

In Python, **lambda** is used to create a small, *anonymous function* (a function without a name) in a single line.

General form:

lambda arguments: expression

- **arguments** → the input parameters
- **expression** → what gets returned

It's like writing a mini **def** function, but shorter.

Example 1: Simple lambda

```
f = lambda x: x * 2
print(f(5))  # 10
```

This is the same as:

```
def f(x):
    return x * 2
```

Example 2: With two arguments

```
f = lambda a, b: a + b
print(f(3, 4))  # 7
```

Same as:

```
def f(a, b):
    return a + b
```

In your code:

```
lambda a, b: "Invalid"
```

This is a function that:

- Takes **two arguments** (a and b),
- But **ignores them**,
- And always returns "Invalid".

So if no matching operation is found, the program won't crash (with a `KeyError`), it will just call this fallback lambda and get "Invalid".

🔑 Why use `lambda` here?

Because we need to return *something callable* (a function) from `.get()`.

That way, we can still do `(...)(5, 3)` without worrying if the key existed.