CS 5001

LECTURE 7

DICTIONARIES & SETS

PLUS EXAM 1 REVIEW

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AGENDA

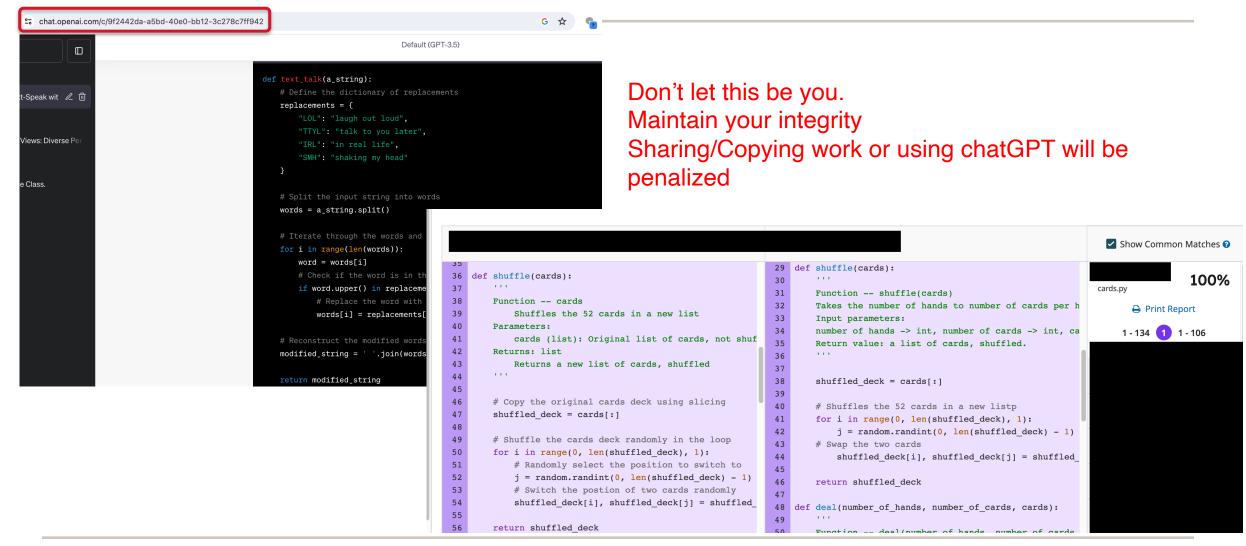
- Course Check-in
- Midterm Review
- Files & Exception Handling Review
- Tracing Code
- Dictionaries
- Sets
- Launch into Lab
- Q&A

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"As soon as possible, experts hungrily seek feedback on how they did. Necessarily, much of that feedback is negative. This means that experts are more interested in what they did wrong—so they can fix it—than what they did right. The active processing of this feedback is as essential as its immediacy."

- Angela Duckworth, Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance

CHECK-IN AND PSA



MIDTERM REFLECTIONS

- Strong performance by the class on the exam
- Goal: Assessment to ensure you are tracking with the concepts and topics
- Confidence that key concepts are "sticking"
- Some people are not good "test takers". Only one data point

REVIEW: FILES ARE...

- Files are a form of "persistent" data
 - "Non-volatile" memory. The data remains even if you turn off the power on your computer
 - Often stored to disk
 - But...tape, USB, non-volatile RAM, etc. also options







REVIEW: PERSISTENCE IS...

- Persistence is more than just files
- Persistence => the data "persists" over time/space/devices
 - Could be files, databases, non-volatile memory, Cloud storage, continuous transmission
 - For this course, we'll focus on files

REVIEW: TYPES OF FILES

- There are different kinds of files, and different file formats
 - Text files
 - Music files
 - Video
 - Word Processing
 - Etc.
- Broadly speaking, files can be segmented into 2 major types
 - Text files
 - Sequence of text characters
 - Binary files
 - Sequence of bytes

SUGGESTION: USE THE WITH-AS FORMAT

- If you use the plain/basic open function, you are required to close the file
 - Otherwise errors may occur
 - Resource sink
 - Sort of like leaving the door open in the winter with the heat blasting
- "Modern" Python better practice to use the "with open" approach

```
def open_with():
    with open('accounts.txt', mode='r') as accounts:
        for record in accounts: # read line by line
        acct_num, name, balance = record.split()
        print(acct_num, name, balance)
```

REVIEW: WITH KEYWORD (WITH FILES)

- Many applications acquire resources
 - files, network connections, database connections and more
 - Should release resources as soon as they're no longer needed
 - Ensures that other applications can use the resources
- with statement
 - Acquires a resource and assigns its corresponding object to a variable
 - Allows the application to use the resource via that variable
 - Calls the resource object's close method to release the resource

