

Dictionaries, Lambda and LINQ



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1. Dictionaries

- Dictionary <key, value>
- SortedDictionary <key, value>

2. Lambda Expressions

3. LINQ

- Filtering
- Mapping
- Ordering





Dictionaries

A Collection of Key and Value Pairs

Dictionaries

- **Dictionaries** are arrays indexed by keys
 - Not by the numbers 0, 1, 2, ... (like arrays)
- Hold a set of pairs {**key** → **value**}



Key	Value
John Smith	+1-555-8976
Lisa Smith	+1-555-1234
Sam Doe	+1-555-5030

- **Dictionary<K, V>** – a collection of key and value pairs
- The keys are **unique**
- Keeps the keys in their **order of addition**
- Uses a hash-table + list

```
Dictionary<string, double> fruits = new Dictionary<string, double>();  
fruits["banana"] = 2.20;  
fruits["apple"] = 1.40;  
fruits["kiwi"] = 3.20;
```

- **SortedDictionary<K, V>**
- Keeps its keys always sorted
- Uses a balanced search tree

```
SortedDictionary<string, double> fruits =  
new SortedDictionary<string, double>();  
  
fruits["kiwi"] = 4.50;  
fruits["orange"] = 2.50;  
fruits["banana"] = 2.20;
```

- Create an empty Dictionary

```
Dictionary<string, string> phoneNumbers = new  
Dictionary<string, string>();  
phoneNumbers["Peter"] = "+359 882 11 22 33";  
phoneNumbers["Ana"] = "+359 2 99 88 77";
```

- Using a target-type **new** expression

```
Dictionary<string, int> fruits = new() {  
    { "Kiwi", 3 },  
    { "Apple", 5 }  
};
```


- **Add(key, value)** method

```
Dictionary<string, int> airplanes = new Dictionary<string, int>();  
airplanes.Add("Boeing 737", 130);  
airplanes.Add("Airbus A320", 150);
```

- **Remove(key)** method

```
Dictionary<string, int> airplanes = new Dictionary<string, int>();  
airplanes.Add("Boeing 737", 130);  
airplanes.Remove("Boeing 737");
```

- **ContainsKey(key)**

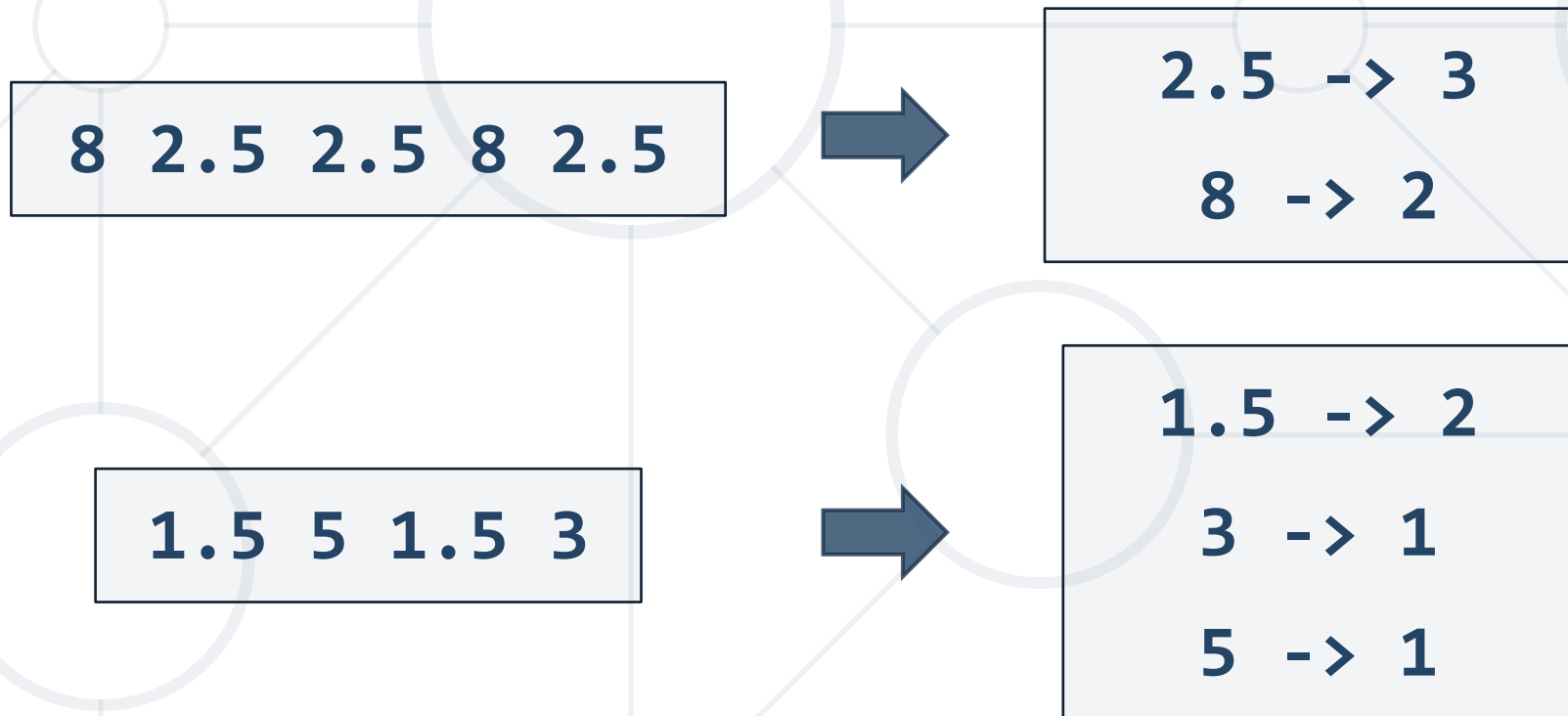
```
Dictionary<string, int> dictionary = new Dictionary<string, int>();  
dictionary.Add("Airbus A320", 150);  
if (dictionary.ContainsKey("Airbus A320"))  
    Console.WriteLine($"Airbus A320 key exists");
```

