

SI 506 Lecture 21

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Data

Today's data is sourced from [The World Bank](#). The Bank assigns the world's economies to four income groups based on the World Bank [Atlas method](#) for calculating Gross National Income (GNI) per capita in current USD using data from the previous year. The classifications are updated each year on 1 July. For the current 2022 fiscal year, the classifications are delineated as follows:

Fiscal Year	Classification	GNI per capita (2020)
2021-2022	Low income	<= \$1,045.00 (USD)
2021-2022	Lower middle income	between \$1,046.00 and \$4,095.00 (USD)
2021-2022	Upper middle income	between \$4,096.00 and \$12,695.00 (USD)
2021-2022	High income	>= \$12,696.00 (USD)

Source: World Bank Blogs, "[New World Bank country classifications by income level: 2021-2022](#)"; [World Bank Country and Lendings Groups](#).

1.0 Dictionary comprehension

A compact way to process all or part of the elements in an iterable and return a dictionary with the results.

Source: <https://docs.python.org/3/glossary.html>

1.1 Basic syntax

```
new_dict = {key: val for element in iterable}

new_dict = {key: val for key, value in dict.items()}
```

1.2 Simple example

Below is a list of West African countries that touch the Atlantic Ocean between Senegal and Nigeria. Each country is represented as a tuple. If you needed to convert each tuple to a dictionary employing the [ISO-3165-1 alpha-3](#) country code as the key you could employ a dictionary comprehension to accomplish the task:

```
data = [
    ('Benin', 'BEN'),
    ("Cote d'Ivoire", 'CIV'),
    ('Gambia', 'GMB'),
    ('Ghana', 'GHA'),
    ('Guinea', 'GIN'),
    ('Guinea-Bissau', 'GNB'),
    ('Liberia', 'LBR'),
    ('Nigeria', 'NGA'),
    ('Senegal', 'SEN'),
    ('Sierra Leone', 'SLE'),
    ('Togo', 'TGO')
]

west_africa_atlantic = {item[0]: item[1] for item in data}
```


1.3 Transforming values

You can pass a function or call an object method in a dictionary comprehension in order to transform values.

Below is a dictionary (excerpt) of US inflation rates ([US city averages, base period 1982-84](#)) between the years 2000-2021. If you needed to convert the rates to a percentage value rounded to two (2) decimal places you could utilize a dictionary comprehension to create a *new* dictionary to hold the transformed values.

```
data = {
    '2021': 0.024,
    '2020': 0.0125,
    '2019': 0.0181,
    '2018': 0.024399999999999998,
    ...
    '2001': 0.028300000000000002,
    '2000': 0.0338
}

inflation_rates = {
    '2021': 2.4,
    '2020': 1.25,
    '2019': 1.81,
    '2018': 2.44,
    ...
    '2001': 2.83,
    '2000': 3.38
}
```

 [statista.com](https://www.statista.com) also lists the US annual inflation rate for 2021 at 4.7% in a discussion of monthly inflation rates for the twelve month period between February 2021 and February 2022.

2.0 Conditional statements


A dictionary comprehension can specify one or more conditional statements in order to assign a subset of a dictionary to a new dictionary.

```
new_dict = {key: val for element in iterable if condition}

new_dict = {key: val for key, value in dict.items() if condition}
```

The following dictionary comprehension returns inflation rates for the period 2010-2021:

```
inflation_rates = {year: rate for year, rate in inflation_rates.items() if
int(year) > 2009}
```

 Note that the typical comprehension variables `key` and `val` or `k` and `v` are conventions; you are free to employ comprehension variable names that better express the nature of the data as in the previous example.

Challenge 01

Task: Write a dictionary comprehension that creates a dictionary of South Asian economies. Each South Asian economy will be represented as a nested dictionary mapped to a key corresponding to its ISO-3165-1 alpha-3 country code.

1. Write a dictionary comprehension that accesses all "South Asian" economies in the list `countries` (region = 'South Asia') and assigns them to a new dictionary named `south_asian_economies` using the country's ISO-3165-1 alpha-3 "country_code" as the key for each country.

! Convert all country codes to uppercase.

Structure the new dictionary's key-value pairs as follows:

```
{
  'AFG': {
    'country_name': 'Afghanistan',
    'country_code': 'AFG',
    'region': 'South Asia',
    'income_group': 'Low income',
    'lending_category': 'IDA',
    'emu_or_hipc': 'HIPC'
  },
  ...
}
```

💡 Recall that a dictionary comprehension can work with any *iterable* (in this case a list of nested dictionaries) in order to produce a new dictionary.

Assign the new dictionary to a variable named `south_asian_economies`.

2. Call the function `read_json` and write the `south_asian_economies` list to the file `stu-south_asian_economies.json`.

