

Python Programming

Dict 3

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Insertion order: NOW preserved (Python 3.7)

```
2 dict = {} # empty dict
3 dict[20] = 10
4 dict['mostafa'] = 10
5 dict[30] = 15
6 dict[(2, 7)] = 150
7 dict[30] = 10
8 # observe: values can be anything and can repeat
9
10 print(dict.keys())
11 # dict_keys([20, 'mostafa', 30, (2, 7)])
12 # Starting from python 3.7 specification: the keys order is preserved (insertion order)
13 # However, due to several reasons, it is still best practice to not depend on that
14 # Maybe after 10 years. For now, if order matter: use OrderedDict
15 # In practice: typically u don't care about insertion order but sorted keys themselves
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Keys!

```
2 dict = {'x': 11, 'b': 22, 'y': 30}
3
4 print(dict.items()) # dict_items([('x', 11), ('b', 22), ('y', 30)])
5
6 for key, value in dict.items():
7     print(key, value) # x 11 b 22 y 30
8
9 print(dict.keys()) # dict_keys(['x', 'b', 'y'])
10 print(list(dict.keys())) # ['x', 'b', 'y']
11
12 for key in dict.keys():
13     print(key, dict[key]) # same, but slower (extra access)
14
15 for key in sorted(list(dict.keys())):
16     print(key, dict[key]) # sorted keys: b x y
17
18 for key in sorted(dict): # shortcut for ordered keys
19     print(key, dict[key]) # sorted keys: b x y
```

List vs Dict

```
2   lst = [10, 20, 30, 40]
3   print(lst)
4   # [10, 20, 30, 40]
5   # list: ordered sequence
6   # can be indexed or sliced
7
8   dict = {0:10, 3:40, 2:30, 1:20}
9   print(list(dict.values()))
10  # [10, 40, 30, 20]
11  # dict: ORDERED collection of key-value-pairs
12  # items INSERTION order is preserved (3.7)
13
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Shallow copies

```
3 class Employee:
4     def __init__(self):
5         self.id = 10
6     def __repr__(self):
7         return str(self.id)
8     emp = Employee()
9     lst = [5, 8, 9]
10    dict = {'ziad': 25.5, 2: lst, 'Hey': emp}
11    print(dict) # {'ziad': 25.5, 2: [5, 8, 9], 'Hey': 10}
12
13    lst.pop()
14    emp.id += 100
15    print(dict) # {'ziad': 25.5, 2: [5, 8], 'Hey': 110}
16
17    lst = [5]
18    print(dict) # {'ziad': 25.5, 2: [5, 8], 'Hey': 110}
19    d2 = dict.copy()
20    print(d2['Hey'] is emp) # True - shallow copy
```

“Acquire knowledge and impart it to the people.”

“Seek knowledge from the Cradle to the Grave.”