

# Python

Data Types and Structures: Lists, Tuples, Sets, Dicts

# In this lecture

- Concept of a data structure
- Array
- Strings
- Lists
- Tuples
- Sets
- Dictionaries

# Data Structures

# What is a data structure?

- Unlike a variable which stores one value at a time, **a data structure is built to store a collection of values.**
- **Indexed structures** allow for random access (RAM) – can locate an item by the index location. An array and vector allow for this.
- **Non-indexed structures** (or referenced) structures, on the other hand, are navigated sequentially. For example, a stream of data from the keyboard or from a file, or a linked list in which each node has a pointer the next in the sequence.

# Data structures and algorithms

- There are entire modules (courses) dedicated to this subject.
- The performance of typical operations (insert, delete, search and sort) vary across the structures.
- Big O notation (complexity): constant, linear, polynomial, linearithmic, quadratic etc.
- Path finding algorithms.
- Computer vision.

# Array

# Array

- The items in an array are called **elements**.
- We specify how many elements an array will have when we declare the size of the array (if '**fixed-size**'), unlike flexible sized collections (e.g. ArrayList in Java).
- Elements are numbered and can be referred to by number inside the [ ] is called the **index**. This is used when data is input and output.
- Can only store data if it **matches the type** the array is declared with.

# Array visualisation

int mark1	28
int mark2	76
int mark3	54

```
int[] marks = new int[8];
```

marks[0]	28
marks[1]	76
marks[2]	54
marks[3]	9
marks[4]	27
marks[5]	65
marks[6]	45
marks[7]	17

An Array is a structure that can hold multiple values in individual elements (positions)



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String (str)

# String

- A String (str) object is an immutable array of characters.
- Each character has a numbered position in the array (index):
- We can make use of functions to be able to perform operations on the string.

name = "Nick"

[0]

[1]

[2]

[3]

'N'

'i'

'c'

'k'

# Characters

```
In[ ]: 1 | name = "Nick"  
      2 | name[0]
```

# Characters

```
In[ ]: 1 | name = "Nick"  
      2 | name[0]
```

```
Out[ ]: 'N'
```

# dir() function

```
In[ ]: 1 | dir(str)  
      2 |
```

# dir() function

```
In[ ]: 1 | dir(str)
```

```
2 |
```

```
['__add__',  
'__contains__',  
'__len__',  
'__sizeof__',  
'find',  
... ]
```

# find function

```
In[ ]: 1 | name = "Nick"  
      2 | name.find('c')
```



# find function

```
In[ ]: 1 | name = "Nick"  
      2 | name.find('c')
```

```
Out[]: 2
```

# Case sensitive

```
In[ ]: 1 | name = "Nick"  
      2 | name.find('C')
```

# Case sensitive

```
In[ ]: 1 | name = "Nick"  
      2 | name.find('C')
```

```
Out[]: -1
```

# Reminder on Iteration

# for...in...

```
In[ ]: 1 | name = "Nick"  
      2 | for x in name :  
      3 |     print(x)
```

# for...in...

```
In[ ]: 1 | name = "Nick"  
      2 | for x in name :  
      3 |     print(x)
```

N  
i  
c  
k

# for in range

```
In[ ]: 1 | for i in range(1,4) :  
      2 |     print(i)  
      3 |
```

# for in range

```
In[ ]: 1 | for i in range(1,4) :  
      2 |     print(i)  
      3 |
```

1

2

3



# Lists in Python

# Lists

- A list in Python does use the subscript operator [ ] typically associated with an array. Elements in this list are also indexed.
- The list will maintain a pointer (reference) to objects, rather than the integer values (remember Python types are **classes**).
- Lists in python are resizable, unlike static arrays which are fixed.
- Python lists can store elements of different types, whereas arrays are declared to store values of one type.

