

PYTHON – DICTIONARIES

Course Unit 7: Week 9

OBJECTIVES:

- 1. Discuss the python dictionaries and arrays.
- 2. Demonstrate programs using python dictionaries and arrays.
- 3. Develop a python program using dictionaries and arrays.

- Python Dictionaries
- Accessing Dictionary Items
- Changing Dictionary Items
- Add Dictionary Items
- Remove Dictionary Items

- Dictionary View Objects
- Loop Dictionaries
- Copy Dictionaries
- Nested Dictionaries
- Dictionary Methods

```
thisdict = {
   "brand": "Ford",
   "model": "Mustang",
   "year": 1964
}
```

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- one of the built-in data types in Python
- *example of mapping type (A mapping object 'maps' value of one object with another.)
- In a language dictionary we have pairs of word and corresponding meaning. Two parts of pair are key (word) and value (meaning).
- a collection of key: value pairs.
- *pairs are separated by comma and put inside curly brackets {}.
- *To establish mapping between key and value, the colon ':' symbol is put between the two.

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- used to store multiple items in a single variable
- used to store data values in key: value pairs
- written with curly brackets { }
- ordered*, changeable and do not allow duplicates * As of Python version 3.7, dictionaries are ordered. In Python 3.6 and earlier, dictionaries are unordered.
- can be of any data type
- defined as objects with the data type 'dict'

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ACCESSING DICTIONARY ITEMS

Using the "[]" Operator

```
capitals = {"Maharashtra":"Mumbai", "Gujarat":"Gandhinagar",
"Telangana":"Hyderabad", "Karnataka":"Bengaluru"}

print ("Capital of Gujarat is: ", capitals['Gujarat'])

print ("Capital of Karnataka is: ", capitals['Karnataka'])
```

```
capitals = {"Maharashtra":"Mumbai", "Gujarat":"Gandhinagar", "Telangana":"Hyderabad", "Karnataka":"Bengaluru"}
print ("Captial of Haryana is : ", capitals['Haryana'])
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
    File "/home/cg/root/68201/main.py", line 2, in <module>
        print ("Captial of Haryana is : ", capitals['Haryana'])
KeyError: 'Haryana'
```

ACCESSING DICTIONARY ITEMS

Using the get() Method

Syntax

Val = dict.get("key")

Parameters

key – An immutable object used as key in the dictionary object

```
capitals = {"Maharashtra":"Mumbai",
"Gujarat":"Gandhinagar", "Telangana":"Hyderabad",
"Karnataka":"Bengaluru"}
print ("Capital of Gujarat is: ", capitals.get('Gujarat'))
print ("Capital of Karnataka is: ", capitals.get('Karnataka'))
```

Capital of Gujarat is: Gandhinagar Capital of Karnataka is: Bengaluru

Return Value

The get() method returns the object mapped with the given key.

```
capitals = {"Maharashtra":"Mumbai", "Gujarat":"Gandhinagar", "Telangana":"Hyderabad", "Karnataka":"Bengaluru"} print ("Capital of Haryana is : ", capitals.get('Haryana'))
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CHANGE DICTIONARY ITEMS

Empty Dictionary

Using dict() function without any arguments creates an empty dictionary object. It is equivalent to putting nothing between curly brackets.

```
d1 = dict()
d2: {}
d2 = {}
print ('d1: ', d1)
print ('d2: ', d2)
```

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Dictionary from List of Tuples

The **dict()** function constructs a dictionary from a list or tuple of two-item tuples. First item in a tuple is treated as key, and the second as its value.

```
d1=dict([('a', 100), ('b', 200)])
d2 = dict(((('a', 'one'), ('b', 'two')))
print ('d1: ', d1)
print ('d2: ', d2)

d1: {'a': 100, 'b': 200}
d2: {'a': 'one', 'b': 'two'}
```

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Dictionary from Keyword Arguments

The **dict()** function can take any number of keyword arguments with name=value pairs. It returns a dictionary object with the name as key and associates it to the

value.

