Practical Learning #3 **Python Dictionaries**

Dictionary

- A dictionary is a collection which is unordered, changeable and indexed.
- In Python dictionaries are written with curly brackets, and they have keys and values.
- Each key is separated from its value by a colon (:), the items are separated by commas, and the whole thing is enclosed in curly braces.
- An empty dictionary without any items is written with just two curly braces, like this: {}.
- Keys are unique within a dictionary while values may not be.
- The values of a dictionary can be of any type, but the keys must be of an immutable data type such as strings, numbers, or tuples.

Example:

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1. Create a new python file named LE3_Lastnamefirstname.
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2. Type the following code.
3.
   #Create and print a dictionary
   thisdict =
     "brand": "Ford",
     "model": "Mustang",
                                    OUTPUT:
     "year": 1964
                                    {'brand': 'Ford', 'model': 'Mustang', 'year': 1964}
   print (thisdict)
4.
   #Accessing Items
   #access the items of a dictionary
                                        OUTPUT:
   #by referring to its key name,
   #inside square brackets
                                       {'brand': 'Ford', 'model': 'Mustang', 'year': 1964}
                                       Mustang
   x = thisdict["model"]
                                       Mustang
   print(x)
   #There is also a method called get()
   #that will give you the same result
   x = thisdict.get("model")
   print(x)
5.
   #Change Values
                                           OUTPUT:
   #Change the value of a specific item
                                           {'brand': 'Ford', 'model': 'Mustang', 'year': 1964}
   #by referring to its key name
                                           Mustang
                                           Mustang
   thisdict["year"] = 2018
                                           {'brand': 'Ford', 'model': 'Mustang', 'year': 2018}
   print(thisdict)
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Comment code from #4 to #5

7.

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#Adding Items
#Is done by using a new index key
#and assigning a value to it
thisdict["color"] = "red"
print (thisdict)
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OUTPUT:
{'brand': 'Ford', 'model': 'Mustang', 'year': 1964}
{'brand': 'Ford', 'model': 'Mustang', 'year': 1964, 'color': 'red'}
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#Removing Items
#pop() method removes the item with the specified key name
thisdict.pop("model")
print(thisdict)
#popitem() method removes the last inserted item
#(in versions before 3.7, a random item is removed instead)
                                        OUTPUT:
thisdict.popitem()
                                         {'brand': 'Ford', 'model': 'Mustang', 'year': 1964}
{'brand': 'Ford', 'model': 'Mustang', 'year': 1964, 'color': 'red'}
print (thisdict)
                                         {'brand': 'Ford', 'year': 1964, 'color': 'red'}
{'brand': 'Ford', 'year': 1964}
                                         {'brand': 'Ford'}
#del keyword removes the
#item with the specified key name
del thisdict["year"]
print (thisdict)
#del keyword can also delete the dictionary completely
del thisdict
print(thisdict) #this will cause an error because "thisdict" no longer exists.
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- 9. Comment all previous codes.
- 10. Type and study the following program:

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studentList = {"last":[],"first":[]}
ctr = 0
def menu():
   print("1 = Add Student")
   print("2 = View Student List")
   print("3 = Delete Student Record")
   print("4 = Update Student Record")
   print("X = Exit")
   choice=input("Enter your choice: ")
   return choice
def main():
   global ctr
    while True:
       choice=menu()
       if choice=="1":
           ctr=ctr+1
            ln=input("Enter Last name: ")
            fn=input("Enter First name: ")
            studentList["last"].append(ln)
            studentList["first"].append(fn)
            #print(studentList)
        elif choice=="2":
            for i in range(ctr):
                print(i+1,end=" ")
                print(studentList["last"][i]+", "+studentList["first"][i])
        elif choice=="3":
            sno=int(input("Enter number to delete: "))
            if sno<1 or sno>ctr:
               print("Invalid number!")
                studentList["last"].pop(sno-1)
                studentList["first"].pop(sno-1)
                ctr = ctr -1
        elif choice=="4":
            sno=int(input("Enter number to Update: "))
            if sno<1 or sno>ctr:
               print("Invalid number!")
            else:
                for x in studentList:
                    c=input("Update " + x + "Y/N? ")
                    if c.upper() == "Y":
                        newData = input("Enter " + x +": ")
                        studentList[x][sno-1]=newData
        elif choice=="X":
           break;
main()
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