Python Dictionary Examples and Usages

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1 Dictionary

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```
import pprint
import copy as copy
```

1.1 Loop Through a Dictionary

Given a dictionary, loop through all of its elements

1.2 Select One Key-value Pair

Given a dictionary, select a single key-value pair, based on either the key or the value.

```
# select by key
ls_it_keys = [0, 4]
```

1.3 Copying Dictionary and Updating Copied Dictionary

First, below, it looks as if the default dictionary has been copied, and that the updates to the dictionary will only impact the $dc_invoke_main_args$, but that is not the case:

```
# list update
dc_invoke_main_args_default = {'speckey': 'ng_s_t',
                               'ge': False,
                               'multiprocess': False,
                               'estimate': False,
                               'graph_panda_list_name': 'min_graphs',
                               'save directory main': 'simu',
                               'log_file': False,
                               'log_file_suffix': ''}
dc invoke main args = dc invoke main args default
dc_invoke_main_args['speckey'] = 'b_ge_s_t_bis'
dc invoke main args['ge'] = True
print(f'speckey in dc_invoke_main_args is {dc_invoke_main_args["speckey"]}.')
## speckey in dc_invoke_main_args is b_ge_s_t_bis.
print(f'speckey in dc_invoke_main_args_default is {dc_invoke_main_args_default["speckey"]}.')
## speckey in dc_invoke_main_args_default is b_ge_s_t_bis.
```

Now this has the intended result. After updating the deep-copied dictionary, the key-values in the original dictionary are preserved:

```
## speckey in dc_invoke_main_args_default is ng_s_t.
print(f'speckey in dc_invoke_main_args is {dc_invoke_main_args["speckey"]}.')
# deep copy and update again
## speckey in dc_invoke_main_args is b_ge_s_t_bis.
dc_invoke_main_args = copy.deepcopy(dc_invoke_main_args_default)
dc_invoke_main_args['speckey'] = 'b_ge_s_t_bis_new'
dc_invoke_main_args['ge'] = False
print(f'speckey in dc_invoke_main_args is {dc_invoke_main_args["speckey"]}.')
## speckey in dc_invoke_main_args is b_ge_s_t_bis_new.
  • copy and deepcopy
  • Deep copy of a dict in python
     Create a List of Dictionaries
import datetime
import pprint
ls_dc_exa = [
    {"file": "mat_matlab",
     "title": "One Variable Graphs and Tables",
     "description": "Frequency table, bar chart and histogram",
     "val": 1,
     "date": datetime.date(2020, 5, 2)},
    {"file": "mat_two",
     "title": "Second file",
    "description": "Second file.",
     "val": [1, 2, 3],
     "date": datetime.date(2020, 5, 2)},
    {"file": "mat_algebra_rules",
    "title": "Opening a Dataset",
     "description": "Opening a Dataset.",
     "val": 1.1,
     "date": datetime.date(2018, 12, 1)}
pprint.pprint(ls_dc_exa, width=1)
```

```
## [{'date': datetime.date(2020, 5, 2),
##
     'description': 'Frequency
##
                     'table, '
##
                     'bar '
##
                     'chart '
##
                     'and '
##
                     'histogram',
##
     'file': 'mat matlab',
     'title': 'One '
##
##
               'Variable '
               'Graphs '
##
               'and '
##
               'Tables',
##
##
     'val': 1},
    {'date': datetime.date(2020, 5, 2),
##
##
     'description': 'Second '
```

```
##
                      'file.',
     'file': 'mat_two',
##
##
     'title': 'Second '
##
               'file',
##
     'val': [1,
##
              2,
##
              3]},
    {'date': datetime.date(2018, 12, 1),
##
##
     'description': 'Opening '
##
##
                      'Dataset.',
     'file': 'mat_algebra_rules',
##
     'title': 'Opening '
##
               'a '
##
##
               'Dataset',
##
     'val': 1.1}]
```

1.5 Iteratively Add to A Dictionary

Iteratively add additional Key and Value pairs to a dictionary.

```
ls_snm_tex = ["file1.tex", "file2.tex", "file3.tex"]
ls_snm_pdf = ["file1.pdf", "file2.pdf", "file3.pdf"]

dc_tex_pdf = {}
for tex, pdf in zip(ls_snm_tex, ls_snm_pdf):
    dc_tex_pdf[tex] = pdf

pprint.pprint(dc_tex_pdf, width=1)

## {'file1.tex': 'file1.pdf',
## 'file2.tex': 'file2.pdf',
## 'file3.tex': 'file3.pdf'}
```

1.6 Select by Keys Dictionaries from list of Dictionaries

Given a list of dictionary, search if key name is in list:

##

'title': 'One '

```
# string to search through
ls_str_file_ids = ['mat_matlab', 'mat_algebra_rules']
# select subset
ls_dc_selected = [dc_exa
                  for dc_exa in ls_dc_exa
                  if dc_exa['file'] in ls_str_file_ids]
# print
pprint.pprint(ls_dc_selected, width=1)
## [{'date': datetime.date(2020, 5, 2),
##
     'description': 'Frequency '
                     'table, '
##
                     'bar '
##
##
                     'chart '
##
                     'and '
##
                     'histogram',
##
     'file': 'mat_matlab',
```

```
##
               'Graphs '
               'and '
##
##
               'Tables',
##
     'val': 1},
    {'date': datetime.date(2018, 12, 1),
##
     'description': 'Opening '
##
                     'a '
##
##
                     'Dataset.',
##
     'file': 'mat_algebra_rules',
##
     'title': 'Opening '
               'a '
##
##
               'Dataset',
##
     'val': 1.1}]
Search and Select by Multiple Keys in Dictionary. Using two keys below:
# string to search through
ls_str_file_ids = ['mat_matlab', 'mat_algebra_rules']
# select subset
ls_dc_selected = [dc_exa
                   for dc_exa in ls_dc_exa
                   if ((dc_exa['file'] in ls_str_file_ids)
                       and
                       (dc_exa['val'] == 1))]
# print
pprint.pprint(ls_dc_selected, width=1)
  [{'date': datetime.date(2020, 5, 2),
     'description': 'Frequency '
##
##
                     'table, '
##
                     'bar '
##
                     'chart '
##
                     'and '
##
                     'histogram',
##
     'file': 'mat_matlab',
##
     'title': 'One '
##
               'Variable '
##
               'Graphs '
##
               'and '
##
               'Tables',
     'val': 1}]
##
```

1.7 Drop Element of Dictionary

Drop element of a dictionary inside a list:

##

'Variable '

```
# Drop
del dc_test[0]['val']
del dc_test[0]['file']
del dc_test[0]['description']
del dc_test[1]['val']
# Print
pprint.pprint(dc_test, width=1)
## [{'date': datetime.date(2020, 5, 2),
   'title': 'One '
##
              'Variable '
##
              'Graphs '
##
##
              'and '
              'Tables'},
##
## {'file': 'mat_matlab_2'}]
```