💡 You can enhance readability by writing dictionary comprehensions that exceed 80-100 characters and/or feature complex conditions or other expressions across multiple lines vertically.

```
new_dict = [  
    expression  
    for element in iterable  
    if condition  
    ...]
```

2.1 if-else statements

You can employ `if-else` logic in a dictionary comprehension. The `if-else` logic is placed *before* the `for` statement and employs the ternary form of the `if-else` operator.

```
new_dict = {  
    key: (some_val_if_true if condition else some_other_val)  
    for key, val in dict_.items()  
}  
  
new_dict = {  
    (key if condition else default_key): (some_val_if_true if condition  
    else some_other_val)  
    for key, val in dict_.items()  
}
```

The example below iterates over the `south_asian_economies` key-value pairs replacing each value with either the lending categories associated with the [International Development Association \(IDA\)](#) or the [International Bank for Reconstruction and Development \(IBRD\)](#).

```
south_asian_lending = {  
    key: ('IDA' if val['lending_category'] in ('IDA', 'Blend') else  
    'IBRD')  
    for key, val in south_asian_economies.items()  
}
```

2.2 if-elif-else statements

The `elif` statement is *not* recognized inside a dictionary comprehension. You can mimic `if-elif-else` logic by employing multiple `else` statements.

Dividing World economies into three categories ("High income", "Middle income", or "Low income") can be accomplished by adding an additional `else` statement to the dictionary comprehension:

```
country_income = {
    country['country_code'].upper(): ('High income' if
country['income_group'] == 'High income'
    else 'Middle income' if country['income_group'] in ('Upper middle
income', 'Lower middle income')
    else 'Low income')
    for country in countries
}
```



If dictionary comprehension readability is concern then consider relocating the business logic (e.g., categorizing economies) to a function and then use it to transform the data by calling it from inside the dictionary comprehension.

```
# Delegate business logic to function
country_income = {ctry['country_code'].upper(): categorize_economy(ctry)
    for ctry in countries}
```

2.3 Nested loops

You can embed nested loops in a dictionary comprehension. The outer loop is listed first followed by the inner loop:

```
new_dict = {key: val for outer_element in outer_loop for inner_element in
    inner_loop if condition}
```

In the following example, a new dictionary comprising "country indicators" for European Union (EU) members is created using nested loops in a dictionary comprehension.

```
eu_countries = {
    country['country_code']: country
    for group in groups
    for country in country_indicators
    if group['group_code'] == 'EUU' and group['country_code'] ==
country['country_code']
}
```



Nested dictionary comprehensions can get ugly. Check out this example in stackoverflow.com:

```
data = {outer_k: {inner_k: myfunc(inner_v) for inner_k, inner_v in
outer_v.items()} for outer_k, outer_v in outer_dict.items()}
```

As the contributor notes: "For the sake of readability, don't nest dictionary comprehensions and list comprehensions too much."

Challenge 02

Task Access Chinese economic indicators relating to population and assign to a new dictionary.

1. Call the function `read_json` and read in the data contained in the file `wb-indicators-dict-china-2019.json`. Assign to a variable named `china`.

Observations

1. Note that the `china` dictionary includes a nested dictionary of nested "country_indicators" dictionaries.
2. Note that each indicator key possesses a common format.
2. Employ a dictionary literal along with a dictionary comprehension to create a new dictionary named `china_pop_indicators`.

Include an `if` statement in your dictionary comprehension that compares a segment of the key (type `str`) to the string `POP`. If the equality check resolves to `True` the dictionary comprehension will include the key-value pair in the nested dictionary assigned to the key "population_indicators".

Pattern your dictionary literal as follows:

```
{
    'country_code': < value >,
    'country_name': < value >,
    'population_indicators': {< dictionary comprehension >}
}
```

3. After assigning the new dictionary to `china_pop_indicators` call `write_json` and write the data to a file named `stu-china-pop_indicators.json`.

```
{
    "country_code": "CHN",
    "country_name": "China",
    "population_indicators": {
        "EN.POP.DNST": {
            "indicator_name": "Population density (people per sq. km of land
area)",
            "indicator_value": "149.367573167744"
        },
        "SP.POP.TOTL.FE.IN": {
```

```

        "indicator_name": "Population, female",
        "indicator_value": "685480283"
    },
    "SP.POP.TOTL.FE.ZS": {
        "indicator_name": "Population, female (% of total population)",
        "indicator_value": "48.6934979729146"
    },
    "SP.POP.TOTL.MA.IN": {
        "indicator_name": "Population, male",
        "indicator_value": "722264717"
    },
    "SP.POP.TOTL.MA.ZS": {
        "indicator_name": "Population, male (% of total population)",
        "indicator_value": "51.3065020270854"
    },
    "SP.POP.TOTL": {
        "indicator_name": "Population, total",
        "indicator_value": "1407745000"
    }
}

```

Challenge 03

Task Access East Asian and Pacific economic indicators relating to population and assign to a new dictionary.

1. Repeat Challenge 02 above for all East Asian and Pacific countries (group_code = 'EAS'). In other words write a dictionary comprehension that loops over both the `groups` list and `country_indicators` list and creates a new dictionary with the following structure:

```

{
    <country_code>: {
        'country_code': < value >,
        'country_name': < value >,
        'population_indicators': {< dictionary comprehension >}
    },
    <country_code>: {
        'country_code': < value >,
        'country_name': < value >,
        'population_indicators': {< dictionary comprehension >}
    },
}

```

Assign the new dictionary to a variable named `east_asia_pop_indicators`.

2. After assigning the new dictionary to `east_asia_pop_indicators` call `write_json` and write the data to a file named `stu-east_asia-pop_indicators-comp.json.json`.