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If Statements

## University of Wyoming COSC 1010

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### Dictionaries

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- Now we can talk about Dictionaries, one of Python's most helpful data structures
- These allow pieces of related data to be connected and stored together
- We will learn how to access and modify data within a dictionary
- Dictionaries can store almost limitless amounts of data, so being able to loop through them is also important

### Dictionaries

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- Dictionaries can be nested within lists
- Lists can be nested in Dictionaries
- Dictionaries can be nested in other dictionaries

### Dictionaries

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- Understanding Dictionaries enables the modeling of real-world objects more accurately
- For example you could create a dictionary about a person, and store information about them
- With dictionaries any two kinds of information

### Working with Dictionaries

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- A **dictionary** in Python is a collection of *key-value* pairs
- Each *key* is connected to a *value*
- A key's value can be a number, a string, a list, or even another dictionary
- The value in a dictionary can be any value

## Working With Dictionaries

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- In python a dictionary is wrapped in braces {} with a series of key:value pairs inside
  - states = {'Wyoming': 'Cheyenne', 'Colorado': 'Denver'}
- A key:value pair is a set of values associated with each other
- When you provide a key, Python returns its associated value
- Every key:value pair is connected with a colon :

## Working With Dictionaries

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- The simplest dictionary contains only one pair
- But, dictionaries can store as many pairs as you want

## Accessing Values in a Dictionary

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- To get the value associated with a key, give the name of the dictionary and place the key in square brackets
  - states['Wyoming']
- That returns the value associated with the key, so "Cheyenne"
- You can have an unlimited number of key:value: pairs in a dictionary
- You can access any of the values with their corresponding key

```
In [2]: states = {"Wyoming": "Cheyenne", "Colorado": "Denver"}  
print(f"The capital of Wyoming is {states['Wyoming']}")
```

The capital of Wyoming is Cheyenne

## Adding New Key-Value Pairs

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- Dictionaries are dynamic structures, like lists
- You can add new key-value pairs to a dictionary at any time
- To add a new key-value pair you give the name of the dictionary followed by the key in square brackets, assigning the new value
- So a new state could be added with states["Montana"] = "Helena"

```
In [2]: states = {"Wyoming": "Cheyenne", "Colorado": "Denver"}  
print(states)  
states["Montana"] = "Helena"
```

```
print(states)

{'Wyoming': 'Cheyenne', 'Colorado': 'Denver'}
{'Wyoming': 'Cheyenne', 'Colorado': 'Denver', 'Montana': 'Helena'}
```

## Adding New Key-Value Pairs

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- There we defined our states dictionary again
- We printed it out to verify the two states were there
- Then supplying a new key we assign a new value to the list
- Dictionaries retain the order in which they were defined

## Starting with an Empty Dictionary

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- Sometimes it is helpful to start with an empty dictionary
- Then as needed adding new elements to it
- To start filling an empty dictionary, define a dictionary with an empty set of braces
  - `states = {}`
- Then, each key-value pair can be added
- Typically empty dictionaries are used to store user supplied data

```
In [3]: countries = {}
print(countries)
countries["United States"] = "Washington D.C"
countries["Canada"] = "Ottawa"
print(countries)

{}
{'United States': 'Washington D.C', 'Canada': 'Ottawa'}
```

## Modifying Values in a Dictionary

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- Modifying a value in a dictionary follows the same syntax as adding value
- The dictionary name and key in square brackets with an assignment to it
- You need to be careful to not overwrite when trying to declare

```
In [4]: colors = {"Red": "#ff0000", "Blue": "#0000ff", "UW-Gold": "#492f24"}
print(colors)
colors["UW-Gold"] = "#ffc425"

{'Red': '#ff0000', 'Blue': '#0000ff', 'UW-Gold': '#492f24'}
```