No explicit close() needed!

```
with open('accounts.txt', mode='r') as accounts:

With keyword to acquire resources (file in this case)

Open file

Variable associated
```

REVIEW: EXCEPTION HANDLING

- Python's try/except block to handles errors in general and are useful for file access error.
- An exception is something unusual that happens; the System doesn't know what to do next, and Python responds by giving us an error message on terminal.
- A try/except block allows us, the programmer, to find these kinds of exceptions, and write code to "handle" them -- give them a better response than the one here, especially a user-facing response

REVIEW: EXCEPTION HANDLING

Division By Zero

Recall that attempting to divide by 0 results in a ZeroDivisionError:

REVIEW: EXCEPTION HANDLING

```
def try_it(value):
    try:
        x = int(value)
    except ValueError:
        print('{} could not be converted to an integer'.format(value))
    else:
        print('int({}) is {}'.format(value, x))
def main():
    try_it(10.7)
    try_it('Python')
main()
```

REVIEW: RAISING EXCEPTIONS

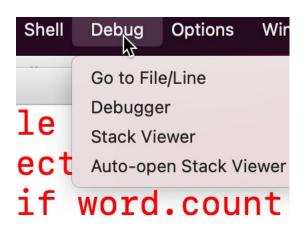
- Using raise
- A more realistic example:

```
def validate_email():
    email_address = input("Enter your email address: ")
    if email_address.count("@") == 1:
        return email_address
    raise ValueError # else

def main():
    try:
        my_email = validate_email()
        print(f"{my_email} is a valid email address")
    except ValueError:
        print("Entered an invalid email")
    print("Thanks for using my validator")
```

REVIEW: DEBUGGING WITH DEBUGGERS

- Modern IDEs have debuggers that allow you to step in/out of functions, set "breakpoints" and watch variables change as the program executes
 - Even IDLE has a simple debugger



```
1 def validate email():
       email_address = input("Enter your email address: ")
      if email address.count("@") == 1:
           return email address
      raise ValueError # else
7 def main():
       try:
           my_email = validate_email()
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           print(f"{my_email} is a valid emailbdb'.run(), line 580: exec(cmd, globals, locals)
       except ValueError:
           print("Entered an invalid email")
       print("Thanks for using my validator")
                                                                      Locals
                                                    my_email 'keith@northeastern.edu'
     __name__ == "__main__":
       main()
```

HAND-DEBUGGING/TRACING

- You had a "trace the flowchart" on your midterm
- Knowing how to debug and "hand trace" code is also a useful skill
- Let's work through a quick example

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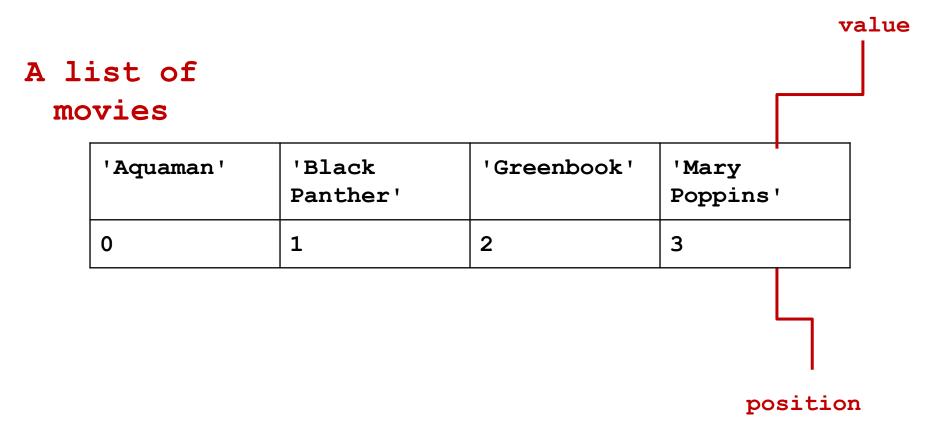
DICTIONARIES

- Dictionaries are like Lists
 - Variable with multiple values
 - Mutable
 - Each value in it's own....index?
 - Named slot (KEY)

