

Part 1: Squared Numbers Dictionary

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```
squared_num = {x: x**2 for x in range(6)}
```

- A dictionary comprehension creates:

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```
{0: 0, 1: 1, 2: 4, 3: 9, 4: 16, 5: 25}
```

Each key is `x`, and its value is `x**2` (`x` squared).

Then, you accessed individual items:

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```
squared_num[0] → 0 squared_num[5] → 25 squared_num[3] → 9 squared_num[2] → 4
```

Then you cleared the dictionary:

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```
squared_num.clear()
```

- Now `squared_num` is `{}`, an empty dictionary.

Part 2: Using `dict.fromkeys()`

Step 1: Creating a list of keys

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keys = ["Masala", "Ginger", "Lemon"]
```

Now `keys` looks like:

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```
['Masala', 'Ginger', 'Lemon']
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Step 2: Creating a dictionary from keys with the same default value

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default_value = "Delicious" new_dict = dict.fromkeys(keys, default_value)
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This creates:

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{'Masala': 'Delicious', 'Ginger': 'Delicious', 'Lemon': 'Delicious'}
```

🧠 **Important Note:** All values are 'Delicious' , but each key has its **own copy of the string** (since strings are immutable).

! Step 3: Using dict.fromkeys() without specifying a value

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new_dict = dict.fromkeys(keys)
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If you don't provide a value, it defaults to None :

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```
{'Masala': None, 'Ginger': None, 'Lemon': None}
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But in this case, you ran:

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new_dict = dict.fromkeys(keys, keys)
```

This sets the **same list (keys) as the value for each key:**

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{ 'Masala': ['Masala', 'Ginger', 'Lemon'], 'Ginger': ['Masala', 'Ginger', 'Lemon'],
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'Lemon': ['Masala', 'Ginger', 'Lemon'] }
```

Important Warning:

- All three keys **share the same list**.
- If you change `new_dict["Masala"][0] = "Spicy"` it would also change the list for the other two keys.

Summary

| Code | What It Does |
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| <code>dict.fromkeys(keys, "value")</code> | Creates a dictionary with each key having the same value |
| <code>dict.fromkeys(keys, keys)</code> | Each key points to the same list , which can be risky |
| <code>.clear()</code> | Empties a dictionary |