- **ContainsValue(value)**

```
Dictionary<string, int> dictionary = new Dictionary<string, int>();  
dictionary.Add("Airbus A320", 150);  
Console.WriteLine(dictionary.ContainsValue(150)); // True  
Console.WriteLine(dictionary.ContainsValue(100)); // False
```

Problem: Count Real Numbers

- Read a list of real numbers and print them in ascending order along with their number of occurrences



Solution: Count Real Numbers

```
double[] nums = Console.ReadLine().Split(' ')
    .Select(double.Parse).ToArray();
SortedDictionary<double, int> counts = new SortedDictionary<double, int>();
foreach (double num in nums)
    if (counts.ContainsKey(num))
        counts[num]++;
    else
        counts[num] = 1;
foreach (KeyValuePair<double, int> numPair in counts)
    Console.WriteLine($"{numPair.Key} -> {numPair.Value}");
```

counts[num] will
hold the count of times
a num occurs in nums

- Using **foreach** loop
- Iterates through objects of type **KeyValuePair<K, V>**
- Cannot modify the dictionary (**read-only**)

```
Dictionary<string, double> fruits = new Dictionary<string, double>();  
fruits.Add("banana", 2.20);  
fruits.Add("kiwi", 4.50);
```

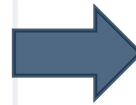
fruit.**Key** → fruit name
fruit.**Value** → fruit price

```
foreach (KeyValuePair<string, double> fruit in fruits)  
    Console.WriteLine($"{fruit.Key} -> {fruit.Value}");
```

Problem: Word Synonyms

- Read $2 * N$ lines of pairs - word and synonym
- Each word can have multiple synonyms

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cute
adorable
cute
charming
smart
clever



cute - adorable, charming
smart - clever

Solution: Word Synonyms

```
int n = int.Parse(Console.ReadLine());
Dictionary<string, List<string>> words = new
Dictionary<string, List<string>>();
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    string word = Console.ReadLine();
    string synonym = Console.ReadLine();
    if (!words.ContainsKey(word))
        words.Add(word, new List<string>());
    words[word].Add(synonym);
}
```



Anonymous Functions

Lambda Expressions

Lambda Expressions

- A lambda expression is an anonymous function containing expressions and statements

```
a ==> a > 5;
```

- Lambda expressions
 - Use the lambda operator ==>
 - Read as "**goes to**"
 - The **left** side specifies the **input** parameters
 - The **right** side holds the **expression** or **statement**