```
d1=dict(a= 100, b=200)
d2 = dict(a='one', b='two')
print ('d1: ', d1)
print ('d2: ', d2)
d1: {'a': 100, 'b': 200}
d2: {'a': 'one', 'b': 'two'}
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Using the Operator

The "[]" operator (used to access value mapped to a dictionary key) is used to update an existing key-value pair as well as add a new pair.

Syntax

dict["key"] = val

If the key is already present in the dictionary object, its value will be updated to val. If the key is not present in the dictionary, a new key-value pair will be added.

Using the Operator

```
marks = {"Savita":67, "Imtiaz":88, "Laxman":91, "David":49} print ("marks dictionary before update: ", marks) marks['Laxman'] = 95 print ("marks dictionary after update: ", marks)
```

marks dictionary before update: {'Savita': 67, 'Imtiaz': 88, 'Laxman': 91, 'David': 49} marks dictionary after update: {'Savita': 67, 'Imtiaz': 88, 'Laxman': 95, 'David': 49}

Using the Operator

```
marks = {"Savita":67, "Imtiaz":88, "Laxman":91, "David":49}
print ("marks dictionary before update: ", marks)
marks['Krishan'] = 74
print ("marks dictionary after update: ", marks)
```

marks dictionary before update: {'Savita': 67, 'Imtiaz': 88, 'Laxman': 91, 'David': 49} marks dictionary after update: {'Savita': 67, 'Imtiaz': 88, 'Laxman': 91, 'David': 49, 'Krishan': 74}

Using the update() Method – Update with Another Dictionary

the **update()** method's argument is another dictionary. Value of keys common in both dictionaries is updated. For new keys, key-value pair is added in the existing dictionary.

Syntax

d1.update(d2)

Return value

The existing dictionary is updated with new key-value pairs added to it.

Using the update() Method – Update with Another Dictionary

```
marks = {"Savita":67, "Imtiaz":88, "Laxman":91, "David":49} print ("marks dictionary before update: \n", marks) marks1 = {"Sharad": 51, "Mushtaq": 61, "Laxman": 89} marks.update(marks1) print ("marks dictionary after update: \n", marks)
```

```
marks dictionary before update: {'Savita': 67, 'Imtiaz': 88, 'Laxman': 91, 'David': 49} marks dictionary after update: {'Savita': 67, 'Imtiaz': 88, 'Laxman': 89, 'David': 49, 'Sharad': 51, 'Mushtaq': 61}
```

Using the update() Method - Update with Iterable

If the argument to update() method is a list or tuple of two item tuples, an item each for it is added in the existing dictionary, or updated if the key is existing.

Syntax

d1.update([(k1, v1), (k2, v2)])

Return value

Existing dictionary is updated with new keys added.

Using the update() Method - Update with Iterable

```
marks = {"Savita":67, "Imtiaz":88, "Laxman":91, "David":49} print ("marks dictionary before update: \n", marks) marks1 = [("Sharad", 51), ("Mushtaq", 61), ("Laxman", 89)] marks.update(marks1) print ("marks dictionary after update: \n", marks)
```

```
marks dictionary before update: {'Savita': 67, 'Imtiaz': 88, 'Laxman': 91, 'David': 49} marks dictionary after update: {'Savita': 67, 'Imtiaz': 88, 'Laxman': 89, 'David': 49, 'Sharad': 51, 'Mushtaq': 61}
```

Using the update() Method – Update with Keyword Arguments

Third version of update() method accepts list of keyword arguments in name=value format. New k-v pairs are added, or value of existing key is updated.

Syntax

d1.update(k1=v1, k2=v2)

Return value

Existing dictionary is updated with new key-value pairs added.

