Dictionaries



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Definition





- In Python a dictionary is an ordered collection of items (Python 3.7+)
- While other data types have only value as an element, a dictionary has key-value pairs
- Values can be of any data type and can repeat
- Keys must be immutable and must be unique

Examples



Creating a dictionary using curly braces {}

```
# empty dictionary
my_dict = {}
# dictionary with string keys
my_dict = {'fruit': 'apple', 'vegetable': 'cucumber'}
```

Creating a dictionary using dict() function

```
dict_arguments = dict(name="George", age=22)
# {"name": "George", "age": 22}
key=value argument
```

Examples



You can write a dictionary on multiple lines

```
Indentation
```

```
my_dict = {
    'fruit': 'apple',
    'vegetable': 'cucumber',
    'diary': 'milk',
}
```

Comma after every pair



What is a Key?



- While indexing is used with other container types to access values, dictionary uses keys
- Key can be used either inside square brackets or with the get() method

```
my_dict = {'name':'Jack', 'age': 26}
print(my_dict['name']) # Jack
print(my_dict.get('age')) # 26
my_dict['address'] # KeyError
my_dict.get('address') # None
```

Change Values



- Dictionary is a mutable collection
- We can add new items or change the value of existing items using an assignment operator
- If the key is already present, value gets updated, else a new pair is added to the dictionary

```
my_dict = {'name':'Jack', 'age': 26}
my_dict['age'] = 27  # update
print(my_dict['age']) # 27
```

Problem: Bakery

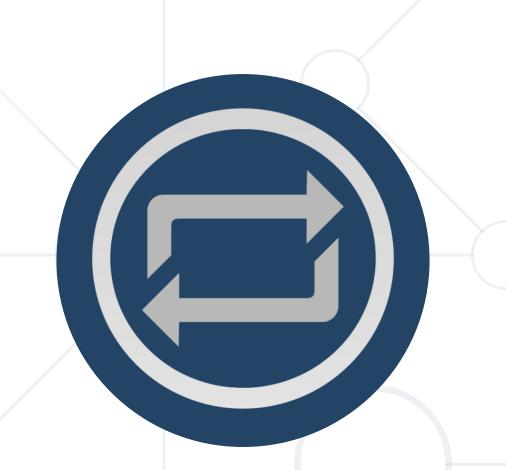


- You will receive a single line containing some food (keys) and quantities (values)
- They will be separated by a single space (the first element is the key, the second – the value and so on)
- Create a dictionary and print it on the console

Solution: Bakery



```
elements = input().split(" ")
bakery = {} # bakery = dict()
for i in range(0, len(elements), 2):
    key = elements[i]
   value = elements[i + 1]
    bakery[key] = int(value)
print(bakery)
```



Iterating Through Dictionaries

Iterating Through Keys



Using the keys () method to get all the keys from a dictionary

```
squares = {1: 1, 2: 4, 3: 9}
for key in squares.keys():
    print(key, end=" ") # 1 2 3
```

Changing the values by iterating through the keys

```
squares = {1: 1, 2: 4, 3: 9}
for key in squares.keys():
    squares[key] *= 2
# {1: 2, 2: 8, 3: 18}
```

Iterating Through Values



Using the values() method to get all the values

```
squares = {1: 1, 2: 4, 3: 9}
for value in squares.values():
    print(value, end=" ") # 1 4 9
```

We can also use the keys to get the values

```
squares = {1: 1, 2: 4, 3: 9}
for key in squares.keys():
    print(squares[key], end=" ") # 1 4 9
```

Iterating Using Items()



- Use the items() method to iterate through key-value pairs
- It returns tuple (key, value) pairs (tuples will be covered in the advanced course)

```
squares = {
    3: 9,
for (key, value) in squares.items():
    print(f"Key: {key}, Value: {value}")
```



Checking for Existence



Check for key existence by using the keys() method

```
my_dict = {'name': 'Peter', 'age': 22}
if 'name' in my_dict.keys(): # You can skip keys()
    print(my_dict['name']) # Peter
```

Check for value existence by using the values() method

```
my_dict = {'name': 'Peter', 'age': 22}
if 22 in my_dict.values():
   print("22 is a value in the dictionary")
# 22 is a value in the dictionary
```

