

# The collections module

- the **collections** module contains a bunch of useful types which are derived from (read: inherited from) some of the built-in types we're already familiar with

## Ordered Dictionaries

- ordered dictionaries are dictionaries which retain their insertion order, i.e., the order in which you insert the items is in the order in which you iterate through them

```
In [1]: %%python2
# dictionaries did not retain insertion order prior to Python 3.6
d = {}
d['one'] = 3
d['two'] = 6
d['three'] = 0
print(d)

{'three': 0, 'two': 6, 'one': 3}
```

```
In [2]: %%python2
from collections import OrderedDict
d = OrderedDict() # {}
d['one'] = 3
d['two'] = 6
d['three'] = 0
print(d)

OrderedDict([('one', 3), ('two', 6), ('three', 0)])
```

```
In [3]: %%python2
from collections import OrderedDict
d = OrderedDict()
d['one'] = 3
d['two'] = 6
d['three'] = 0
```

```
for k, v in d.items():
    print('%s => %s' % (k, v))
```

```
one => 3
two => 6
three => 0
```

```
In [4]: # Python 3.6 dicts retain insertion order by default
# see https://mail.python.org/pipermail/python-dev/2016-September/146327.html
d = {}
d['one'] = 3
d['two'] = 6
d['three'] = 0
print(d)
```

```
{'one': 3, 'two': 6, 'three': 0}
```

```
In [5]: # OrderedDict less useful in Python 3.6, but it does have a
# new method...
from collections import OrderedDict
d = OrderedDict()
d['one'] = 3
d['two'] = 6
d['three'] = 0
print(d)
```

```
OrderedDict([('one', 3), ('two', 6), ('three', 0)])
```

```
In [6]: d.move_to_end('one')
d
```

```
Out[6]: OrderedDict([('two', 6), ('three', 0), ('one', 3)])
```

```
In [7]: d.move_to_end('one', False)
d
```

```
Out[7]: OrderedDict([('one', 3), ('two', 6), ('three', 0)])
```

## The collections module: Default Dictionaries

# Default Dictionaries

- suppose we need a default value for any key which does not exist in the dictionary
  - we can use the `get()` function, or `setdefault()` (or the `in` operator), or we can use a Default Dictionary

```
In [8]: # what we did before...

def count_letters(word):
    '''Returns a dict of letters and how many times the letter
    appeared in the word passed in'''
    count = {}
    for ltr in word:
        #count[ltr] = count.setdefault(ltr, 0) + 1
        count[ltr] = count.get(ltr, 0) + 1
    return count

count_letters('antidisestablishmentarianism')
```

```
Out[8]: {'a': 4,
        'n': 3,
        't': 3,
        'i': 5,
        'd': 1,
        's': 4,
        'e': 2,
        'b': 1,
        'l': 1,
        'h': 1,
        'm': 2,
        'r': 1}
```

```
In [9]: from collections import defaultdict

def count_letters(word):
    '''Returns a dict of letters and how many times the letter
    appeared in the string passed in.'''
    # When creating a defaultdict,
    # the passed argument dictates what the
    # default value will be (int = 0, str = "", list = [])
    count = defaultdict(int)
    for ltr in word:
        count[ltr] += 1
    return count
```

```
count_letters('one two three four two three three')
```

```
Out[9]: defaultdict(int,
    {'o': 4,
     'n': 1,
     'e': 7,
     ' ': 6,
     't': 5,
     'w': 2,
     'h': 3,
     'r': 4,
     'f': 1,
     'u': 1})
```

## Lab: Default Dictionaries

- read from a file where each line is a word followed by a count, e.g.,  
apple 2  
pear 3  
cherry 5  
apple 3  
pear 6  
apple 1  
(as shown above, words may be duplicated)
- generate a **defaultdict** where the keys are the words and the value are a *list* of all the counts for that word, e.g.,  
`defaultdict(<class 'list'>, {'apple': ['2', '3', '1'], 'pear': ['3', '6'], 'cherry': ['5']})`

## Now, for more fun, let's implement a default dictionary without using the **collections** module

- In other words, make your own class (e.g., `MyDefaultDict`)
- What class or classes should it inherit from?
- You will need to create the method `__getitem__(self, key)` which is what Python uses under the hood to retrieve an item from a dictionary
  - if the key in question is not currently in the dict, what should you return?