# Lists and Arrays

## Python List

[27, "Python", 89.13]



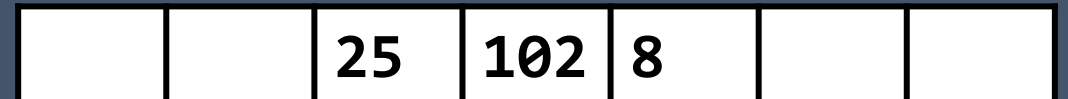
24 bytes

55 bytes

28 bytes

## Array

[25, 102, 8]



Each block 24 bytes

# List

```
In[ ]: 1 | 1 = [1,2,3,4,5,6]  
      2 | 1  
      3 |
```

# List

```
In[ ]: 1 | 1 = [1,2,3,4,5,6]  
      2 | 1  
      3 |
```

```
Out[]: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
```

# List

```
In[ ]: 1 | 1 = [1,2,3,4,5,6]
        2 | 1[0]
        3 |
```

# List

```
In[ ]: 1 | 1 = [1,2,3,4,5,6]  
      2 | 1[0]  
      3 |
```

```
Out[]: 1
```

# Access end of list

```
In[ ]: 1 | 1 = [1,2,3,4,5,6]  
      2 | 1[-1]  
      3 |
```



# Access end of list

```
In[ ]: 1 | 1 = [1,2,3,4,5,6]  
      2 | 1[-1]  
      3 |
```

```
Out[]: 6
```

# Access end of list

```
In[ ]: 1 | 1 = [1,2,3,4,5,6]  
      2 | 1[-2]  
      3 |
```

# Access end of list

```
In[ ]: 1 | 1 = [1,2,3,4,5,6]  
      2 | 1[-2]  
      3 |
```

```
Out[]: 5
```

# List slicing

```
In[ ]: 1 | 1 = [1,2,3,4,5,6]  
      2 | 1[2:4]  
      3 |
```

# List slicing

```
In[ ]: 1 | 1 = [1,2,3,4,5,6]  
      2 | 1[2:4]  
      3 |
```

```
Out[]: [3, 4]
```

# List append

```
In[ ]: 1 | 1 = [1,2,3,4,5,6]  
      2 | 1.append(7)  
      3 | 1
```

# List append

```
In[ ]: 1 | 1 = [1,2,3,4,5,6]  
      2 | 1.append(7)  
      3 | 1
```

```
Out[]: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]
```

# List remove

```
In[ ]: 1 | 1 = [1,2,3,4,5,6,7]  
      2 | 1.remove(7)  
      3 | 1
```



# List remove

```
In[ ]: 1 | 1 = [1,2,3,4,5,6,7]  
      2 | 1.remove(7)  
      3 | 1
```

```
Out[]: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
```

# Different types

```
In[ ]: 1 | 1 = [1,2.25,"Nick","N",True,obj]
        2 | 1
        3 |
```

# Different types

```
In[ ]: 1 | 1 = [1,2.25,"Nick","N",True,obj]
        2 | 1
        3 |
```

```
Out[]: [1, 2.25, 'Nick', 'N', True, obj]
```

# Tuples in Python

# Tuples

- We've seen that a python list is indexed and can store elements of different types (heterogeneity)
- Tuples are constant (immutable) – once they are declared, they cannot be reassigned.
- A list is declared with [ ] whereas the tuple is declared with ( )
- We can still refer to elements in a tuple via the [ ]

# Tuple declaration

```
In[ ]: 1 | t = (1,2,3,4,5,6)
        2 | t
        3 |
```

# Tuple declaration

```
In[ ]: 1 | t = (1,2,3,4,5,6)
        2 | t
        3 |
```

```
Out[]: (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)
```