## Removing key:value Pairs

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- When you no longer need information in a dictionary, the `del` statement can be used
- All `del` needs is the name of the dictionary and the key you want to remove
- So to remove a state: `del states['Colorado']`

```
In [5]: colors = {"Red": "#ff0000", "Blue": "#0000ff", "UW-Gold": "#492f24"}  
print(colors)  
del colors["Red"]  
print(colors)  
  
{'Red': '#ff0000', 'Blue': '#0000ff', 'UW-Gold': '#492f24'}  
{'Blue': '#0000ff', 'UW-Gold': '#492f24'}
```

## Removing key:value Pairs

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- The `del` statement tells python to delete the key `Red` from the dictionary
- It also removes the value associated with that key
- the deleted `key:value` pair is removed immediately

## What to Store in a Dictionary

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- Our previous examples were used to store similar kinds of information
  - e.g. States and their Capitals
- You could also use dictionaries to store multiple pieces of information about one object
- Dictionary declarations do not need to be declared all out on one line
- You can have new lines between entries

```
In [11]: university_of_wyoming = {  
    "Name": "University of Wyoming",  
    "City": "Laramie",  
    "State": "Wyoming",  
    "Founded": 1886,  
    "Students": 11_100  
}  
print(university_of_wyoming)  
  
{'Name': 'University of Wyoming', 'City': 'Laramie', 'State': 'Wyoming', 'Founded':  
1886, 'Students': 11100}
```

## Using `get()` to Access Values

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- Using keys in square brackets to retrieve values has one potential problem:
  - If the key doesn't exist you will get an error
- Namely a `KeyError`

```
In [8]: colors = {}
print(colors["Blue"])
```

```
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KeyError                                                 Traceback (most recent call last)
/tmp/ipykernel_38630/3593499717.py in <module>
      1 colors = {}
----> 2 print(colors["Blue"])

KeyError: 'Blue'
```

## Using get() to Access Values

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- Alternatively `get()` can be used
- The `get()` method requires a key as its first argument
- it also takes a second argument optionally, what will be returned if no corresponding key is found

```
In [9]: colors = {}
print(colors.get("Blue","That key wasn't found"))
```

```
That key wasn't found
```

## Looping Through a Dictionary

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- Much like with lists dictionaries can hold just a few `key:value` pairs, or millions
- because a dictionary can contain large amounts of data, Python lets you loop through a dictionary
- Dictionaries can be used to store information in a variety of ways
- You can loop through:
  - All of the dictionary's key-value pairs
  - Through its keys
  - Or through its values

## Looping Through All Key-Value Pairs

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- To begin that's think about the previous UW example
- we already know how to access individual values based on their keys
- But how can we go about looping through all the elements rather than getting them manually
- To do so we can use a `for` loop

```
In [12]: university_of_wyoming = {
    "Name": "University of Wyoming",
    "City": "Laramie",
    "State": "Wyoming",
    "Founded": 1886,
    "Students": 11_100
}

for key, value in university_of_wyoming.items():
    print(f"Key: {key}")
    print(f"Value: {value}\n")
```

Key: Name

Value: University of Wyoming

Key: City

Value: Laramie

Key: State

Value: Wyoming

Key: Founded

Value: 1886

Key: Students

Value: 11100

## Looping Through All Key-Value Pairs

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- This loop is a *little* different than we have seen
- Here two variables are declared
  - These variables can have any name you want
- The variables function the same as we have seen previously
  - Gaining new values in each iteration through the loop

## Looping Through All Key-Value Pairs

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- The second part of the `for` loop is also different
- It includes the dictionary name followed by `.items()`
- `.items()` returns a sequence of `key:value` pairs
- The `for` loop then assigns each of these pairs to the two variables

## Looping Through All Key-Value Pairs

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- Looping though all `key:value` pairs works particularly well for dictionaries storing the

same kind of information

- So the colors example previously
- We know that they key:value is always colorname:hexvalue
- So, rather than using key, value instead color, hex could be used

