

Ch09-1-Dictionaries

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1 Dictionaries

<http://openbookproject.net/thinkcs/python/english3e/dictionaries.html>

1.1 Topics

- dictionary data types
- create and use dictionary
- dictionary methods and operations
- dictionary applications and problems

1.2 Dictionary

- another compound type/container like lists and tuples
- very useful data structure/container that can store data as lookup table
- Python's mapping type similar to `map` container, or associative arrays in C++ and other languages
- dictionaries maps keys (immutable type) to values of any type (heterogeneous)
- Python uses complex hash algorithm to index key for fast access
- starting from version 3.6, python dict remembers the orders of the elements inserted

1.3 Creating dictionary objects

```
[1]: eng2sp = {} # or  
eng2sp1 = dict()
```

```
[2]: print(eng2sp, eng2sp1)
```

```
{ } { }
```

```
[3]: eng2sp["One"] = "uno"  
eng2sp["two"] = "dos"  
eng2sp["three"] = "tres"  
eng2sp[4] = "quatro"  
eng2sp["five"] = "sinco"
```

```
[4]: eng2sp
```

```
[4]: {'One': 'uno', 'two': 'dos', 'three': 'tres', 4: 'quatro', 'five': 'sinco'}
```

```
[5]: key = 'Five'
     eng2sp[key] = 'Sinco'
```

```
[6]: print(eng2sp)
```

```
{'One': 'uno', 'two': 'dos', 'three': 'tres', 4: 'quatro', 'five': 'sinco',
'Five': 'Sinco'}
```

```
[7]: print(eng2sp['One'])
```

```
uno
```

```
[8]: symbolNames = {'*': 'asterick', '+': 'plus', '-': 'minus'}
```

```
[9]: print(eng2sp, symbolNames)
```

```
{'One': 'uno', 'two': 'dos', 'three': 'tres', 4: 'quatro', 'five': 'sinco',
'Five': 'Sinco'} {'*': 'asterick', '+': 'plus', '-': 'minus'}
```

```
[10]: dict1 = {'one': 'uno', 'two': 'dos', 'three': 'tres', '4': 'quatro', 'five': 'sinco'}
```

```
[11]: dict1
```

```
{'one': 'uno', 'two': 'dos', 'three': 'tres', '4': 'quatro', 'five': 'sinco'}
```

1.4 Accessing values

- use index operator [‘key’]
- dict object is mutable

```
[12]: one = 'One'
```

```
[13]: eng2sp[one]
```

```
'uno'
```

```
[14]: eng2sp
```

```
{'One': 'uno',
'two': 'dos',
'three': 'tres',
4: 'quatro',
'five': 'sinco',
'Five': 'Sinco'}
```

```
[15]: key = 'ten'
      value = 'diez'
      eng2sp[key] = value
      print(eng2sp['ten'])
```

diez

```
[16]: eng2sp['One'] = 'Uno'
```

```
[17]: eng2sp
```

```
[17]: {'One': 'Uno',
      'two': 'dos',
      'three': 'tres',
      4: 'quatro',
      'five': 'sinco',
      'Five': 'Sinco',
      'ten': 'diez'}
```

```
[16]: eng2sp['One'] = ['uno']
```

```
[17]: eng2sp['One'].append('Uno')
```

```
[18]: eng2sp['One'].insert(0, 'UNO')
```

```
[19]: print(eng2sp)
```

```
{'One': ['UNO', 'uno', 'Uno'], 'two': 'dos', 'three': 'tres', 4: 'quatro',
'five': 'sinco', 'Five': 'Sinco', 'ten': 'diez'}
```

```
[20]: adict = {1: ['uno', 'one'], 2: ('two', 'dos'), 3: {'three': 'tres'}}
```

```
[21]: print(adict[2][1])
```

dos

```
[22]: # How do you access tres in adict?
      print(adict[3]['three'])
```