Using the update() Method – Update with Keyword Arguments

```
marks = {"Savita":67, "Imtiaz":88, "Laxman":91, "David":49} print ("marks dictionary before update: \n", marks) marks.update(Sharad = 51, Mushtaq = 61, Laxman = 89) print ("marks dictionary after update: \n", marks)
```

```
marks dictionary before update: {'Savita': 67, 'Imtiaz': 88, 'Laxman': 91, 'David': 49} marks dictionary after update: {'Savita': 67, 'Imtiaz': 88, 'Laxman': 89, 'David': 49, 'Sharad': 51, 'Mushtaq': 61}
```

Using the Unpack Operator

The "**" symbol prefixed to a dictionary object unpacks it to a list of tuples, each tuple with key and value. Two dict objects are unpacked and merged together and obtain a new dictionary.

Syntax

$$d3 = {**d1, **d2}$$

Return value

Two dictionaries are merged and a new object is returned.

Using the Unpack Operator

```
marks = {"Savita":67, "Imtiaz":88, "Laxman":91, "David":49} print ("marks dictionary before update: \n", marks) marks1 = {"Sharad": 51, "Mushtaq": 61, "Laxman": 89} newmarks = {**marks, **marks1} print ("marks dictionary after update: \n", newmarks)
```

```
marks dictionary before update:

{'Savita': 67, 'Imtiaz': 88, 'Laxman': 91, 'David': 49}

marks dictionary after update:

{'Savita': 67, 'Imtiaz': 88, 'Laxman': 89, 'David': 49, 'Sharad': 51, 'Mushtaq': 61}
```

Using the Union Operator (|)

Python introduces the "|" (pipe symbol) as the union operator for dictionary operands. It updates existing keys in dict object on left, and adds new key-value pairs to return a new dict object.

Syntax

d3 = d1 | d2

Return value

The Union operator return a new dict object after merging the two dict operands

Using the Union Operator (|)

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```

marks dictionary before update: {'Savita': 67, 'Imtiaz': 88, 'Laxman': 91, 'David': 49} marks dictionary after update: {'Savita': 67, 'Imtiaz': 88, 'Laxman': 89, 'David': 49, 'Sharad': 51, 'Mushtaq': 61}

❖Using "|=" Operator

The "|=" operator is an augmented Union operator. It performs in-place update on the dictionary operand on left by adding new keys in the operand on right, and updating the existing keys.

```
marks = {"Savita":67, "Imtiaz":88, "Laxman":91, "David":49}

d1 |= d2 print ("marks dictionary before update: \n", marks)

marks1 = {"Sharad": 51, "Mushtaq": 61, "Laxman": 89}

marks |= marks1

print ("marks dictionary after update: \n", marks)

marks dictionary before update:
{'Savita': 67, 'Imtiaz': 88, 'Laxman': 91, 'David': 49}

marks dictionary after update:
{'Savita': 67, 'Imtiaz': 88, 'Laxman': 89, 'David': 49, 'Sharad': 51, 'Mushtaq': 61}
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```
"model": "Mustang",
"year": 1964
```

thisdict = {

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"brand": "Ford",

Using del Keyword

Python's **del** keyword deletes any object from the memory. Here we use it to delete a key-value pair in a dictionary.

Syntax

del dict['key']

```
numbers = \{10:"Ten", 20:"Twenty", 30:"Thirty",40:"Forty"\} print ("numbers dictionary before delete operation: n, numbers) del numbers[20] print ("numbers dictionary before delete operation: n, numbers)
```

```
numbers dictionary before delete operation: {10: 'Ten', 20: 'Twenty', 30: 'Thirty', 40: 'Forty'} numbers dictionary before delete operation: {10: 'Ten', 30: 'Thirty', 40: 'Forty'}
```

Using pop() Method

The **pop()** method of dict class causes an element with the specified key to be removed from the dictionary.

Syntax

val = dict.pop(key)

Return value

The pop() method returns the value of the specified key after removing the key-value pair.