## Looping Through All the Keys in a Dictionary

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- The .keys() method is useful when all the values aren't needed
- So for example, printing the UW dictionary keys would show what attributes are stored
- Doing this would only require a single variable name

```
In [13]: university_of_wyoming = {
    "Name": "University of Wyoming",
    "City": "Laramie",
    "State": "Wyoming",
    "Founded": 1886,
    "Students": 11_100
}

print("The attributes available are: ")
for key in university_of_wyoming.keys():
    print(key)
```

The attributes available are:

Name  
City  
State  
Founded  
Students

## Looping Through All the Keys in a Dictionary

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- The loop tells Python to pull all the keys from the dictionary
- Then, the keys are assigned to the variable key
- The output shows all attributes recorded in our list
- Looping through the keys is actually the default behavior when looping through a dictionary
  - .keys() just makes it more explicit

```
In [14]: university_of_wyoming = {
    "Name": "University of Wyoming",
    "City": "Laramie",
    "State": "Wyoming",
    "Founded": 1886,
    "Students": 11_100
}
```

```
for key in university_of_wyoming:  
    print(key)
```

Name  
City  
State  
Founded  
Students

## Looping Through All the Keys in a Dictionary

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- You can access the value associated with any key within the loop
- This way you can still access both key and value, without explicitly looping through both
- The `.keys()` method isn't just for looping
- It returns a sequence of all keys, and you can then use it to check for keys with an `if`

```
In [16]: university_of_wyoming = {  
    "Name": "University of Wyoming",  
    "City": "Laramie",  
    "State": "Wyoming",  
    "Founded": 1886,  
    "Students": 11_100  
}  
for key in university_of_wyoming:  
    print(university_of_wyoming[key])  
  
if "Elevation" in university_of_wyoming.keys():  
    print(f"UW's Elevation is {university_of_wyoming['Elevation']}")
```

University of Wyoming  
Laramie  
Wyoming  
1886  
11100

## Looping Through a Dictionary's Keys in a Particular Order

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- Looping through a dictionary returns the keys in the order they were inserted
- Sometimes you may want to loop through the dictionary in a different order
- One way to do so is to sort the keys as they are returned in the `for` loop
- The `sorted()` function can be used to get a copy of the keys in order

```
In [17]: university_of_wyoming = {  
    "Name": "University of Wyoming",  
    "City": "Laramie",  
    "State": "Wyoming",  
    "Founded": 1886,  
    "Students": 11_100
```

```
}  
  
for key in sorted(university_of_wyoming.keys()):  
    print(key)
```

City  
Founded  
Name  
State  
Students

## Looping Through a Dictionary's Keys in a Particular Order

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- This `for` statement is like the other `for` statement's we've seen
- But, `sorted()` was wrapped around the `dictionary.keys()`

## Looping Through all Values in a Dictionary

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- Sometimes the values are more important than the keys
- The `.values()` method returns a sequence of the values without any keys
- So suppose you want all the values associated with UW

```
In [18]: university_of_wyoming = {  
    "Name": "University of Wyoming",  
    "City": "Laramie",  
    "State": "Wyoming",  
    "Founded": 1886,  
    "Students": 11_100  
}  
  
for value in university_of_wyoming.values():  
    print(value)
```

University of Wyoming  
Laramie  
Wyoming  
1886  
11100

## Looping Through all Values in a Dictionary

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- Here the `for` loop pulls each value from the dictionary and assigns it to the variable `value`
- This approach pulls all the values without checking for repeats
- If you want all values without repeats the `set()` function can be used

- When using `set()` Python identifies all unique items in the collection and builds a set from them

```
In [19]: programming_languages = {
    "Alice": "Python",
    "Bob": "JavaScript",
    "Charlie": "Java",
    "David": "C++",
    "Eve": "Python",
    "Frank": "Ruby",
    "Grace": "JavaScript",
    "Hank": "Python",
    "Ivy": "Java",
    "Jack": "C#"
}

for language in set(programming_languages.values()):
    print(language)
```

```
JavaScript
C#
Java
Ruby
Python
C++
```

