
Introduction to Python



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DICTIONARIES: 5 MINS

- Dictionaries can store lots of information about the object, easily:

```
patient_3 = {  
    'name': 'jack',  
    'last_name': 'sparrow',  
    'mrn': '001234567',  
    'dob': '02231845'  
}  
print(patient_3)
```

```
{'name': 'jack', 'last_name': 'sparrow', 'mrn': '001234567', 'dob': '0223  
1845'}
```

- We can then access elements of our dictionary.

```
print("Patient_3's DOB is " + patient_3['dob'])
```

```
Patient_3's DOB is 02231845
```

- How is this format useful vs. the previous format?

```
student = {  
    "name" : "Monica Dewey",  
    "age" : 34,  
    "courses" : ["Python", "Tableau"]  
}
```

```
print(student)
```

```
print(student["name"])
```

```
print(student["age"])
```

```
book info = {  
    "title": "To Kill a Mockingbird",  
    "author": "Harper Lee",  
    "published year": 1960,  
    "genres": ["Fiction", "Drama"],  
    "ratings": { "Goodreads": 4.28, "Amazon":  
4.8 },  
    "availability": { "hardcover": True,  
"paperback": True, "ebook": True,  
"audiobook": False }  
    } # Accessing elements in the dictionary
```

```
print(f"Title : {book info['title']}")
```

```
print(f"Goodreads Rating:  
{book info['ratings']['Goodreads']}")
```

LOOPING

- Previously when we spoke about looping through lists, we mentioned that loops can work with a few lines of data to millions of rows of data. The same applies here.

```
patient_3 = {  
    'name': 'jack',  
    'last_name': 'sparrow',  
    'mrn': '001234567',  
    'dob': '02231845'  
}
```

- Looping in Python allows you to loop through a dictionary. (next slide!)

LOOPING

- First you create a **for** loop for your dictionary.
 - Your loop will contain the two variables – key and value for each pair.
 - You can choose any names you want for key and value.
- The next part includes the name of the dictionary, plus the items() method – which returns a list of key-value pairs.

```
for key, value in patient_3.items():  
    print("\nKey: " + key)  
    print("\nValue: " + value)
```

Key: name

Value: jack

Key: last_name

Value: sparrow

Key: mrn

Value: 001234567

Key: dob

Value: 02231845

```
patient 3 = {  
    "name" : "jack" ,  
    "last_name" : "sparrow" ,  
    "mrn" : "001234567" ,  
    "dob" : "02231845" ,  
}
```

```
for key, value in patient 3.items():  
    print("\nKey: " + key)  
    print("\nValue: " + value)
```

```
students grades = {  
    "JC" : {"Math" : 95, "Science" :  
100, "English" : 98},  
    "Michelle" : {"Math" : 95,  
"Science" : 100, "English" : 98},  
    "Monica" : {"Math" : 95,  
"Science" : 100, "English" : 98},  
    "Neha" : {"Math" : 95, "Science"  
: 100, "English" : 98}  
}  
  
for student, grades in  
students grades.items():  
    print(f"Student: {student}")  
    for subject, grades in  
grades.items():  
        print(f" {subject}:  
{grades}")  
print()
```

KEYS ONLY

- The keys() method is useful for when you only need to use the key portion of your dictionary.

```
for keys in patient_3.keys():  
    print(keys)
```

```
name  
last_name  
mrn  
dob
```

KEYS

- Lets create a new dictionary to work with keys

```
friends_ages = {  
    'nick': '30',  
    'amanda': '34',  
    'john': '36',  
    'haley': '26'  
}
```

```
fav_friends = ['nick', 'amanda']  
for name in friends_ages.keys():  
    print(name.title())  
  
    if name in fav_friends:  
        print("Hi " + name.title() + ", I see you're " +  
              friends_ages[name])
```

```
Nick  
Hi Nick, I see you're 30  
Amanda  
Hi Amanda, I see you're 34  
John  
Haley
```

```
employees = {  
    "John" : {"age"  
: 28, "department"  
: "HR", "salary" :  
50000},  
    "Alice" : {"age"  
: 34, "department"  
: "IT", "salary" :  
75000},  
    "Bob" : {"age" :  
61, "department" :  
"Finance", "salary"  
: 120000}  
}  
  
print("Employee  
Names")  
  
for name in  
employees.keys():  
    print(name)
```

WHILE LOOPS

- While loops are used to search through data; while a certain condition is True. For example:

```
number = 1
while number <= 5:
    print(number)
    number += 1
```

1
2
3
4
5

WHILE LOOPS

- The first line we start our counting from the number = 1.
- The while loop is set to keep running while a certain condition is true. In this case, while number is ≤ 5 .
- The code inside the loop prints the current number (`print(number)`) then increases the number by 1 (`+= 1`). `+=` basically means: `number = number + 1`.
- Python repeats the loop until the condition is no longer true.

```
number = 1
while number <= 5:
    print(number)
    number += 1
```

1
2
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USER INPUT

- Users are also able to interact with the program you are creating. Python can take an input from a user using the **input()** function.

```
message = input("Please enter your first name ")  
print(message)
```

Please enter your first name

```
age = input("Please enter your age ")  
print(age)
```

Please enter your age

WHILE LOOPS AND USER INPUT

- A while loop can be broken by a users input.

```
prompt = "Input a message. I will repeat it until you type 'quit'"
message = ""

while message != 'quit':
    message = input(prompt)
    print(message)
```

Strings + While Loops:

```
total sum = 0
user input = ""
```

```
# Loop until the user enters 'stop'
while user input.lower() != 'stop':
    user input = input("Enter a number to add
to the sum, or type 'stop' to finish: ")
    if user input.lower() != 'stop':
        try:
            number = float(user input)
            total sum += number
        except ValueError:
            print("Invalid input. Please enter
a valid number:")

print(f"The total sum is: {total sum}")
```

Dictionaries + While Loops:

```
# Dictionary to store country-capitals
country capitals = {
    "USA" : "Washington, DC",
    "France" : "Paris",
    "Japan" : "Tokyo",
    "Germany" : "Berlin",
    "India" : "New Delhi"
}

# Flag to control the loop
continue game = True

print("Welcome to the Country-Capital Quiz Game!")
print("Type 'exit' to stop the game at any Time.")

while continue game:
    country = input("Enter the name of a country: ").strip()

    if country.lower() == "exit":
        continue game = False
        print("Thanks for Playing!")

    elif country in country capitals:

        capital guess = input(f"What is the capital of
{country}?").strip()

        if capital guess.lower() == country capitals[country].lower():
            print("Correct!")

    else:
        print(f"Wrong! the capital of {country} is
```

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