# Tuples

```
In[ ]: 1 | t = (1,2,3,4,5,6)
        2 | t[0]
        3 |
```



# Tuples

```
In[ ]: 1 | t = (1,2,3,4,5,6)
        2 | t[0]
        3 |
```

```
Out[]: 1
```

# Re-assignment

```
In[ ]: 1 | t = (1,2,3,4,5,6)
        2 | t[0] = 5
        3 |
```

# Re-assignment not permitted

```
In[ ]: 1 | t = (1,2,3,4,5,6)
        2 | t[0] = 5
        3 |
```

-----  
**TypeError:** 'tuple' object does not support item assignment  
-----

# Tuple count method

```
In[ ]: 1 | t = (1,1,1,4,5,6)
        2 | t.count(1)
        3 |
```

# Tuple count method

```
In[ ]: 1 | t = (1,1,1,4,5,6)
        2 | t.count(1)
        3 |
```

```
Out[]: 3
```

# Tuple index method

```
In[ ]: 1 | t = (1,1,1,4,5,6)
        2 | t.index(5)
        3 |
```

# Tuple index method

```
In[ ]: 1 | t = (1,1,1,4,5,6)
        2 | t.index(5)
        3 |
```

```
Out[]: 4
```

# Tuples vs Lists

- **Tuples are immutable** (constant) – once they are declared, they cannot be reassigned.
- **A list is mutable** – elements can be reassigned.
- A list is declared with [ ] whereas the tuple is declared with ( )
- We can refer to elements in both a list and tuple via the [ ]



# Sets in Python

# Sets in Python

- Sets in mathematics refer to a set of distinct numbers – there are no duplicates.
- It is possible to store duplicates in a Python set, but only the unique values will be printed.
- Casting data to a set is a useful way to remove duplicates!
- Sets are declared with the { }
- Sets are mutable (can change)

# Sets

```
In[ ]: 1 | s = {1,2,3,4,5,6}
        2 | s
        3 |
```

# Sets

```
In[ ]: 1 | s = {1,2,3,4,5,6}
        2 | s
        3 |
```

```
Out[]: {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}
```

# Add to set

```
In[ ]: 1 | s = {1,2,3,4,5,6}
        2 | s.add(7)
        3 | s
```

# Add to set

```
In[ ]: 1 | s = {1,2,3,4,5,6}
        2 | s.add(7)
        3 | s
```

```
Out[]: {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7}
```

# Remove from set

```
In[ ]: 1 | s = {1,2,3,4,5,6,7}
        2 | s.remove(7)
        3 | s
```

# Remove from set

```
In[ ]: 1 | s = {1,2,3,4,5,6,7}
        2 | s.remove(7)
        3 | s
```

```
Out[]: {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}
```



# Set duplicates

```
In[ ]: 1 | s = {1,2,3,4,5,6,1,2,3,4,5,6}
        2 | s
        3 |
```

# Set duplicates

```
In[ ]: 1 | s = {1,2,3,4,5,6,1,2,3,4,5,6}
        2 | s
        3 |
```

```
Out[]: {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}
```

# Cast to set

```
In[ ]: 1 | l = [1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6]
        2 | s = set(l)
        3 | s
```