## Looping Through all Values in a Dictionary

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- As you continue using Python you will discover more and more built in features
- A set can be created manually using braces and declaring elements as you would a list
  - `languages = {'Python', 'Julia', 'Go'}`
- Sets and Dictionaries both use braces, but remember dictionaries have `key:value` pairs

```
In [20]: lang_list = ['Python', 'Julia', 'Go'] #this is a list
lang_tupl = ('Python', 'Julia', 'Go') #this is a tuple
lang_set = {'Python', 'Julia', 'Go'} #this is a set
```

## Nesting

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- Sometimes you'll want to store multiple dictionaries in a list
- Or a list of items as a value in dictionary
- This is called *nesting*
  - A dictionary can be nested within a list
  - A list can be nested within a dictionary
  - OR, a dictionary can be nested within another dictionary

# A List of Dictionaries

- Previously we had a dictionary for UW, but what if we wanted to store similar information for multiple Universities?
- One way to do so would be to declare each dictionary individually and then place them within a list

```
In [21]: university_of_wyoming = {
    "Name": "University of Wyoming",
    "City": "Laramie",
    "State": "Wyoming",
    "Founded": 1886,
    "Students": 11_100
}
colorado_state_university = {
    "Name": "Colorado State University",
    "City": "Fort Collins",
    "State": "Colorado",
    "Founded": 1870,
    "Students": 33_877
}

montana_state_university = {
    "Name": "Montana State University",
    "City": "Bozeman",
    "State": "Montana",
    "Founded": 1893,
    "Students": 16_902
}

universities = [university_of_wyoming, colorado_state_university, montana_state_uni
for university in universities:
    print(university)

{'Name': 'University of Wyoming', 'City': 'Laramie', 'State': 'Wyoming', 'Founded': 1886, 'Students': 11100}
{'Name': 'Colorado State University', 'City': 'Fort Collins', 'State': 'Colorado', 'Founded': 1870, 'Students': 33877}
{'Name': 'Montana State University', 'City': 'Bozeman', 'State': 'Montana', 'Founded': 1893, 'Students': 16902}
```

# A List of Dictionaries

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- There we created three dictionaries, each representing a different university
- Then, each one was stored within the list `universities`
- Finally the list is looped through and the universities are all printed out
- though, this may not be the most realistic way to do it

# A List of Dictionaries

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- A more realistic example would be code that generates up multiple dictionaries within a list
- Instead of universities, maybe we want to store students
- To begin we could fill a dictionary with default information, to be changed as needed

```
In [23]: students = [] #decalre our empty list
```

```
for student in range(30): #Loop through 30 times
    new_student = {'name': "Pistol Pete", "email": "pete@uwyo.edu", "w#": "W18860307"} #
    students.append(new_student) # add our new student

for student in students[:5]: #go through the first 5 students
    print(student) #print
```

```
{'name': 'Pistol Pete', 'email': 'pete@uwyo.edu', 'w#': 'W18860307'}
```

# A List of Dictionaries

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- We declared an empty list to hold all the aliens to be created
- The range function returns a series of numbers
  - Telling python how many times to go through
- Each time though a new student is created and appended to the list

# A List of Dictionaries

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- These students all have the same characteristics, but Python considers each a separate

object

- Then individual students can be modified
- It is common to store a number of dictionaries in a list when each dictionary contains many kinds of information about one object

```
In [27]: students = [] #declare our empty list
```

```
for student in range(30): #Loop through 30 times
    new_student = {'name':'Pistol Pete', "email": "pete@uwy.edu", "w#": "W18860307"} #
    students.append(new_student) # add our new student

for student in students[:3]:
    student["name"] = "Cowboy Joe"
    student["email"] = "cj@uwy.edu"
    student["w#"] = "W03071886"

for student in students[:5]:
    print(student)

{'name': 'Cowboy Joe', 'email': 'cj@uwy.edu', 'w#': 'W03071886'}
{'name': 'Cowboy Joe', 'email': 'cj@uwy.edu', 'w#': 'W03071886'}
{'name': 'Cowboy Joe', 'email': 'cj@uwy.edu', 'w#': 'W03071886'}
{'name': 'Pistol Pete', 'email': 'pete@uwy.edu', 'w#': 'W18860307'}
{'name': 'Pistol Pete', 'email': 'pete@uwy.edu', 'w#': 'W18860307'}
```