- Lambda functions are inline methods (functions) that take input parameters and return values

`x => x / 2`



```
static int Func(int x) { return x / 2; }
```

`x => x != 0`



```
static bool Func(int x) { return x != 0; }
```

`() => 42`



```
static int Func() { return 42; }
```

- **Min()** – finds the **smallest** element in a collection

```
new List<int>() { 1, 2, 3, 4, -1, -5, 0, 50 }.Min() // -5
```

- **Max()** – finds the **largest** element in a collection

```
new int[] { 1, 2, 3, 40, -1, -5, 0, 5 }.Max() // 40
```

- **Sum()** – finds the **sum** of all elements in a collection

```
new long[] {1, 2, 3, 4, -1, -5, 0, 50}.Sum() // 54
```

- **Average()** – finds the **average** of all elements in a collection

```
new int[] {1, 2, 3, 4, -1, -5, 0, 50}.Average() // 6.75
```

- **Select()** manipulates elements in a collection

```
nums = Console.ReadLine()  
      .Split()  
      .Select(int.Parse);
```

```
string[] words = { "abc", "def" } ;  
result = words.Select(w => w + "x");  
// words -> abcx, defx
```

- Using **ToArray()**, **ToList()** to convert collections

```
int[] nums = Console.ReadLine()  
    .Split()  
    .Select(number => int.Parse(number))  
    .ToArray();
```

```
List<double> nums = Console.ReadLine()  
    .Split()  
    .Select(double.Parse)  
    .ToList();
```

- Using **Where()**

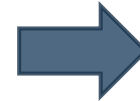
```
int[] nums = Console.ReadLine()  
    .Split()  
    .Select(int.Parse)  
    .Where(n => n > 0)  
    .ToArray();
```



Problem: Word Filter

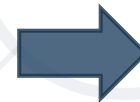
- Read a string array
- Print only words, whose length is even

kiwi orange banana apple



kiwi
orange
banana

pizza cake pasta chips



cake

```
string[] words = Console.ReadLine()  
                .Split()  
                .Where(w => w.Length % 2 == 0)  
                .ToArray();  
foreach (string word in words)  
    Console.WriteLine(word);
```

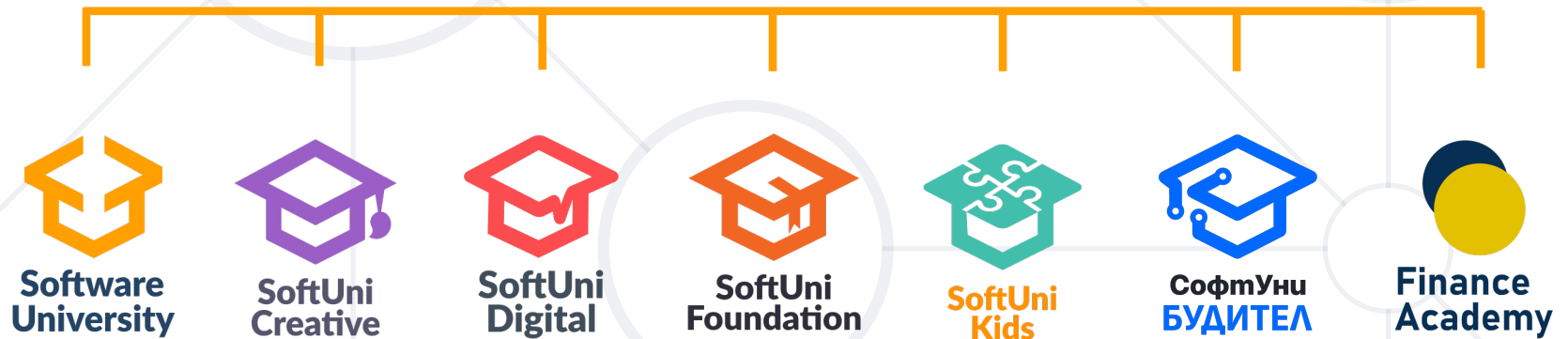

- Dictionaries hold **{key → value}** pairs
 - Keys holds a set of **unique keys**
 - Values holds a collection of values
 - Iterating over dictionary takes the entries as **KeyValuePair<K, V>**
- Lambda and LINQ helps collection processing



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