Lecture 3-2

Week 3 Wednesday

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```

If all of the keys are simple strings with no spaces, you can create the dictionary directly with `dict()`.

In [3]:
```python
people2 = dict(adam = 25, bob = 19, carl = 30)
```

In [4]:
```python
people2
```

Out[4]:
```python
{'adam': 25, 'bob': 19, 'carl': 30}
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```
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```

```
In [9]:   people4
```

```
Out[9]:   {'adam': 25, 'bob': 19, 'carl': 30}
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In [14]:  people.get('joe', 0) # You can also specify a default value to return if the key is not found
```

```
Out[14]:  0
```

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```
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Out[19]:  (1, 2)
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Tuples and other immutable objects are considered "hashable". Mutable objects like lists are considered to be unhashable.

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```
Out[25]:   {'a': 3, 'b': 0}
```

```
In [26]:   d["b"]
```

```
Out[26]:   0
```

```
In [27]:   d["a"]
```

```
Out[27]:   3
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```

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<ipython-input-29-ea81c3364c87> in <module>
----> 1 people[0]

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In [31]:   people[0:2]
```

```
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TypeError                                 Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-31-d7e444c5acb5> in <module>
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<ipython-input-31-d7e444c5acb5> in <module>
----> 1 people[0:2]

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In [32]:
```python
people["adam":"carl"]
```

```
---------------------------------------------------------------------------
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<ipython-input-32-25eab869ab14> in <module>
----> 1 people["adam":"carl"]

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The `in` operator uses different algorithms for lists and dictionaries. For lists, it searches the elements of the list in order. As the list gets longer, the search time gets longer in direct proportion.

Python dictionaries use a data structure called a hashtable that has a remarkable property: the in operator takes about the same amount of time no matter how many items are in the dictionary.

Adding and modifying dictionary entries

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In [36]:
```
people
```

Out[36]:
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**Delete only deletes, but pop deletes and prints the value associated with a key.
In a list you can do list.pop() and by default it pops the last value, but
we can't do that with dictionary because dictionaries are unordered. We need
to pass pop() and key**

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In [42]:
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peopleB = {'dave':35 , 'earl': 22, 'fred': 27}
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This is huge!!!! omg

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```python
peopleA
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Out[48]:
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peopleA
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Out[49]: {'adam': 25, 'bob': 19, 'carl': 30, 'dave': 35, 'earl': 22, 'fred': 27}

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```
In [67]:    age_list # the list created earlier is not
```

Out[67]:   [25, 19, 30, 40]

```
In [68]:  ages[3]
```

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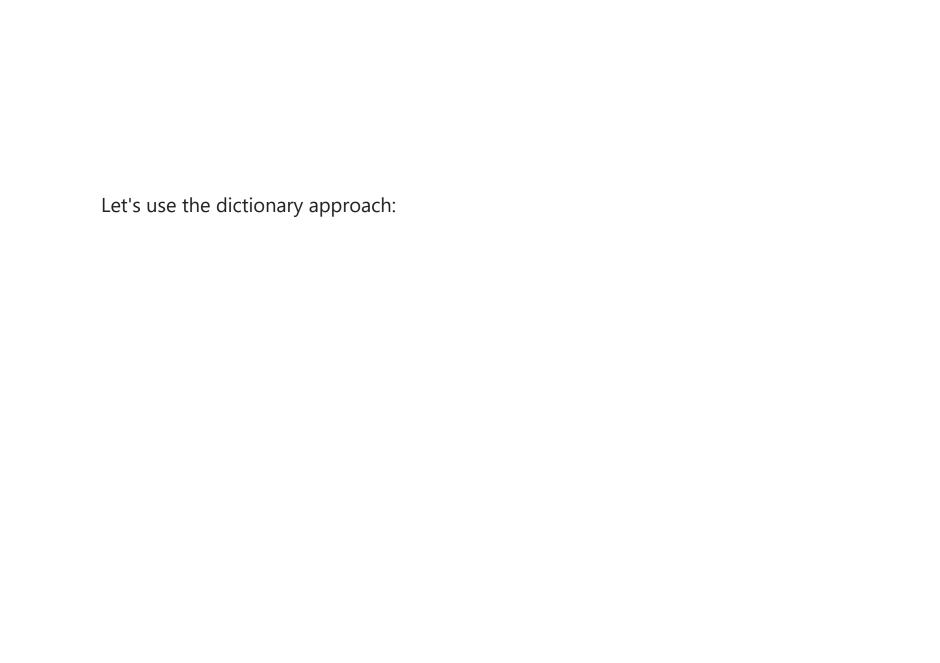
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In [72]:   list(people.items())
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Application: Using a dictionary as a collection of counters

You are given a string and you want to count how many times each letter appears.

There are a few ways we can do this.

1. You could create 26 variables, one for each letter of the alphabet. Then you could traverse the string and, for each character, increment the corresponding counter, probably using a chained conditional.

2. You could create a list with 26 elements. Then you could convert each character to a number (using the built-in function ord), use the number as an index into the list, and increment the appropriate counter.

3. You could create a dictionary with characters as keys and counters as the corresponding values. The first time you see a character, you would add an item to the dictionary. After that you would increment the value of an existing item.

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```python
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<ipython-input-80-56d6f6d320d9> in <module>
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<ipython-input-77-5279b3991468> in reverse_lookup(dictionary, value)
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LookupError: Value does not appear in dictionary
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The `raise` statement

The raise statement can be used to handle errors.

In our code we tell Python to raise a Lookup Exception with a message to the user. There are several types of exceptions that exist.

https://docs.python.org/3/library/exceptions.html

Dictionaries and lists

Lists can appear as values in a dictionary.

For example, if you are given a dictionary that maps from letters to frequencies, you might want to invert it; that is, create a dictionary that maps from frequencies to letters. Since there might be several letters with the same frequency, each value in the inverted dictionary should be a list of letters.

In [81]:
```python
def invert_dict(d):
    inverse = dict()
    for key in d:
        val = d[key]
        if val not in inverse:
            inverse[val] = [key]
        else:
            inverse[val].append(key)
    return inverse
```

In [82]:
```python
h = histogram("parrot")
```

In [83]:
```python
h
```

Out[83]: {'p': 1, 'a': 1, 'r': 2, 'o': 1, 't': 1}

```
In [84]:    inverse = invert_dict(h)
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In [85]:   inverse
```

Out[85]:   {1: ['p', 'a', 'o', 't'], 2: ['r']}