# Cast to set

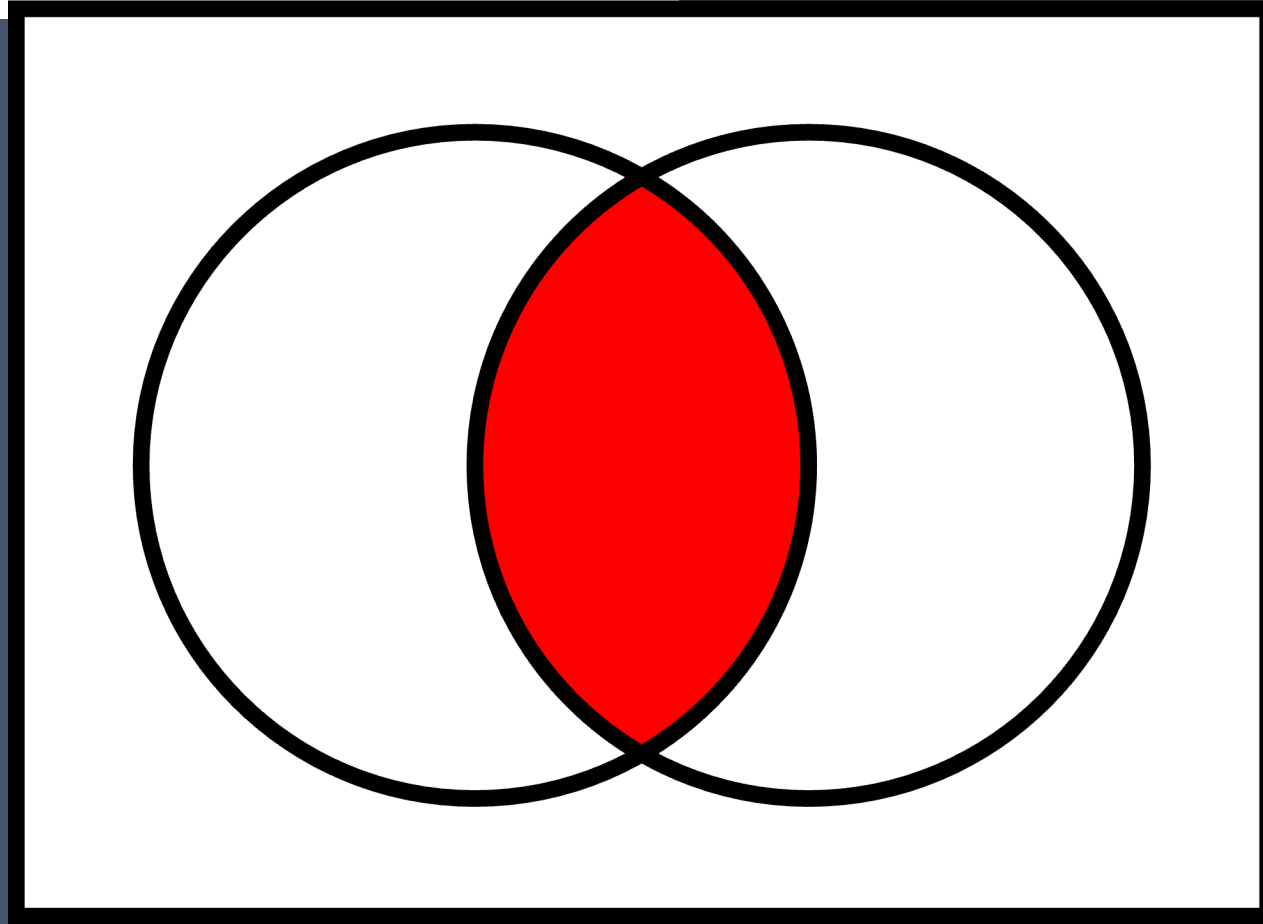
```
In[ ]: 1 | 1 = [1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6]  
      2 | s = set(1)  
      3 | s
```

```
Out[]: {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}
```