Using pop() Method

```
numbers = {10:"Ten", 20:"Twenty", 30:"Thirty",40:"Forty"}
print ("numbers dictionary before pop operation: \n", numbers)
val = numbers.pop(20)
print ("numbers dictionary after pop operation: \n", numbers)
print ("Value popped: ", val)
```

```
numbers dictionary before pop operation: {10: 'Ten', 20: 'Twenty', 30: 'Thirty', 40: 'Forty'} numbers dictionary after pop operation: {10: 'Ten', 30: 'Thirty', 40: 'Forty'} Value popped: Twenty
```

Using popitem() Method

The **popitem()** method in dict() class doesn't take any argument. It pops out the last inserted key-value pair, and returns the same as a tuple

Syntax

val = dict.popitem()

Return Value

The popitem() method return a tuple contain key and value of the removed item from the dictionary

Using popitem() Method

```
numbers = {10:"Ten", 20:"Twenty", 30:"Thirty",40:"Forty"}
print ("numbers dictionary before pop operation: \n", numbers)
val = numbers.popitem()
print ("numbers dictionary after pop operation: \n", numbers)
print ("Value popped: ", val)
```

```
numbers dictionary before pop operation: {10: 'Ten', 20: 'Twenty', 30: 'Thirty', 40: 'Forty'} numbers dictionary after pop operation: {10: 'Ten', 20: 'Twenty', 30: 'Thirty'} Value popped: (40, 'Forty')
```

Using clear() Method

The clear() method in dict class removes all the elements from the dictionary object and returns an empty object.

```
Syntax numbers = \{10: Ten', 20: Twenty', 30: Thirty', 40: Forty'\} print ("numbers dictionary before clear method: n', numbers) numbers.clear() print ("numbers dictionary after clear method: n', numbers)
```

```
numbers dictionary before clear method: {10: 'Ten', 20: 'Twenty', 30: 'Thirty', 40: 'Forty'} numbers dictionary after clear method: {}
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DICTIONARY VIEW OBJECTS

The items(), keys() and values() methods of dict class return view objects. These views are refreshed dynamically whenever any change occurs in the contents of their source dictionary object.

items() Method

The items() method returns a dict_items view object. It contains a list of tuples, each tuple made up of respective key, value pairs.

Syntax

Obj = dict.items()

Return value

The items() method returns dict_items object which is a dynamic view of (key,value) tuples.

*items() Method

```
numbers = {10:"Ten", 20:"Twenty", 30:"Thirty", 40:"Forty"}
obj = numbers.items()
print ('type of obj: ', type(obj))
print (obj)
print ("update numbers dictionary")
numbers.update({50:"Fifty"})
print ("View automatically updated")
print (obj)
                       type of obj: <class 'dict_items'>
                       dict_items([(10, 'Ten'), (20, 'Twenty'), (30, 'Thirty'), (40, 'Forty')])
                       update numbers dictionary
                       View automatically updated
                       dict_items([(10, 'Ten'), (20, 'Twenty'), (30, 'Thirty'), (40, 'Forty'), (50, 'Fifty')])
```

keys() Method

The **keys()** method of dict class returns dict_keys object which is a list of all keys defined in the dictionary. It is a view object, as it gets automatically updated whenever any update action is done on the dictionary object

Syntax

Obj = dict.keys()

Return value

The keys() method returns dict_keys object which is a view of keys in the dictionary.

keys() Method

```
numbers = {10:"Ten", 20:"Twenty", 30:"Thirty",40:"Forty"}
obj = numbers.keys()
print ('type of obj: ', type(obj))
print (obj)
print ("update numbers dictionary")
numbers.update({50:"Fifty"})
print ("View automatically updated")
print (obj)

type of obj: <class dict_keys([10, 20, update numbers o
```

type of obj: <class 'dict_keys'> dict_keys([10, 20, 30, 40]) update numbers dictionary View automatically updated dict_keys([10, 20, 30, 40, 50])

values() Method

The values() method returns a view of all the values present in the dictionary. The object is of dict_value type, which gets automatically updated.

Syntax

Obj = dict.values()

Return value

The values() method returns a dict_values view of all the values present in the dictionary.

values() Method