Problem: Stock



- You will be given key-value pairs of products and quantities
- On the next line you will be given products to search for
- Check for each product, you have 2 possibilities:
 - If you have it, print "We have {quantity} of
 {product} left"
 - Otherwise, print "Sorry, we don't have {product}"

Solution: Stock



```
elements = input().split(" ")
bakery = {|}
# Fill in the products in the dictionary
searched_products = input().split(" ")
for product in searched_products:
    if product in bakery:
        print(f"We have {bakery[product]} of {product} left")
    else:
        print(f"Sorry, we don't have {product}")
```

Problem: Statistics



- You will be receiving key-value pairs on separate lines separated by ": " until you receive the command "statistics"
- Sometimes you may receive a product more than once. In that case add up the quantities

When you receive the "statistics" command, print the output as in

the example

bread: 4

cheese: 2

ham: 1

bread: 1

statistics

Products in stock:

- bread: 5

- cheese: 2

- ham: 1

Total Products: 3

Total Quantity: 8

Solution: Statistics



```
products = {|}
command = input()
while command != "statistics":
    # split the command and get the product and the quantity
    if product not in products:
        products[product] = 0
    products[product] += quantity
    command = input()
# TODO: print the result
```



Dictionary Methods



clear() - removes all the elements from a dictionary

```
my_dict = {1: 'apple', 2: 'banana'}
my_dict.clear()
print(my_dict) # {}
```

copy() - returns a copy of a dictionary

```
my_dict = {1: 'apple', 2: 'banana'}
copied_dict = my_dict.copy()
print(my_dict == copied_dict) # True
```

Dictionary Methods (2)



pop() - removes and returns an item from a dictionary having the given key

```
my_dict = {"fruit": "apple", "vegetable": "cucumber"}
apple = my_dict.pop("fruit") # 'apple'
print(my_dict) # {'vegetable': 'cucumber'}
```

 popitem() - removes an item that was last inserted and returns it as a tuple - (key, value)

```
my_dict = {"fruit": "apple", "vegetable": "cucumber"}
print(my_dict.popitem()) # ("vegetable", "cucumber")
print(my_dict) # {"fruit": "apple"}
```

Dictionary Methods (3)