# Set theory

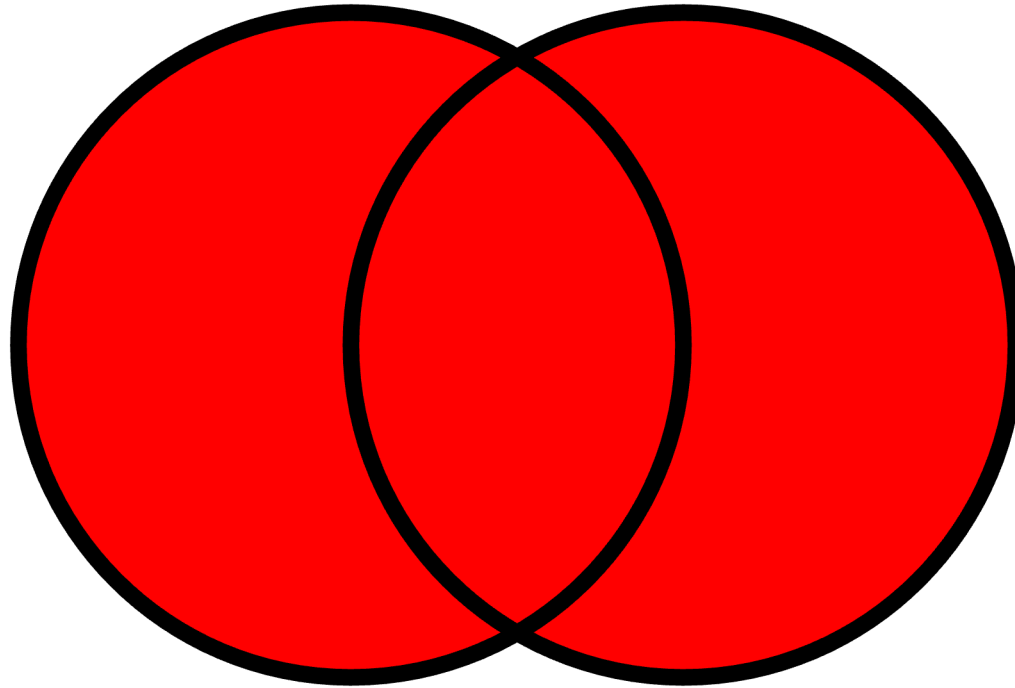
- Intersect
- Union
- Difference

# Set Intersect



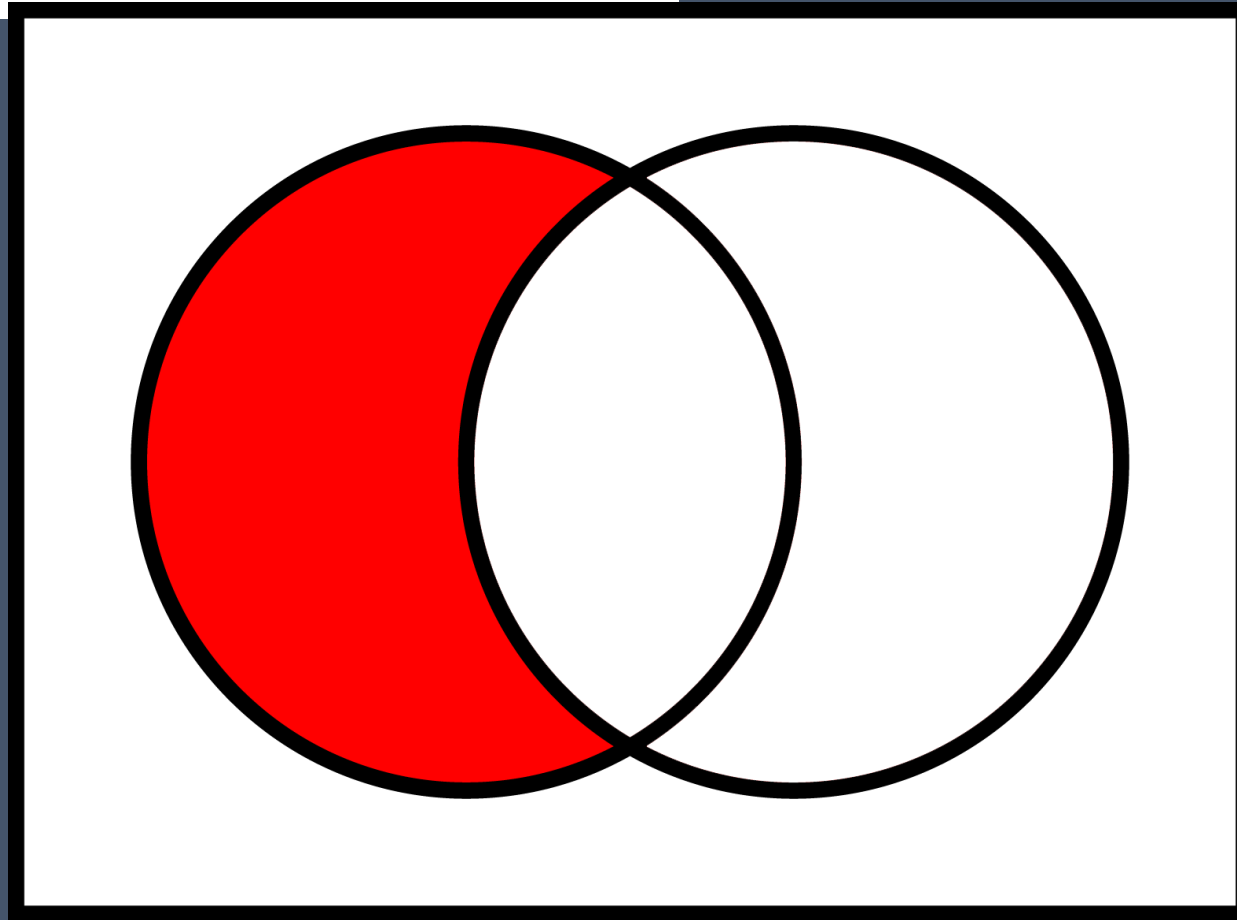
$$A \cap B$$

# Set Union



$$A \cup B$$

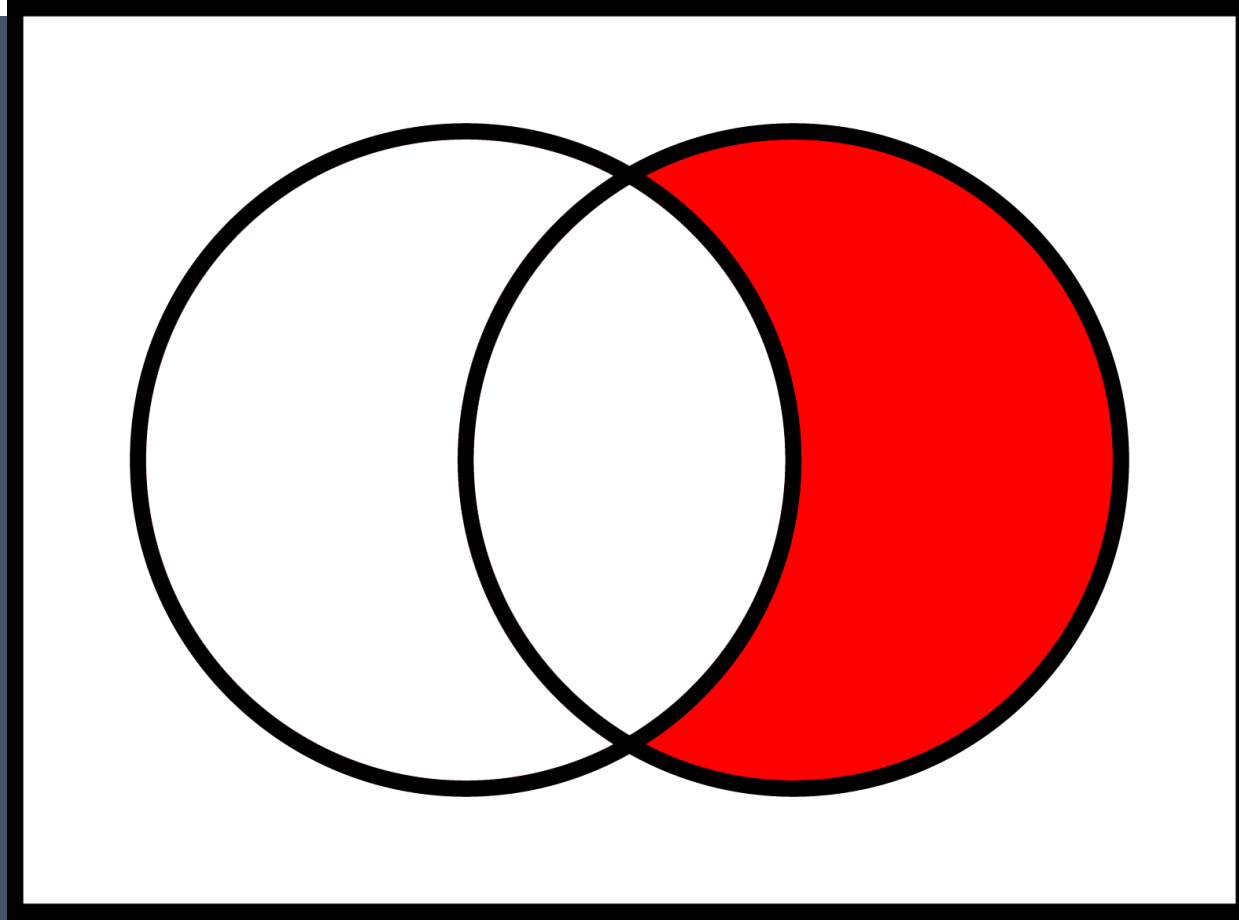
# Set Difference



$A \setminus B$



# Set Difference



$B \setminus A$

# Set intersect (mid)

```
In[ ]: 1 | s1 = {1,2,3,4,5,6}
        2 | s2 = {4,5,6,7,8,9}
        3 | s1 & s2
```

# Set intersect (mid)

```
In[ ]: 1 | s1 = {1,2,3,4,5,6}
        2 | s2 = {4,5,6,7,8,9}
        3 | s1 & s2
```

```
Out[]: {4, 5, 6}
```

# Set union (all)

```
In[ ]: 1 | s1 = {1,2,3,4,5,6}
        2 | s2 = {4,5,6,7,8,9}
        3 | s1 | s2
```

# Set union (all)

```
In[ ]: 1 | s1 = {1,2,3,4,5,6}
        2 | s2 = {4,5,6,7,8,9}