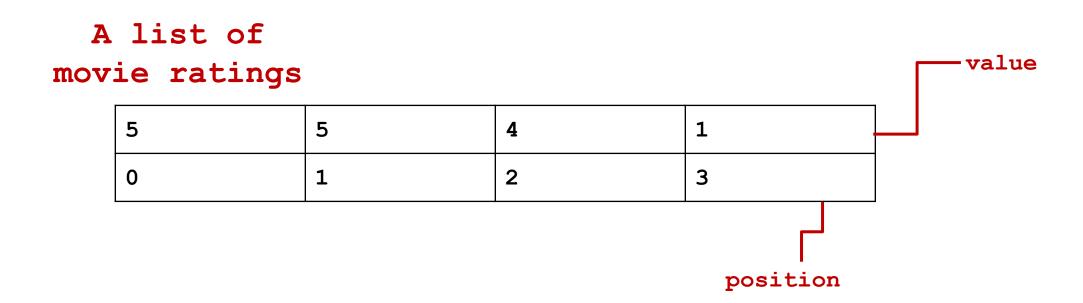
DICTIONARIES

- Dictionaries are NOT like Lists
 - Each value in it's own Key
 - Key/Value pairs

Lists have position & values



Lists have position & values



Two lists can correspond (Associative Arrays)

'Aquaman'	'Black Panther'	'Greenbook'	'Mary Poppins'
0	1	2	3

A list of movie ratings

5	5	4	1
0	1	2	3

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movies[i]

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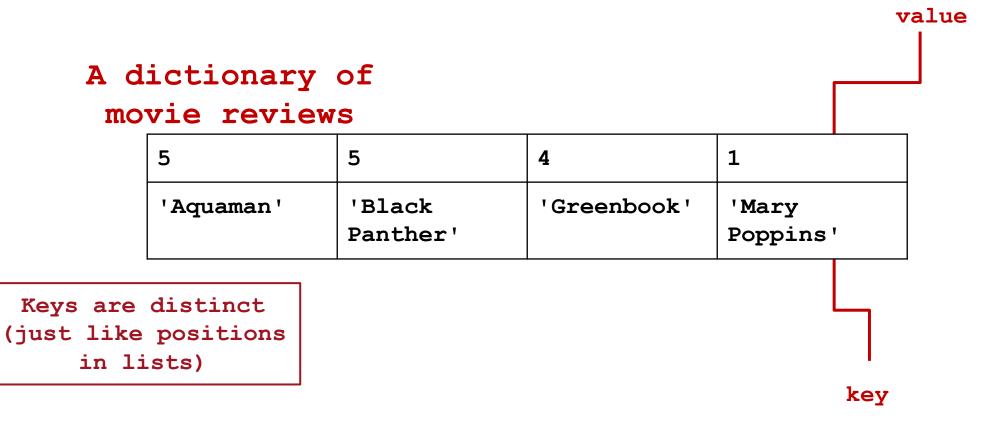
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2 LISTS (ASSOCIATIVE ARRAYS)

- Associative Arrays work okay...
- But can be a maintenance/management problem
 - How did Greenbook do?
 - Find in 1st list
 - Get the same position in 2nd list
 - Add a new movie
 - Don't forget to add to the second list too, or else!
 - What if we want to track more characteristics
 - Add more lists to track those qualities OR add a list with multi-faceted information that we need to remember index/positions for

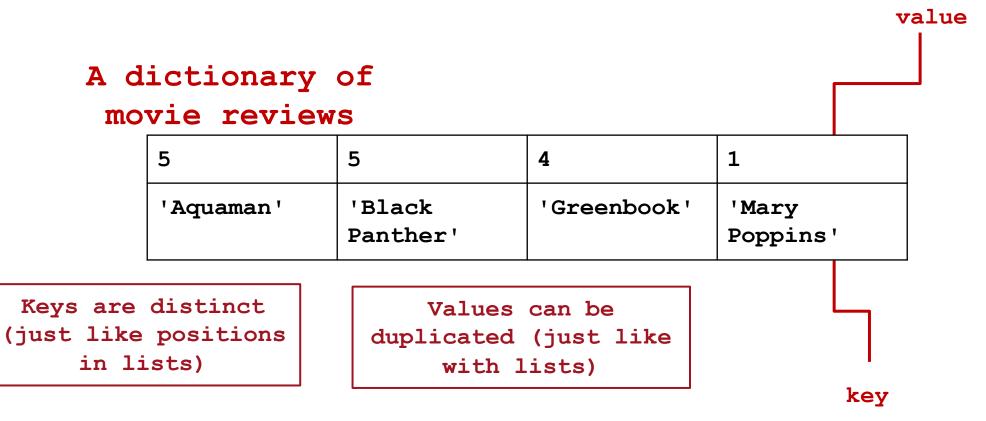
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Key instead of index/position



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DICTIONARIES WYNTK (WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW)

Use the help() command in IDLE to learn about all dictionary features

```
>>> help(dict)
```

Create an empty dictionary

```
reviews = {} # could also do: reviews = dict()
```