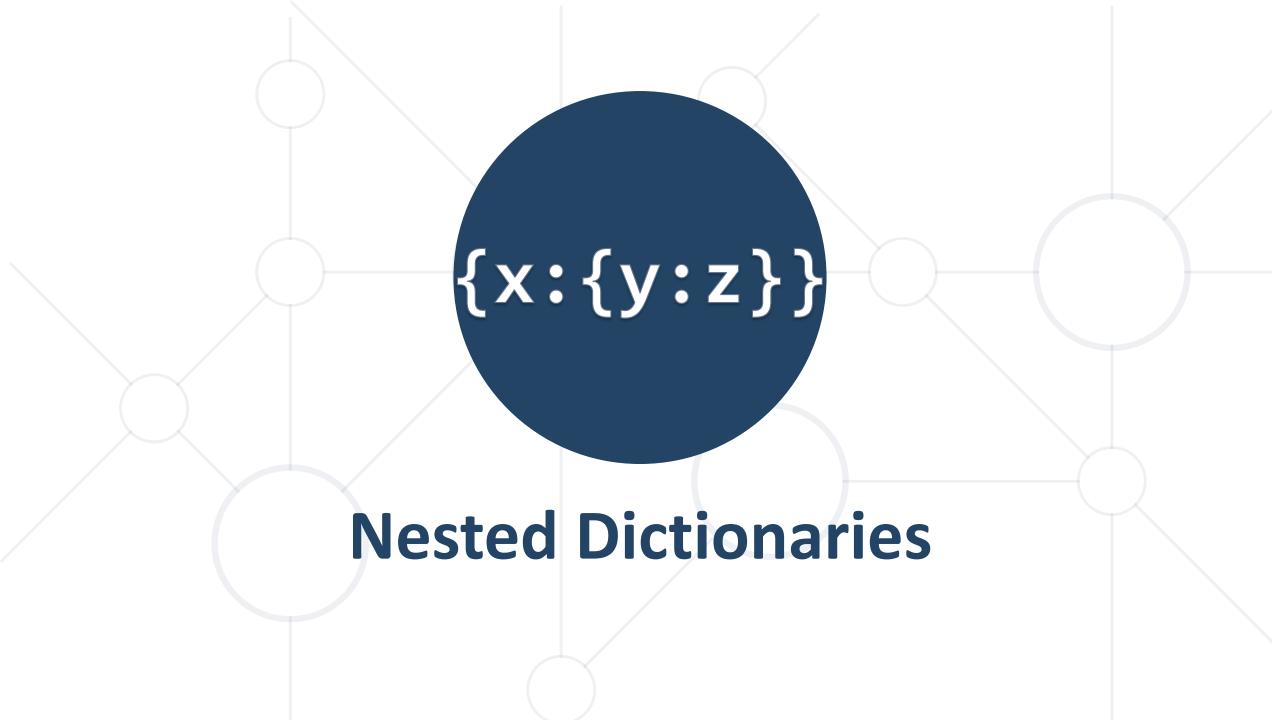


del keyword - removes an item with a specified key name

```
students = {"name": "George", "course": "Fundamentals"}
del students["course"]
print(students) # {"name": "George"}
```

del keyword can also delete the dictionary completely

```
students = {"name": "George", "course": "Fundamentals"}
del students
print(students) # NameError
```



What is Nested Dictionary?



- It is a collection of dictionaries into one single dictionary
- Nested dictionary's key have another dictionary as value
- Nested dictionaries are useful if you want to store
 a large amount of data in a structured way



Nested Dictionary



Creating nested dictionary

Accessing an element

```
first_student_name = students[1]['name']
print(first_student_name) # Peter
```

Adding an element

```
students[3] = {} # {3: {}}
students[3]['name'] = 'Amy' # {3: {'name': 'Amy'}}
students[3]['age'] = 25 # {3: {'name': 'Amy', 'age': 25}}
```

Iterate through Nested Dictionary



We use nested for-loop

```
Using items() method
shopping_list = {
    "foods": {"nuts": "almonds"},
    "drinks": {"soft": "lemonade", "wine": "merlot"}
for key, value in shopping_list.items():
    for nested_key, nested_value in value.items():
        print(f'{nested_value} bought')
        shopping_list[key][nested_key] = 'bought'
```

Problem: Students



- You will be receiving names of students, their ID and a course of programming they have taken in format "{name}:{ID}:{course}"
- On the last line you will receive a name of a course in snake case style
- You should print only the information of the students taken the corresponding course in the format: "{name} - {ID}" on separate lines

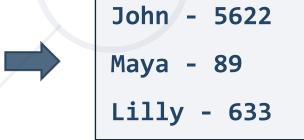
```
Peter:123:programming basics

John:5622:fundamentals

Maya:89:fundamentals

Lilly:633:fundamentals
```

fundamentals



Solution: Students



```
students_dict = {}
command = input()
while ":" in command:
    info = command.split(":")
    name, id, course = info[0], info[1], info[2]
    if course not in students_dict:
        students_dict[course] = {}
    students_dict[course][id] = name
    command = input()
course = " ".join(command.split("_"))
for key, value in students_dict.items():
    if key == course:
        for id, name in value.items():
            print(f'{name} - {id}')
```



Dictionary Comprehensions

Dictionary Comprehensions



Creating a dictionary using dictionary comprehension

```
data = [("Peter", 22), ("Amy", 18), ("George", 35)]
dictionary = {key:value for (key, value) in data}
# {'Peter': 22, 'Amy': 18, 'George': 35}
```



Form a dictionary with cube values of numbers

```
nums = [1, 2, 3]
cubes = {num:num ** 3 for num in nums}
# {1: 1, 2: 8, 3: 27}
```

Problem: ASCII Values



 Write a program that receives a list of characters and creates a dictionary with each character as a key and its ASCII value as a value. Try solving that problem using comprehensions

```
a, b, c, a {'a': 97, 'b': 98, 'c': 99}
```

```
words = input().split(", ")
occurrences = {word: ord(word) for word in words}
print(occurrences)
```



Summary



- We learned:
 - What dictionaries are
 - How to create dictionaries
 - How to iterate through dictionaries
 - Additional dictionary methods
 - Nested dictionaries
 - Dictionary comprehensions





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