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CSE304: PYTHON PROGRAMMING WITH WEB FRAMEWORKS

UNIT – II: Dictionaries and Sets

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Dictionary

- **Unordered collections of arbitrary objects as key-value pairs**
- **Accessed by key, not offset position**
 - Also called as associative arrays or hashes
 - Associates a set of values with keys, so an item can be fetched from a dictionary using the key
- **Variable-length, heterogeneous, and arbitrarily nestable**
- **Immutable key but mutable mapping**

Dictionary

- Embedded within {} as key:value pairs delimited by comma

- dict_name = {key1:value1, key2:value2, ...}

- Eg.

```
countries = { "TN": "Tamil Nadu",  
              "TE": "Telungana",  
              "AP": "Andra Pradesh",  
              "KE": "Kerala",  
              "KA": "Karnataka" }
```

```
movie = {1960: "Bala Nagamma", 1961: "Jagathala Pradhapan",  
         1963: "Lava Kusa", 1964: "Karnan", 1967: "Sri Krishnavatharam" }
```

Dictionary Functions



Method	Description
dict_name[key]	Returns the value of the specified key. If key does not exist throws KeyError exception
get(key, default_value)	Returns the value of the specified key
pop(key, default_value)	Removes the element with the specified key
popitem()	Removes the last inserted key-value pair
keys()	Returns a view object that contains the dictionary's keys, reflects changes done in dictionary
values()	Returns a view object that contains all the values in the dictionary
items()	Returns a view object that contains a tuple for each key value pair
clear()	Removes all the elements from the dictionary
copy()	Returns a copy of the dictionary
fromkeys(iterable, [value])	Returns a dictionary with the specified keys and value
setdefault(key, default_value)	Returns the value of the specified key. If the key does not exist: insert the key, with the specified value
update(iterable)	Updates the dictionary with the specified key-value pairs
del dict_name[key]	Removes the element with the specified key. If key does not exist throws KeyError exception

Dictionary

- Retrieving value from dictionary
 - `dict_name[key]`
 - `dict_name.get(key[, value])`
 - `dict_name.setdefault(key[, value])`
- Checking for key in dictionary
 - `key in dict_name`
- Converting between list and dictionary
 - `list(view_object)`
 - `dict(2D-list or 2D-tuple)`

Set

- Unordered collection of unique and **immutable objects** that supports operations corresponding to mathematical set theory
- An item appears exactly once no matter how many times it is added to the set
- sets are
 - Iterable
 - Can grow and shrink on demand
 - May contain a heterogeneous types of objects
- To make a set object, pass in a sequence or other iterable object to the built-in set function:
- Eg.
 - `x = set('abcde')`
 - `y = set('bdxyz')`
 - `x`
`{'a', 'c', 'b', 'e', 'd'}`
 - `X=set([1, 2, 3, 4])` # using constructor
 - `X`
`{1, 2, 3, 4}`

Set Operations

- $x - y$ # Difference
- $x | y$ # Union
- $x \& y$ # Intersection
- $x \wedge y$ # Symmetric difference (XOR)
- $x > y, x < y$ # Superset, subset
- 'e' in x # Membership (sets)
- `x.intersection(y)` # Same as $x \& y$
- `x.union(y)`

Set Operations

- `z.add(item)` # Insert one item
- `z.update(iterable)` # Merge: in-place
- `z.remove('b')` # Delete one item
- `z.discard('b')` # Delete one item
- `for item in s1:`
 `print(item)`
- `len(s1)`
- `s1.issubset(s2)`
- `s1.issuperset(s2)`
- `s1.symmetric_difference(s2)`
- `s1.pop()` # removes last item, since unordered
 this is not recommended

Set Operations

- `s1.clear()` # removes all elements of set
- `del s1` # deletes the set itself
- `s1.copy()` # returns a copy of the set