```
numbers = {10:"Ten", 20:"Twenty", 30:"Thirty",40:"Forty"}
obj = numbers.values()
print ('type of obj: ', type(obj))
print (obj)
print ("update numbers dictionary")
numbers.update({50:"Fifty"})
print ("View automatically updated")
                                             type of obj: <class 'dict_values'>
print (obj)
                                             dict_values(['Ten', 'Twenty', 'Thirty', 'Forty'])
                                             update numbers dictionary
                                             View automatically updated
                                             dict_values(['Ten', 'Twenty', 'Thirty', 'Forty', 'Fifty'])
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Unlike a list, tuple or a string, dictionary data type in Python is not a sequence, as the items do not have a positional index. However, traversing a dictionary is still possible with different techniques.

Running a simple for loop over the dictionary object traverses the keys used in it.

```
numbers = {10:"Ten", 20:"Twenty", 30:"Thirty",40:"Forty"}
for x in numbers:
    print (x)
```

Once we are able to get the key, its associated value can be easily accessed either by using square brackets operator or with get() method.

```
numbers = {10:"Ten", 20:"Twenty", 30:"Thirty",40:"Forty"}
for x in numbers:
    print (x,":",numbers[x])
```

10 : Ten

20 : Twenty

30 : Thirty

The items(), keys() and values() methods of dict class return the view objects dict_items, dict_keys and dict_values respectively. These objects are iterators, and hence we can run a for loop over them.

The dict_items object is a list of key-value tuples over which a for loop can be run as follows:

```
numbers = {10:"Ten", 20:"Twenty", 30:"Thirty",40:"Forty"}
for x in numbers.items():
    print (x)
```

```
(10, 'Ten')
(20, 'Twenty')
(30, 'Thirty')
(40, 'Forty')
```

On previous, "x" is the tuple element from the dict_items iterator. We can further unpack this tuple in two different variables.

```
numbers = {10:"Ten", 20:"Twenty", 30:"Thirty",40:"Forty"}
for x,y in numbers.items():
    print (x,":", y)
```

10 : Ten

20 : Twenty

30 : Thirty

Similarly, the collection of keys in dict_keys object can be iterated over.

```
numbers = {10:"Ten", 20:"Twenty", 30:"Thirty",40:"Forty"}
for x in numbers.keys():
    print (x, ":", numbers[x])
```

10 : Ten

20: Twenty

30 : Thirty

Respective Keys and values in dict_keys and dict_values are at same index. In the following example, we have a for loop that runs from 0 to the length of the dict, and use the looping variable as index and print key and its corresponding value.

```
numbers = {10:"Ten", 20:"Twenty", 30:"Thirty",40:"Forty"}
l = len(numbers)
for x in range(l):
    print (list(numbers.keys())[x], ":", list(numbers.values())[x])
```

10 : Ten 20 : Twenty 30 : Thirty

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COPY DICTIONARIES

use the copy() method instead of assignment.

```
d1 = {"a":11, "b":22, "c":33}
d2 = d1.copy()
print ("id:", id(d1), "dict: ",d1)
print ("id:", id(d2), "dict: ",d2)
d1["b"] = 100
print ("id:", id(d1), "dict: ",d1)
print ("id:", id(d2), "dict: ",d2)
```

When "d1" is updated, "d2" will not change now because "d2" is the copy of dictionary object, not merely a reference.

```
id: 1586671734976 dict: {'a': 11, 'b': 22, 'c': 33} id: 1586673973632 dict: {'a': 11, 'b': 22, 'c': 33} id: 1586671734976 dict: {'a': 11, 'b': 100, 'c': 33} id: 1586673973632 dict: {'a': 11, 'b': 22, 'c': 33}
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NESTED DICTIONARIES

A Python dictionary is said to have a nested structure if value of one or more keys is another dictionary. A nested dictionary is usually employed to store a complex data structure.

```
marklist = {
    "Mahesh" : {"Phy" : 60, "maths" : 70},
    "Madhavi" : {"phy" : 75, "maths" : 68},
    "Mitchell" : {"phy" : 67, "maths" : 71}
}
```

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constitute a for loop to traverse nested dictionary, as in the previous section.