# The collections module: Deque

## Deque

- double ended queue
- pronounced "deck"

```
In [10]: from collections import deque
dq = deque(range(10), maxlen=10) # maxlen is optional
print(dq)
```

```
deque([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9], maxlen=10)
```

```
In [11]: dq.rotate(3) # +n takes items from right, prepends to left, vice versa for -n
print(dq)
```

```
deque([7, 8, 9, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6], maxlen=10)
```

```
In [12]: dq.rotate(-4)
print(dq)
```

```
deque([1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 0], maxlen=10)
```

```
In [13]: dq.appendleft('a') # appending to full deque discards item(s) from other end
print(dq)
```

```
deque(['a', 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9], maxlen=10)
```

```
In [14]: dq.extend('bcd')
print(dq)
```

```
deque([3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 'b', 'c', 'd'], maxlen=10)
```

```
In [15]: dq.extendleft((-1, -2, -3))
print(dq)
```

```
deque([-3, -2, -1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9], maxlen=10)
```

```
In [16]: dq.pop() # same as list
```

```
Out[16]: 9
```

```
In [17]: dq.popleft() # specific to deque, as is rotate()
```

```
Out[17]: -3
```

```
In [18]: print(dq)
dq.remove(3) # same as list
print(dq)
```

```
deque([-2, -1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8], maxlen=10)
deque([-2, -1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8], maxlen=10)
```

```
In [19]: dq.reverse()
print(dq)
```

```
deque([8, 7, 6, 5, 4, -1, -2], maxlen=10)
```

```
In [20]: dq.append(0)
dq
```

```
Out[20]: deque([8, 7, 6, 5, 4, -1, -2, 0])
```

## Lab: Deque

- use a deque to print the last  $n$  lines of file, much like **tail** in Linux
- remember that you can iterate through a file a line at a time

## The collections module: Named Tuples

### Named Tuples

- tuples are quite handy, but they are missing a key feature when using them as records—sometimes we want to name the fields
  - more efficient (i.e., less memory) than dictionaries because instances don't need to contain the keys themselves, as dictionaries do, just the values
- **namedtuple()** returns not an individual object but a new class, customized for the given names

```
In [21]: from collections import namedtuple
Point = namedtuple('Point', 'x y')
# first argument is the name of the tuple class itself
# second argument is attribute names as an iterable of strings or a
# single space/comma-delimited string
point1 = Point(1, 3)
print(point1, type(point1))
```

```
Point(x=1, y=3) <class '__main__.Point'>
```

```
In [22]: point2 = Point(-3, -2)
print(point2)
print(point1[0], point2[1]) # what we would do if just a tuple
```

```
Point(x=-3, y=-2)
1 -2
```

```
In [23]: print(point1.x, point1.y) # much nicer, because fields are named
```

```
1 3
```

```
In [24]: from collections import namedtuple
City = namedtuple('City', 'name country population coordinates')
tokyo = City('Tokyo', 'JP', 36.933, (35.689722, 139.691667))
print(tokyo)
```

```
City(name='Tokyo', country='JP', population=36.933, coordinates=(35.689722, 139.691667))
```

```
In [25]: print(tokyo.population) # Prefer to use attribute or field names
print(tokyo.coordinates)
print(tokyo[1]) # use indexing if I wish
```

```
36.933
(35.689722, 139.691667)
JP
```

```
In [26]: type(City), type(tokyo)
```

```
Out[26]: (type, __main__.City)
```

```
In [27]: for field in City._fields: # tuple containing field names
          print(field)
```

```
name
country
population
coordinates
```

```
In [28]: LatLong = namedtuple('LatLong', 'lat long')
          delhi_data = ('Delhi NCR', 'IN', 21.935,
                        LatLong(28.613889, 77.2098889)) # tuple
```

```
In [29]: delhi = City._make(delhi_data)
          delhi
```

```
Out[29]: City(name='Delhi NCR', country='IN', population=21.935, coordinates=LatLong(lat=28.613889, long=77.2098889))
```

```
In [30]: delhi2 = City(*delhi_data)
          delhi2
```

```
Out[30]: City(name='Delhi NCR', country='IN', population=21.935, coordinates=LatLong(lat=28.613889, long=77.2098889))
```

```
In [31]: delhi == delhi2
```

```
Out[31]: True
```

```
In [32]: d = delhi._asdict() # returns an OrderedDict built from named tuple
          print(d)
```

```
{'name': 'Delhi NCR', 'country': 'IN', 'population': 21.935, 'coordinates': LatLong(lat=28.613889, long=77.2098889)}
```

