collections



collections overview

Python has a number of built-in collections which we use every day - lists, tuples, sets, dicts. In addition to them we have several useful data types in standard library

Today we are gonna to cover these ones

- Counter useful when you need to ... well, count something
- defaultdict nice in case of dicts with some objects as values

Counter

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from collections import Counter, defaultdict

Counter(text)

Counter({' ': 69, 'i': 42, 'e': 37, 't': 32, 'o': 29, 'a': 29, 'u': 28, 'n': 24, 'r': 22, 'l': 21, 's': 18, 'd': 18, 'm': 17, 'c': 16, 'p': 11, 'q': 5, ',': 4, '.': 4, 'g': 3, 'b': 3, 'v': 3, 'x': 3, 'f': 3, 'L': 1, 'U': 1, 'D': 1, 'h': 1, 'E': 1})

What's going on

As you can see, Counter applied to string counts frequency of each symbol

This is generalized to every iterable with hashable elements (they can be dict keys) - elements of iterable are counted

Counter: You get counted element: Counted by noob!

Counter methods

Counter is a variant of dictionary with additional methods

```
issubclass(Counter, dict)
True
```

- most_common(n=None) returns list with tuples (element, count)
 sorted from most abundant to most rare; if n was specified returns
 list with tuples for n most abundant elements
- elements() returns specific iterator, where you iterate count times for each corresponding element

```
numbers = (1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 1, 1, 10, 2, 1, 3, 4, 2, 5, 1, 7)
# Count it
freqs = Counter(numbers)
fregs
Counter({1: 6, 2: 4, 3: 2, 10: 1, 4: 1, 5: 1, 7: 1})
# Similar to list(freqs.items())
freqs.most_common()
[(1, 6), (2, 4), (3, 2), (10, 1), (4, 1), (5, 1), (7, 1)]
# Get most common element data
freqs.most_common(1)
[(1, 6)]
```

```
for elem in freqs.elements():
   print(elem)
```

defaultdict

Really cool sometimes, because can free your code from unnecessary blocks of defining initial key values

```
orders = defaultdict(list)
orders
defaultdict(<class 'list'>, {})
orders['today'].append('destroy enemies')
orders['today'].extend(('conquer the world', 'celebrate it'))
orders['today']
['destroy enemies', 'conquer the world', 'celebrate it']
```

```
defaultdict(<class 'list'>, {'today': ['destroy enemies', 'conquer the world',
                            'celebrate it']})
# Analogous to this block
orders2 = []
# Create empty list as start point for this key
if 'today' not in orders2: # Also there is setdefault method
   orders2['today'] = []
orders2['today'].append('destroy enemies')
orders2['today'].extend(('conquer the world', 'celebrate it'))
orders2
{'today': ['destroy enemies', 'conquer the world', 'celebrate it']}
```

orders

Typical pipeline

- 1. Think do you need some default value for keys in your dict
- 2. If so, which value should it be?
 - a. you are going to store many things for 1 key tuple, list, set ot dict
 - b. you are going to operate with numbers int or float
 - c. you wanna modify some complex object for each key object of this class
- 3. Create defaultdict with selected default value
- 4. Operate with it in a proper manner
- 5. Profit!

```
# 1st example - store words and numbers in different keys
text = '2430 AD is a good story, really. Read it if you
       haven\'t yet'
# Initial value will be []
words = defaultdict(list)
for word in text.split():
   if word.isdigit():
       words['numbers'].append(word)
   else:
       words['words'].append(word)
words
defaultdict(<class 'list'>, {'numbers': ['2430'], 'words':
 ['AD', 'is', 'a', 'good', 'story,', 'really.', 'Read',
  'it', 'if', 'you', "haven't", 'yet']})
```

```
# 2nd example - I would like to store product of some
 values for 2 keys
some_values = [1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 5]
keys = cycle('AB')
# Let initial value be 1
products = defaultdict(lambda: 1)
# Simulate hard work
for key, number in zip(keys, some_values):
   products[key] *= number
products
defaultdict(<function <lambda> at 0x7ff5e7e5d488>, {'A':
 12, 'B': 30})
```

Starting work...
Job's done!

That's all - only messages with logging level info or higher get written

Time formatting

Here is an example of adding time to your logs

```
logger.info('Starting work...')
summa = 0
for i in range(10):
    summa += i
    logger.debug('i is %s', i)
    logger.debug('summa is %s', summa)
```

logger.info("Job's done!")

print(summa)

```
2020-04-17 00:14:59: Starting work...
2020-04-17 00:14:59: i is 0
2020-04-17 00:14:59: summa is 0
2020-04-17 00:14:59: i is 1
2020-04-17 00:14:59: summa is 1
2020-04-17 00:14:59: i is 2
```

2020-04-17 00:14:59: i is 7

2020-04-17 00:14:59: i is 8

2020-04-17 00:14:59: i is 9

2020-04-17 00:14:59: summa is 28

2020-04-17 00:14:59: summa is 36

2020-04-17 00:14:59: summa is 45

2020-04-17 00:14:59: Job's done!

Some format parts

These options are available inside logging.basicConfig format argument

- %(message)s for passed message
- %(asctime)s for log record time
- %(levelname)s for level of log record
- %(funcName)s for name of function from which log record was created
- %(pathname)s for path to file from which log record was created