```
marklist = {
   "Mahesh" : {"Phy" : 60, "maths" : 70},
   "Madhavi" : {"phy" : 75, "maths" : 68},
   "Mitchell" : {"phy" : 67, "maths" : 71}
for k,v in marklist.items():
   print (k, ":", v)
```

Mahesh: {'Phy': 60, 'maths': 70} Madhavi: {'phy': 75, 'maths': 68} Mitchell: {'phy': 67, 'maths': 71}

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It is possible to access value from an inner dictionary with [] notation or get() method.

```
print (marklist.get("Madhavi")['maths'])
obj=marklist['Mahesh']
print (obj.get('Phy'))
print (marklist['Mitchell'].get('maths'))
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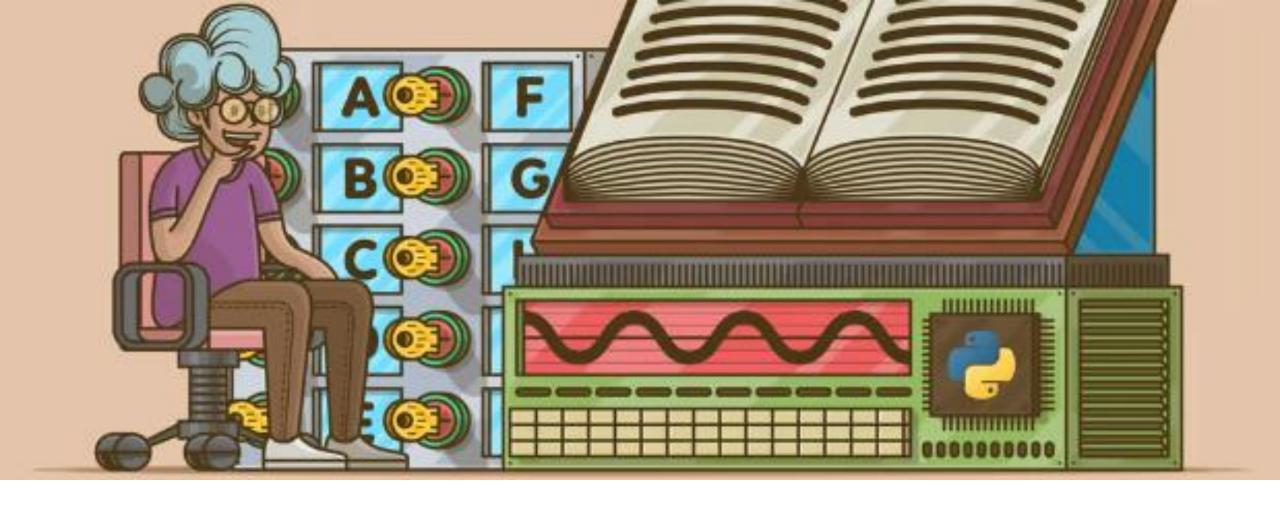
Sr.No.	Method and Description
1	dict.clear() Removes all elements of dictionary dict.
2	dict.copy() Returns a shallow copy of dictionary dict.
3	dict.fromkeys() Create a new dictionary with keys from seq and values set to value.
4	dict.get(key, default=None) For key key, returns value or default if key not in dictionary.

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5	dict.has_key(key) Returns true if a given key is available in the dictionary, otherwise it returns a false.
6	dict.items() Returns a list of dict's (key, value) tuple pairs.
7	dict.keys() Returns list of dictionary dict's keys.
8	dict.pop() Removes the element with specified key from the collection

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9	dict.popitem() Removes the last inserted key-value pair
10	<pre>dict.setdefault(key, default=None) Similar to get(), but will set dict[key]=default if key is not already in dict.</pre>
11	dict.update(dict2) Adds dictionary dict2's key-values pairs to dict.
12	dict.values() Returns list of dictionary dict's values.



References