)

In []:

```
1
```