## A List in a Dictionary

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- Rather than putting a dictionary in a list, sometimes you need a list in a dictionary
- Perhaps you want to expand the UW dictionary to include a list of the colleges
- This adds another depth of description to something

```
In [28]: university_of_wyoming = {
    "Name": "University of Wyoming",
    "City": "Laramie",
    "State": "Wyoming",
    "Founded": 1886,
    "Students": 11_100,
    "Colleges": ["Agriculture", "Arts and Sciences", "Business", "Education", "Engineering"]
}

print(university_of_wyoming)
```

```
{'Name': 'University of Wyoming', 'City': 'Laramie', 'State': 'Wyoming', 'Founded': 1886, 'Students': 11100, 'Colleges': ['Agriculture', 'Arts and Sciences', 'Business', 'Education', 'Engineering and Physical Science']}
```

## A List in a Dictionary

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- We begin with a dictionary that holds information about the colleges at UW

- One key is `Name` which is associated with `University of Wyoming`
- Then the dictionary is printed out
- You can nest a list in a dictionary anytime you want more than one value associated with a key
- You can utilize `print` statements to refine how you interact with the data

```
In [48]: university_of_wyoming = {
    "Name": "University of Wyoming",
    "City": "Laramie",
    "State": "Wyoming",
    "Founded": 1886,
    "Students": 11_100,
    "Colleges": ["Agriculture", "Arts and Sciences", "Business", "Education", "Engineering"]
}

for key in university_of_wyoming:
    if type(university_of_wyoming[key]) is list:
        print(f"{key}:")
        for elem in university_of_wyoming[key]:
            print(f"\t\t{elem}")
    else:
        print(f"{key}: {university_of_wyoming[key]}")
```

```
Name: University of Wyoming
City: Laramie
State: Wyoming
Founded: 1886
Students: 11100
Colleges:
    Agriculture
    Arts and Sciences
    Business
    Education
    Engineering and Physical Science
```

## A Dictionary in a Dictionary

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- Dictionaries can be nested in other dictionaries
- But, admittedly the code can get complicated quickly
- For example if you have users on a website, each with a unique username
- the username could be the key, for a sub dictionary with more information

```
In [51]: users = {
    "cowboyjoe": {
        'first': "cowboy",
        'last': 'joe'
    },
    "pistolpete": {
        'first': 'pistol',
        'last': 'pete'
    }
}
```

```
}

for username, user_info in users.items():
    print(f"username: {username}")
    full_name = f"{user_info['first']} {user_info['last']}"
    print(f"Name: {full_name.title()}\n")
```

```
username: cowboyjoe
```

```
Name: Cowboy Joe
```

```
username: pistolpete
```

```
Name: Pistol Pete
```

## A Dictionary in a Dictionary

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- Here a dictionary `users` is defined with two key values
- the value associated with each key is a dictionary with includes the first and last name
- Then the dictionary `users` is looped though
- Python assigns the key to the variable `username`
- And the dictionary value to `user_info`
- Alternatively you could manually loop though `user_info`

```
In [52]: users = {
    "cowboyjoe": {
        'first': "cowboy",
        'last' : 'joe'
    },
    "pistolpete":{
        'first': 'pistol',
        'last': 'pete'
    }
}

for username, user_info in users.items():
    print(f"username: {username}")
    for key, value in user_info.items():
        print(f"\t{key}: {value}")
    print()
```

```
username: cowboyjoe
```

```
first: cowboy
```

```
last: joe
```

```
username: pistolpete
```

```
first: pistol
```

```
last: pete
```