.Sets and Dictionaries

Exercises

Week 7

Prior to attempting these exercises ensure you have read the lecture notes and/or viewed the video, and followed the practical. You may wish to use the Python interpreter in interactive mode to help work out the solutions to some of the questions.

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Enter your answers directly into the highlighted boxes.

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Specify two ways in which a Set varies from a List.

Answer:

1) Set is unordered whereas a list maintains the order of elements.
2) Set does not allow duplicate elements, but list can contain duplicates.

Write a Python statement that uses the `set()` *constructor* to produce the same Set as the following -

```
languages = { "C++", "Java", "C#", "PHP", "JavaScript" }
```

Answer:

languages = set([“C++", "Java", "C#", "PHP", "JavaScript"])

Is a Set **mutable** or **immutable**?

Answer:

Set is mutable.

Why does a Set not support *indexing* and *slicing* type operations?

Answer:

A Set does not support indexing and slicing type operations because it is unordered.

Why is a `frozenset()` different from a regular set?

Answer:

`frozenset()` is immutable (elements cannot be added) whereas a regular set is mutable.

How many elements would exist in the following set?

```
names = set("John", "Eric", "Terry", "Michael", "Graham", "Terry")
```

Answer:

An error would occur because set() takes only one iterable as an argument

And how many elements would exist in this set?

```
vowels = set("aeiou")
```

Answer:

5 elements

What is the name given to the following type of expression which can be used to programmatically populate a set?

```
chars = {chr(n) for n in range(32, 128)}
```

Answer:

set comprehension

What **operator** can be used to calculate the intersection (common elements) between two sets?

Answer:

& operator

What **operator** can be used to calculate the difference between two sets?

Answer:

- operator

What would be the result of each of the following expressions?

```
{ "x", "y", "z" } < { "z" , "u", "t", "y", "w", "x" }
```

Answer:

True

```
{ "x", "y", "z" } < { "z", "y", "x" }
```

Answer:

False

```
{ "x", "y", "z" } <= { "y", "z", "x" }
```

Answer:

True

```
{ "x" } > { "x" }
```

Answer:

False

```
{ "x", "y" } > { "x" }
```

Answer:

True

```
{ "x", "y" } == { "y", "x" }
```

Answer:

True

Write a Python statement that uses a **method** to perform the equivalent of the following operation -

```
languages = languages | { "Python" }
```

Answer:

languages.update({“Python”})

Do the elements which are placed into a set always remain in the same position?

Answer:

No. Sets are unordered collections, so the elements do not have a fixed position and their order may change

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Is the following operation a **mutator** or an **accessor**?

```
languages &= oo_languages
```

Answer:

mutator

What term is often used to refer to each *pair* of elements stored within a **dictionary**?

Answer:

Key-value pair

Is it possible for a dictionary to have more than one **key** with the same value?

Answer:

Yes

Is it possible for a dictionary to have the same **value** appear more than once?

Answer:

Yes, since the values are not required to be unique

Is a Dictionary **mutable** or **immutable**?

Answer:

mutable

Are the **key** values within a dictionary **mutable** or **immutable**?

Answer:

immutable

How many *elements* exist in the following dictionary?

```
stock = {"apple":10, "banana":15, "orange":11}
```

Answer:

3

And, what is the data-type of the **keys**?

Answer:

string

And, what output would be displayed by executing the following statement -

```
print(stock["banana"])
```

Answer:

15

Write a Python statement that uses the `dictionary()` *constructor* to produce the same dictionary as the following -

```
lang_gen = { "Java":3, "Assembly":2, "Machine Code":1 }
```

Answer:

lang_gen = dict(Java=3, Assembly=2, Machine_Code=1)

Now write a simple expression that tests whether the word `"Assembly"` is a member of the dictionary.

Answer:

"Assembly" in lan_gen

Write some Python code that uses a `for` statement to iterate over a dictionary called `module_stats` and print only its **values** (i.e. do not output any keys) -

Answer:

```
for value in module_stats.values():
    print(value)
```

Now write another loop which prints the only the **keys** -

Answer:

```
for key in module_stats.keys():
    print(key)
```

Is it possible to construct a dictionary using a **comprehension** style expression, as supported by lists and sets?

Answer:

Yes, dictionary comprehensions are supported.

When a Dictionary type value is being passed as an argument to a function, what characters can be used as a prefix to force the dictionary to be **unpacked** prior to the call being made?

Answer:

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Exercises are complete

Save this logbook with your answers. Then ask your tutor to check your responses to each question.