tres

1.5 Dictionary methods

```
[36]: help(dict)
```

Help on class dict in module builtins:

```
class dict(object)
```

```

| dict() -> new empty dictionary
| dict(mapping) -> new dictionary initialized from a mapping object's
|   (key, value) pairs
| dict(iterable) -> new dictionary initialized as if via:
|   d = {}
|   for k, v in iterable:
|       d[k] = v
| dict(**kwargs) -> new dictionary initialized with the name=value pairs
|   in the keyword argument list.  For example:  dict(one=1, two=2)
|
| Methods defined here:
|
|   __contains__(self, key, /)
|       True if the dictionary has the specified key, else False.
|
|   __delitem__(self, key, /)
|       Delete self[key].
|
|   __eq__(self, value, /)
|       Return self==value.
|
|   __ge__(self, value, /)
|       Return self>=value.
|
|   __getattr__(self, name, /)
|       Return getattr(self, name).
|
|   __getitem__(...)
|       x.__getitem__(y) <==> x[y]
|
|   __gt__(self, value, /)
|       Return self>value.
|
|   __init__(self, /, *args, **kwargs)
|       Initialize self.  See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.
|
|   __iter__(self, /)
|       Implement iter(self).
|
|   __le__(self, value, /)
|       Return self<=value.
|
|   __len__(self, /)
|       Return len(self).
|
|   __lt__(self, value, /)
|       Return self<value.

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```

|  __ne__(self, value, /)
|      Return self!=value.
|
|  __repr__(self, /)
|      Return repr(self).
|
|  __setitem__(self, key, value, /)
|      Set self[key] to value.
|
|  __sizeof__(...)
|      D.__sizeof__() -> size of D in memory, in bytes
|
|  clear(...)
|      D.clear() -> None.  Remove all items from D.
|
|  copy(...)
|      D.copy() -> a shallow copy of D
|
|  get(self, key, default=None, /)
|      Return the value for key if key is in the dictionary, else default.
|
|  items(...)
|      D.items() -> a set-like object providing a view on D's items
|
|  keys(...)
|      D.keys() -> a set-like object providing a view on D's keys
|
|  pop(...)
|      D.pop(k[,d]) -> v, remove specified key and return the corresponding
value.
|      If key is not found, d is returned if given, otherwise KeyError is
raised
|
|  popitem(...)
|      D.popitem() -> (k, v), remove and return some (key, value) pair as a
2-tuple; but raise KeyError if D is empty.
|
|  setdefault(self, key, default=None, /)
|      Insert key with a value of default if key is not in the dictionary.
|
|      Return the value for key if key is in the dictionary, else default.
|
|  update(...)
|      D.update([E, ]**F) -> None.  Update D from dict/iterable E and F.
|      If E is present and has a .keys() method, then does:  for k in E: D[k] =
E[k]
|      If E is present and lacks a .keys() method, then does:  for k, v in E:
D[k] = v

```

```
|         In either case, this is followed by: for k in F: D[k] = F[k]
|
| values(...)
|     D.values() -> an object providing a view on D's values
|
| -----
| Class methods defined here:
|
| fromkeys(iterable, value=None, /) from builtins.type
|     Create a new dictionary with keys from iterable and values set to value.
|
| -----
| Static methods defined here:
|
| __new__(*args, **kwargs) from builtins.type
|     Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.
|
| -----
| Data and other attributes defined here:
|
| __hash__ = None
```

```
[37]: for k in eng2sp.keys(): # the keys are ordered based on their insertion order
      print("key {} maps to value {}".format(k, eng2sp[k]))
```

```
key One maps to value ['UNO', 'uno', 0, 'Uno']
key two maps to value dos
key three maps to value tres
key 4 maps to value quatro
key five maps to value sinco
key Five maps to value Sinco
key ten maps to value diez
```

```
[23]: print(list(eng2sp.keys()))
```

```
['One', 'two', 'three', 4, 'five', 'Five', 'ten']
```

```
[24]: print(list(eng2sp.values()))
```

```
[['UNO', 'uno', 'Uno'], 'dos', 'tres', 'quatro', 'sinco', 'Sinco', 'diez']
```

```
[25]: # iterate over keys
      for k in eng2sp:
          print('key = {} value = {}'.format(k, eng2sp.get(k)))
```

```
key = One value = ['UNO', 'uno', 'Uno']
key = two value = dos
```

```
key = three value = tres
key = 4 value = quatro
key = five value = sinco
key = Five value = Sinco
key = ten value = diez
```

```
[26]: # get method returns None if the key is not found
print(eng2sp.get('asdfs'))
```

None

```
[28]: # can also return default value if key doesn't exist
print(eng2sp.get("Ondfe", '?'))
```

?

```
[29]: # iterate over values
for val in eng2sp.values():
    print("value = ", val)
```

```
value = ['UNO', 'uno', 'Uno']
value = dos
value = tres
value = quatro
value = sinco
value = Sinco
value = diez
```

```
[30]: values = list(eng2sp.values())
```

```
[31]: values
```

```
[31]: [['UNO', 'uno', 'Uno'], 'dos', 'tres', 'quatro', 'sinco', 'Sinco', 'diez']
```

```
[32]: items = list(eng2sp.items())
```

```
[33]: print(items)
```

```
[('One', ['UNO', 'uno', 'Uno']), ('two', 'dos'), ('three', 'tres'), (4,
'quatro'), ('five', 'sinco'), ('Five', 'Sinco'), ('ten', 'diez')]
```

```
[34]: dict2 = dict(items)
print(dict2)
```

```
{'One': ['UNO', 'uno', 'Uno'], 'two': 'dos', 'three': 'tres', 4: 'quatro',
'five': 'sinco', 'Five': 'Sinco', 'ten': 'diez'}
```

```
[35]: for k, v in eng2sp.items():  
      print('{} -> {}'.format(k, v))
```

```
One -> ['UNO', 'uno', 'Uno']  
two -> dos  
three -> tres  
4 -> quatro  
five -> cinco  
Five -> Cinco  
ten -> diez
```

```
[36]: print(eng2sp.popitem())  
      print(eng2sp)
```

```
('ten', 'diez')  
{'One': ['UNO', 'uno', 'Uno'], 'two': 'dos', 'three': 'tres', 4: 'quatro',  
'five': 'cinco', 'Five': 'Cinco'}
```