## Lab: Named Tuples



1. Create a named tuple called **Card** (representing a playing card) which has two fields, **rank** and **suit**
2. Create a list of **Card** s, which, when initialized, contains all 52 cards in a deck
3. In other words, the list (or deck) should contain

```
[Card(rank=2, suit='clubs'), Card(rank=3, suit='clubs'), Card(rank=4, suit='clubs'), ..., Card(rank='Q', suit='spades'), Card(rank='K', suit='spades'), Card(rank='A', suit='spades')]
```

In [ ]:

# The collections module: Counters

## Counters

- **dict** subclass for counting things
- unordered collection where things being counted are **dict** keys and the counts are **dict** values
- **Counters** can have negative values

In [33]:

```
from collections import Counter
c = Counter()
c
```

Out[33]: Counter()

In [34]:

```
c = Counter('antidisestablishmentarianism')
c
```

Out[34]:

```
Counter({'a': 4,
        'n': 3,
        't': 3,
        'i': 5,
        'd': 1,
        's': 4,
        'e': 2,
        'b': 1,
        'l': 1,
        'h': 1,
```

```
'm': 2,  
'r': 1})
```

```
In [35]: c.update('establish' * 10)  
c
```

```
Out[35]: Counter({'a': 14,  
                 'n': 3,  
                 't': 13,  
                 'i': 15,  
                 'd': 1,  
                 's': 24,  
                 'e': 12,  
                 'b': 11,  
                 'l': 11,  
                 'h': 11,  
                 'm': 2,  
                 'r': 1})
```

```
In [36]: c = Counter({'red': 5, 'blue': -1})  
c
```

```
Out[36]: Counter({'red': 5, 'blue': -1})
```

```
In [37]: c = Counter(foo=1, bar=2)  
c
```

```
Out[37]: Counter({'foo': 1, 'bar': 2})
```

```
In [38]: c = Counter(red=6, blue=5, green=3, pink=1,  
                    yellow=-3)  
c.elements() # returns an iterator
```

```
Out[38]: <itertools.chain at 0x7f3fb04d07f0>
```

```
In [39]: for thing in c.elements(): # cf. list(...)  
         print(thing, end=' ')
```

```
red red red red red red blue blue blue blue blue green green green pink
```

```
In [40]: c.most_common(3) # returns the n most common elements
```

```
Out[40]: [('red', 6), ('blue', 5), ('green', 3)]
```

```
In [41]: d = Counter(fuschia=3, pink=0, red=3, blue=5, green=2)
c.subtract(d) # preserves negative values
c
```

```
Out[41]: Counter({'red': 3,
                 'blue': 0,
                 'green': 1,
                 'pink': 1,
                 'yellow': -3,
                 'fuschia': -3})
```

```
In [42]: c.items() # remember that under the hood, this is a dict
```

```
Out[42]: dict_items([('red', 3), ('blue', 0), ('green', 1), ('pink', 1), ('yellow', -3), ('fuschia', -3)])
```

```
In [43]: +c # generates new Counter, discarding 0s or negatives
```

```
Out[43]: Counter({'red': 3, 'green': 1, 'pink': 1})
```

```
In [44]: c = +c
c
```

```
Out[44]: Counter({'red': 3, 'green': 1, 'pink': 1})
```

```
In [45]: c = Counter(red=6, blue=-5, green=3, pink=1, yellow=-3)
c = -c # discard positives and multiply remaining negatives by -1
c
```

```
Out[45]: Counter({'blue': 5, 'yellow': 3})
```

```
In [46]: d = Counter(red=6, yellow=7, green=9)
c.update(d)
c
```

```
Out[46]: Counter({'blue': 5, 'yellow': 10, 'red': 6, 'green': 9})
```

```
In [47]: c = Counter(a=3, b=1, c=4)
         d = Counter(a=1, b=2, c=5)
         c + d
```

```
Out[47]: Counter({'a': 4, 'b': 3, 'c': 9})
```

```
In [48]: c - d
```

```
Out[48]: Counter({'a': 2})
```

```
In [49]: print(c, d, sep='\n')
```

```
Counter({'c': 4, 'a': 3, 'b': 1})
Counter({'c': 5, 'b': 2, 'a': 1})
```

## Lab: Counters

- Use a **Counter** to count the words in a file
- That is, read in a file, separate it into words, and use a **Counter** to count the number of occurrences of each word in the file.
- Print out the 10 most common words in the file