        3 | s1 | s2
```

```
Out[]: {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9}
```

# Set difference (unique)

```
In[ ]: 1 | s1 = {1,2,3,4,5,6}
        2 | s2 = {4,5,6,7,8,9}
        3 | s1 - s2
```

# Set difference (unique)

```
In[ ]: 1 | s1 = {1,2,3,4,5,6}
        2 | s2 = {4,5,6,7,8,9}
        3 | s1 - s2
```

```
Out[]: {1, 2, 3}
```

# Set difference (unique)

```
In[ ]: 1 | s1 = {1,2,3,4,5,6}
        2 | s2 = {4,5,6,7,8,9}
        3 | s2 - s1
```



# Set difference (unique)

```
In[ ]: 1 | s1 = {1,2,3,4,5,6}
        2 | s2 = {4,5,6,7,8,9}
        3 | s2 - s1
```

```
Out[]: {7, 8, 9}
```

# Dictionaries in Python

# Dictionaries

- An English Dictionary would allow us to look up the definition of a word. We search the word to locate the definition.
- In Python, we specify a key (word) to be able to get a value (definition).
- Similar to an associative array, or a *Map* in Java.
- Like Set, Dictionaries also use the { } but they feature : for a key and value pair { k : v }

# Dictionary

```
In[ ]: 1 | d = {"USA": 200, "UK": 200, "EU": 200}
        2 | d
        3 |
```

# Dictionary

```
In[ ]: 1 | d = {"USA": 200, "UK": 200, "EU": 200}
        2 | d
        3 |
```

```
Out[]: {'USA': 200, 'UK': 200, 'EU': 200}
```

# Element by key

```
In[ ]: 1 | d = {"USA": 200, "UK": 200, "EU": 200}
      2 | d["UK"]
      3 |
```

# Element by key

```
In[ ]: 1 | d = {"USA": 200, "UK": 200, "EU": 200}
        2 | d["UK"]
        3 |
```

```
Out[]: 200
```