Add a Key/Value Pair

```
reviews = {} # OR reviews = {'Aquaman': 5}
reviews['Aquaman'] = 5
reviews['Black Panther'] = 5
```

DICTIONARIES ACCESSING DATA

Bracket operator [] gives access for setting and getting data

```
reviews = {}
reviews['Aquaman'] = 5
reviews['Black Panther'] = 5
reviews['Greenbook'] = 4
reviews['Mary Poppins'] = 1
```

Keys must be unique, otherwise you are overwriting existing information

```
reviews = {}
reviews['Aquaman'] = 5
reviews['Black Panther'] = 5
reviews['Greenbook'] = 4
reviews['Mary Poppins'] = 1
reviews['Aquaman'] = 4
```

overwrites the old value!

DICTIONARIES ACCESSING DATA

Access one element

```
reviews = {}
reviews['Aquaman'] = 5
reviews['Black Panther'] = 5
reviews['Greenbook'] = 4
reviews['Mary Poppins'] = 1
reviews['Aquaman'] = 4
print(reviews['Greenbook'])
```

prints
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DICTIONARIES: ITERATION

Can traverse over a Dictionary's elements, one at a time with for-in

```
reviews = {}
reviews['Aquaman'] = 5
reviews['Black Panther'] = 5
reviews['Greenbook'] = 4
reviews['Mary Poppins'] = 1
reviews['Aquaman'] = 4
print(reviews['Greenbook'])
for key, value in reviews.items():
    print('Review of', key, 'is', value)
```

DICTIONARIES: ERRORS

Similar to Lists and Index Errors, Dictionaries can have a KeyError

```
reviews = {}
reviews['Aquaman'] = 5
reviews['Black Panther'] = 5
reviews['Greenbook'] = 4
                                   KeyError
reviews['Mary Poppins'] = 1
reviews['Aquaman'] = 4
print(reviews['Greenbook'])
for key, value in reviews.items():
    print('Review of', key, 'is', value)
print(reviews['Princess Bride'])
```

DICTIONARIES: ERRORS

- Similar to Lists and Index Errors, Dictionaries can have a KeyError
 - Can handle this by using try/except clauses, OR
 - Use the synonym method get()
 - Works just like [] but allows you to specify a default value IF the Key does not exist

```
reviews = {}
reviews['Aquaman'] = 5
reviews['Black Panther'] = 5
print(reviews.get('Princess Bride', 3))
```

No KeyError Now!

CONVERTING DICTIONARIES TO LISTS

- Shouldn't need to do this often, but on occasion can be useful to gather keys or values as a list
- list() function can take a dictionary view and convert it easily

```
IDLE Shell 3.9.6
Python 3.9.6 (v3.9.6:db3ff76da1, Jun 28 2021, 11:49:53)
[Clang 6.0 (clang-600.0.57)] on darwin
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license()" for more information.
>>> k = {"Green Lantern" : 2, "Wonder Woman" : 5, "Justice League" : 4 }
{'Green Lantern': 2, 'Wonder Woman': 5, 'Justice League': 4}
>>> items = k.items()
dict_items([('Green Lantern', 2), ('Wonder Woman', 5), ('Justice League', 4)])
>>> list(items)
[('Green Lantern', 2), ('Wonder Woman', 5), ('Justice League', 4)]
>>> keys = k.keys()
>>> values = k.values()
>>> keys
dict_keys(['Green Lantern', 'Wonder Woman', 'Justice League'])
>>> list(keys)
['Green Lantern', 'Wonder Woman', 'Justice League']
>>>
```

WHEN TO USE WHAT?

Lists: We care about the positions of our values.
Or, maybe we just care about the values, and iterating over them

Dictionaries: We care about the names tied to our values.

WHEN TO USE WHAT?

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1

2 lists

'Aquaman'	'Black Panther'	'Greenbook'	'Mary Poppins'
0	1	2	3

4

1

3

(1) movie names(2) ratings

One dictionary

0

value

key

5	5	4	1
'Aquaman'	'Black Panther'	'Greenbook'	'Mary Poppins'

SOMETIMES USE BOTH

(1) temperature on a day(2) precipitation on the same day

'Sunday'	'Sunday'	'Monday'	'Monday'
0	1	2	3

95.5	5	40	8
0	1	2	3

Hmmm. Doesn't seem quite right. Is this temp or precip?

SOMETIMES USE BOTH

(1) temperature on a day(2) precipitation on the same day

```
>>> weather = dict()
>>> weather[95.5] = 2.2
Or even
>>> weather2 = dict()
>>> weather2['Sunday'] = [95.5, 2.2]
>>> weather2
{'Sunday': [95.5, 2.2]}
```

YOU TRY! DICTIONARIES

I have a friend who used to be an obsessive stock watcher. The Dow Jones or NASDAQ couldn't move one point without him knowing about it and selling or buying shares.