1.6 Checking keys

- in and not in operators can be used to check if some keys exist in a given dictionary
- knowing if key exists helps automatically create dictionaries and access corresponding values

```
[37]: "One" in eng2sp
```

```
[37]: True
```

```
[38]: "Ten" in eng2sp
```

```
[38]: False
```

```
[39]: "twenty" not in eng2sp
```

```
[39]: True
```

1.7 Copying dictionary objects

- shallow copy vs deep copy

```
[ ]: import copy  
digits = {1: 'one', 2: 'two', 3: ['three', 'Three', 'THREE']}  
digits1 = digits # creates an alias  
digits2 = digits.copy() # shallow copy  
digits3 = copy.deepcopy(digits) # deep copy
```


1.7.1 visualize in pythontutor.com

```
[ ]: from IPython.display import IFrame
src = '''
http://pythontutor.com/iframe-embed.
↪html#code=import%20copy%0Adigits%20%3D%20%7B1%3A%20'one',%20%3A%20'two',%20%3A%20%5B'thre
↪copy%28%29%20%23%20shallow%20copy%0Adigits3%20%3D%20copy.
↪deepcopy%28digits%29%20%23%20deep%20copy&codeDivHeight=400&codeDivWidth=350&cumulative=false
↪js&py=3&rawInputLstJSON=%5B%5D&textReferences=false
'''
IFrame(src, width=900, height=600)
```

1.8 Passing dictionaries to functions

- dict is a mutable type
- therefore, dict objects are passed by reference

```
[40]: # find the histogram (frequency of each unique character) in a word
def histogram(word, hist):
    for c in word:
        c = c.lower()
        if c in hist:
            hist[c] += 1
        else:
            hist[c] = 1
```

```
[41]: h = {}
histogram('Mississippim', h)
for k, v in h.items():
    print(k, v)
```

```
m 2
i 4
s 4
p 2
```

1.9 Returning dict from functions

- dict objects can be returned from functions

```
[42]: def getHist(word):# = "Mississippi"
    h = {}
    for c in word:
        if c in h:
            h[c] += 1
        else:
            h[c] = 1
    return h
```

```
[43]: hist = getHist('Mississippi')
      print(hist)
      if 'M' in hist:
          print('M is in histogram')
```

```
{'M': 1, 'i': 4, 's': 4, 'p': 2}
M is in histogram
```

1.10 Exercises

1. Count and print letter frequency in a given word. Hint: use get method
2. Write a program that reads some text data and prints a frequency table of the letters in alphabetical order. Case should be ignored. A sample output of the program when the user enters the data “ThiS is String with Upper and lower case Letters”, would look this:

1.11 Kattis problems that can be solved using dict

1. I’ve Been Everywhere, Man - <https://open.kattis.com/problems/everywhere>
2. Seven Wonders - <https://open.kattis.com/problems/sevenwonders>
3. ACM Contest Scoring - <https://open.kattis.com/problems/acm>
4. Stacking Cups - <https://open.kattis.com/problems/cups>
5. A New Alphabet - <https://open.kattis.com/problems/anewalphabet>
6. Words for Numbers - <https://open.kattis.com/problems/wordsfornumbers>
7. Babelfish - <https://open.kattis.com/problems/babelfish>
8. Popular Vote - <https://open.kattis.com/problems/vote>
9. Adding Words - <https://open.kattis.com/problems/addingwords>
10. Grandpa Bernie - <https://open.kattis.com/problems/grandpabernie>
11. Judging Troubles - <https://open.kattis.com/problems/judging>
12. Not Amused - <https://open.kattis.com/problems/notamused>
13. Engineering English - <https://open.kattis.com/problems/engineeringenglish>
14. Hardwood Species - <https://open.kattis.com/problems/hardwoodspecies>
15. Conformity - <https://open.kattis.com/problems/conformity>
16. Galactic Collegiate Programming Contest - <https://open.kattis.com/problems/gcpc>
17. Simplicity - <https://open.kattis.com/problems/simplicity>

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