# Element by key

```
In[ ]: 1 | d = {"USA": 200, "UK": 200, "EU": 200}
      2 | d["uk"]
      3 |
```



# Case sensitive

```
In[ ]: 1 | d = {"USA": 200, "UK": 200, "EU": 200}
        2 | d["uk"]
        3 |
```

-----  
KeyError: 'uk'  
-----

# Append to Dict

```
In[ ]: 1 | d = {"USA": 200, "UK": 200, "EU": 200}
        2 | d["Asia"] = 300
        3 | d
```

# Append to Dict

```
In[ ]: 1 | d = {"USA": 200, "UK": 200, "EU": 200}
        2 | d["Asia"] = 300
        3 | d
```

```
Out[]: {'USA': 200, 'UK': 200, 'EU': 200,
        'Asia': 300}
```

# Remove from Dict

```
In[ ]: 1 | d = {"USA": 200, "UK": 200, "EU": 200, "Asia": 30}
        2 | del d["Asia"]
        3 | d
```

# Remove from Dict

```
In[ ]: 1 | d = {"USA": 200, "UK": 200, "EU": 200, "Asia": 30}
        2 | del d["Asia"]
        3 | d
```

```
Out[]: {'USA': 200, 'UK': 200, 'EU': 200}
```

# Dict keys and values

```
In[ ]: 1 | d = {"USA": 200, "UK": 200, "EU": 200}
        2 | print( d.keys() )
        3 | print( d.values() )
```

# Dict keys and values

```
In[ ]: 1 | d = {"USA": 200, "UK": 200, "EU": 200}
        2 | print( d.keys() )
        3 | print( d.values() )
```

```
Out[]: dict_keys(['USA', 'UK', 'EU'])
        dict_values([200, 200, 200])
```

# Summary



# Data Structures

- You can distinguish between the key collections by the pairs of brackets used:
- Lists:       [ , ]       mutable
- Tuples:       ( , )       immutable
- Sets:         { , }       unique values (duplicates not printed)
- Dict:         {k : v}    key and value pairs



# Exercise 1 [List]

## Exercise 1 [List]

- Write a Python function named **select\_odds** to select the odd items of a **list**.
- **Note:** function should result a list with result.

```
#Test cases
>>> select_odds([24,30,44,55,12])
[55]
>>> select_odds([24,30,44,55,12,3,5,6])
[55, 3, 5]
>>>
```

# Answer 1 [List]

## Answer 1

```
def select_odds(listA):  
    odd_list = []  
    for number in listA:  
        if number%2 != 0:  
            odd_list.append(number)  
    return odd_list
```

## Exercise 2 [Lists]

# Exercise 2 [Lists]

- Write function **select\_unique\_values** to get unique values from a list.
- **Note:** result should be in a list.

```
#Test cases
>>> select_unique_values([2,2,2,2,3,3,1,2,6,7,8,9,9,10])
[1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]

>>> select_unique_values(['one','two','one','two','three','one'])
['three', 'two', 'one']
```

## Answer 2 [Lists]

# Answer 2

```
def select_unique_values(listA):  
    return list(set(listA))
```

## Exercise 3 [Dict]

# Exercise 3 [Dict]

- Write function **sum\_values** to sum all the items in a dictionary.

```
#Test cases  
  
d = {'a': 3, 'b': 4, 'c': 5}  
  
>>> sum_values(d)  
12
```

# Answer 3 [Dict]



## Exercise 4 [Dict]

# Exercise 4 [Dict]

- Write function **get\_max\_min** to get the maximum and minimum values in a dictionary and **return result in form of tuple**.
- Write function **get\_max\_min\_dict** to get the maximum and minimum values in a dictionary and **return result in form of dictionary**.

```
>>> d = {'a': 3, 'b': 4, 'c': 50, 'd': 1}
>>> get_max_min(d)
(50, 1)
>>> get_max_min_dict(d)
{'max': 50, 'min': 1}
```

**\*Hint:**

use **max()**  
and **min()**

# Answer 4 [Dict]

## Answer 4

```
def get_max_min(dictionary):  
    maximum = max(d.values())  
    minimum = min(d.values())  
    return maximum, minimum  
  
def get_max_min_dict(dictionary):  
    maximum = max(d.values())  
    minimum = min(d.values())  
    return {'max': maximum, 'min': minimum}
```

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