We're not going to obsess over stocks this week, but we will use the market to practice with dictionaries. Given the following (almost) fictitious stocks & prices:

IBM = \$140.03, AAPL = \$224.40 and NKE = \$92.85

Open a new Python file. Create a new dictionary using the ticker symbol as the key and the current stock value as the value. Then, write a function that allows you to interactively ask for the stock price by ticker symbol and presents the price. If the stock doesn't exist in your dictionary, print an informative message to the user.

RESTART: /Users/keithbagley/Dropbox/NORTHEAS
Ticker symbol? (:q:) to quit ibm
Current price for IBM is \$140.03
Ticker symbol? (:q:) to quit goog
Unknown ticker symbol. Try again please
Ticker symbol? (:q:) to quit aapl
Current price for AAPL is \$224.40
Ticker symbol? (:q:) to quit msft
Unknown ticker symbol. Try again please
Ticker symbol? (:q:) to quit nke
Current price for NKE is \$92.85
Ticker symbol? (:q:) to quit :q:

SETS

- A set is an unordered collection of unique values
 - They are not sequences so we cannot use []
- Can contain only immutable elements
 - Strings, ints, floats, tuples that contain immutables
- Do not support slicing

```
>>> basket = {'apple', 'orange', 'apple', 'pear', 'orange', 'banana'}
>>> basket
{'orange', 'apple', 'banana', 'pear'}
>>> 'blueberry' in basket
False
>>> 'orange' in basket
True
>>> shelf = {'apple', 'pear'}
>>> basket == shelf
False
>>> basket - shelf
                                         difference
                    *-----
{'orange', 'banana'}
>>> shelf - basket
set()
>>> basket | shelf
                                            union
                   &-----
{'orange', 'banana',
                   'apple', 'pear'}
>>> basket & shelf
                                        intersection
                   (-----
{'apple', 'pear'}
>>>
```

SETS

- We can convert from Sets to Lists to Tuples and back
- Useful for when we have a collection containing duplicates that we want to remove quickly and easily

```
>>> c = (1, 2, 2, 3)
>>> d = set(c)
>>> d
{1, 2, 3}
>>> c = tuple(d)
>>> c
(1, 2, 3)
```

LAUNCH INTO LAB

- This week's lab focuses on Files & Exception Handling
- It's a LONG lab it is perfectly fine if you do not finish it in one sitting during recitation. Do what you can, and continue working on it at home
- Disney Facebook



What do you need to know & remember?



What do you need to do?

Lab 6: Files and Exceptions

Sample lab solutions: disney facebook.py ↓

Pair Programming

Have you ever heard the phrase "two pairs of eyes are better than one?"

Today, you'll be practicing what is called "pair programming. You will work in pairs today where *two* people will work together at *one* computer. Here's how we split up the work:

- Navigator: Dictates the code to be written. Explains the *why* as we go. Checks for syntax errors.
- Driver: Writes the code. Listens closely to the navigator. Asks questions when lack of clarity.

Note: This lab assignment is a LONG one. It's perfectly acceptable if you and your partner do not finish this lab during recitation. Do as much as you can together, and then finish the rest either individually, OR meet up later in the week and complete the work

FACES OF C.S.: WINDOW SNYDER





Mwende Window Snyder is an American-Kenyan technologist who is one of the first computer scientist to specialize in cyber security, and to proactively try to bridge the gap between corporations and the security researchers often termed "hackers".

Window has worked for various companies (Microsoft, Square, etc)as a senior security strategist and was a contributor to the Security Design Lifecycle (SDL). She co-developed a new methodology for threat modeling software. She has founded a few companies: Matasano Security, a security services and Thistle Technologies

PROVOKING THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK: SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING?

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Thank you for your order.

Hi, Keith Bagley

Your payment of \$869.93 USD successfully processed to Apple Inc. The charge on your statement will appear within 24 to 48 hours Eastern Time (ET).

Account holder details:

Keith Bagley, USA.

Invoice # 5947H275SM291

Date: 11-01-2021

Product Details:

Apple Mac Mini with Apple M1 Chip (16GB RAM, 256GB SSD Storage) Subtotal: \$869.93 Total \$869.93 It's easy & safe to delete/ignore spam and Phishing emails like the one I received this week.

Are we – as astute technologists ethically bound to do more? Report & escalate? Help warn?

Q&A

• Questions?

THANKS!

Stay safe, be encouraged, & see you next week!

