

# 20: Dictionaries

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## Dictionaries part 1

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Sequences we've learned:

Lists

tuples

strings

all ordered from  $\emptyset$  to  $\text{len}-1$

Another way to organize data:

dictionaries!

word  $\rightarrow$  definition

key  $\rightarrow$  value

Key Colon Value  
↑              ↑  
Curly Bracket!    comma

Year\_founded = {"www": 1893, "wtf": 1889}

```
1 #a list to store a person's health information
2 patient_1 = [5, 20, 125]
3
4 #wait, which number means what?
5 #use a dictionary so you can name the indicies!
6
7 patient_2 = {"height": 5, "age": 20, "weight": 125}
8
9 print("the patient's height is", patient_2["height"], "feet")
```

More examples!

empty dictionary  
students = {}  
key  
value (a list)  
students[20891] = ["W0183782", "W0243810"]  
students[20892] = ["W012345", "W987654"]

```
16 print(section[20891]) #print all
17
18 for student in section[20891]: #use in loop
19     print(student)
20
```

Name                  Value  
students          {20891: ['W0183782', 'W0243810'], 20892: ['W012345', 'W987654']}

Try yourself: make a dictionary to store this data:

Employee with first name Jane, last name Doe, Type is faculty, and W# is 0987654

```
1 employee = {"First": "Jane",
2                 "Last": "Doe",
3                 "Type": "Faculty",
4                 "W#": 98365438}
```

```
1 #let's say I wanted to store the number
2 #of students who got each grade on the
3 #midterm
4 grades = {"A":10, "B":18, "C":6, "D":2}
5
6 print(grades["A"])
7 #print(grades["a"]) #key error
8 grades["E"] = -1 # new mapping!
9 grades["A"] = 11 #overwrite
10
11 #we can check if a key is in a dict
12 print("F" in grades) #False
13 print("C" in grades)
14
15 #we can remove entries
16 del grades["E"]
```

## Dictionaries in lists

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```
7 patient_2 = {"height":5, "age":20, "weight":125}
11 #what if you had lots of patients? you can't give each one a variable
12 patient_3 = {"name":"Joel","height": 6, "age":22, "weight":212}
13
14 #put the dictionary into a list!
15
16 all_patients = [patient_2, patient_3] total_weights=0
17 for patient in all_patients:
18     total_weights += patient["weight"]
19
20 #then all you need to do to print all patient's heights is:
21 for patient in all_patients:
22     print(patient["name"], "weighs", patient["weight"])
23
```

will this run? (any Typos?)

```
print(patient["name"], "weighs", patient["weight"])
KeyError: 'name'
```

Patient\_2 didn't have a key "name"

```
18 #you try!
19 #print out all patients name and height
20 # Joel: 5 tall
21 # Yoel: 6 tall
22
3 for p in all_patients:
4     print(p["name"], ":", p["height"], "tall")
5
```

```

1 dict = {"A": [1, 2, 3], "B": [4, 5, 6]}
2 print(dict["A"][0])

```

## Iterating on a dictionary

quake = {"lat": 45, "long": -121.6, "Time": "7/27/2016", "Mag": 1.43}

### Four options for a for loop

1. for key in quake
2. for key in quake.keys()
3. for val in quake.values() - Value but no key
4. for key, val in quake.items() - both

These return an iterable!

dict.keys, dict.values, dict.items

To have it as a list:

list(quake.keys())  
 list(quake.items())  $\leftarrow$  list of tuples  
 [(key, value), (key, value)]

## For lab 8:

all\_quakes = []

all\_quakes.append(quake)

[{K: V, K: V, K: V}, {}, {}]

So you can grab quakes  
 one by one using a for loop  
 & process each one

Exercise: - breakout room: 5 min

Problem 2: Write a function to find the most frequently-appearing character in a given string. If there is a tie, return any one of the most frequent characters. You may use the function you wrote in Problem 1.

```

def strmode(in_str):
    """ Return the most frequently-appearing character in

```

Step 1: build adictinary

function you wrote in Problem 1.

```
def strmode(in_str):
    """ Return the most frequently-appearing character in
    in_str, or any of the most frequent characters in case of a
    tie. Precondition: in_str is a string with nonzero length.
    Examples: strmode('hahah') => 'h'
              strmode('who')  => could return 'w', 'h', or 'o'
    """

```

```
PythonScratchpad.py ×
1 def strmode(in_str):
2
3     """
4     """
5     all_letters = {}
6     for letter in in_str:
7         if letter in all_letters.keys():
8             all_letters[letter] = all_letters[letter] + 1
9         else:
10            all_letters[letter] = 1
11
12     max_letter = "?"
13     max_letter_count = 0
14
15     for key, val in all_letters.items():
16         if val > max_letter_count:
17             max_letter = key
18             max_letter_count = val
19
20     return(max_letter)
21
22 print(strmode("hahaaaaaa"))
```

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## Quick Demo

```
training_set = []
record1 = {"teeth": 2, "legs": 4, "tails": 3}
record2 = {"teeth": 400, "legs": 2}
training_set.append(record1)
training_set.append(record2)
```

```
for record in training_set:
    print(record["teeth"])
    teeth = record.get("teeth")
    tails = record.get("tails", 0)
    print(tails)
```

get returns  
"none" if not  
there

if you use [] it  
crashes

Step 1: build a dictionary  
of all letters + their  
frequency

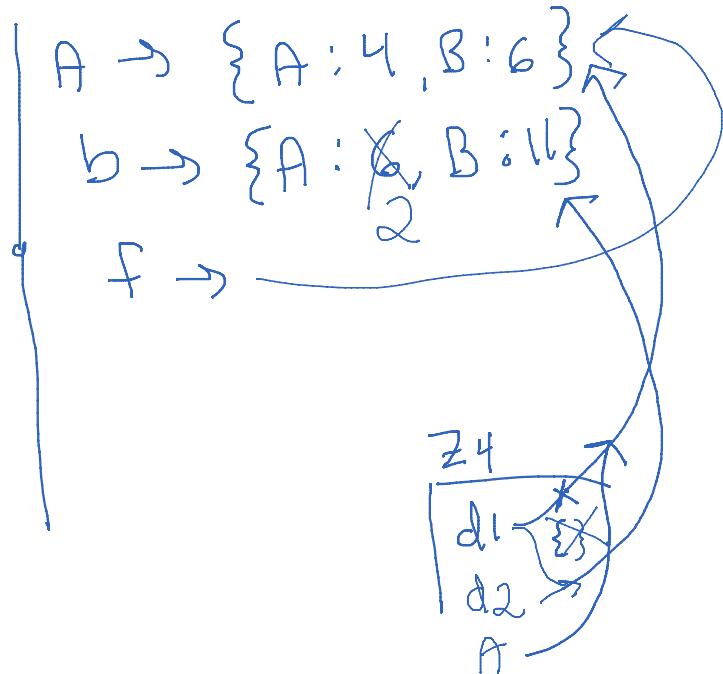
Step 2: find the max in  
the dictionary; return it

3 min breakout room

## challenge

```
def z4(d1, d2):
    a = d1
    d1 = {}
    d1 = d2
    d1["A"] = 2
    return a

a = {"A": 4, "B": 6}
b = {"A": 6, "B": 11}
f = z4(a, b)
print(a["A"], b["A"], f["A"])
4      2      4
```



Then show pythontutor

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b = {"A":6, "B":11}

f = z4(a,b)
print(a["A"], b["A"], f["A"])

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def z0(y):
    y[0] = 4
    return y

b = [5,6]
c = z0(b)
print(b[0], c[0])
```