ILP 2020 – W6S1 Dictionaries and Objectoriented thinking

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Outline (Week6, Session1 – W6S1)

- The tuple type (fast version)
- The dictionary type
- Dictionary and objects
- Object-oriented thinking and programming
- (If time allows, tuples and sets)

Admin: about summer school final exam

• Summer school will not be credit bearing, in the end.

• For this reason, we will not have a final exam, but instead will practice on these question together.

- Also, no W6S2 (meaning no classes on Wednesday afternoon)
- The make-up class on Wednesday morning remains.

The tuple type

 Tuples are collections of variables, very similar to lists, but have their elements listed between parentheses (), instead of brackets [].

 They share many functions with lists, such as the len() function for instance.

```
1 | # Lists vs tuples
 2 \text{ my list} = [1, 3, 5, 7, 9]
 3 my tuple = (1, 3, 5, 7, 9)
 4 print (my list)
 5 print(my tuple)
 6 print(type(my list))
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[1, 3, 5, 7, 9]
(1, 3, 5, 7, 9)
<class 'list'>
<class 'tuple'>
    # Most functions on lists work on tuples
    print(len(my list))
    print(len(my tuple))
5
```

The tuple type

As with lists, tuples objects can be

- Indexed, Sliced,
- Traversed using for loops,
- Etc.

However, the major difference between lists and tuples is that tuples, just like strings, are UNMUTABLE.

Unmutable: values can only be changed on creation. No updates.

```
1 # Tuples however are unmutable
 2 # Cannot be updated as in lists
 3 \text{ my list} = [1, 3, 5, 7, 9]
 4 my list[3] = "Hello"
 5 print (my list)
 6 my tuple = (1, 3, 5, 7, 9)
 7 my tuple[3] = "Hello" # Does not work!
 8 print(my tuple)
[1, 3, 5, 'Hello', 9]
TypeError
                                           Traceback (most :
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 2 print(my list)
   my dict = \{0:1, 1:3, 2:5, 3:7, 4:9\}
 4 print (my dict)
 5 print(type(my dict))
[1, 3, 5, 7, 9]
\{0: 1, 1: 3, 2: 5, 3: 7, 4: 9\}
<class 'dict'>
 1 # Dictionaries are like lists,
 2 | # but whose indexes (a.k.a. keys)
   # could be decided by the user
   print(my list[0])
   print(my dict[0])
   print(my list[-1])
   print(my_dict[-1]) # Index -1 does not exist!
KeyError
                                           Tracebac
<ipython-input-5-c95d094c5ce2> in <module>
      4 print(my dict[0])
      5 print(my list[-1])
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KeyError: -1
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```
# For instance, we could create somthing like this
my_dict = {"Name": "Matt", "Phone": 65, "Is_the_best_teacher": True}
print(my_dict)
print(my_dict["Name"])
print(my_dict["Phone"])
print(my_dict["Is_the_best_teacher"])

{'Name': 'Matt', 'Phone': 65, 'Is_the_best_teacher': True}
Matt
65
True
```

More on this later!

Adding, updating and removing elements

- As with lists, we can update elements using the brackets [] notation.
- If the **key/index** did not exist in the dictionary, it will add a new entry to the dictionary.

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 2 my dict = \{0:1, 1:3, 2:5, 3:7, 4:9\}
 3 | my dict[0] = 11
 4 print (my dict)
 5 | # Adding a new value to dictionary
 6 \text{ my dict}[27] = 14
 7 print (my dict)
 8 # Removing a value from dictionary
 9 del(my dict[3])
10 print (my dict)
```

```
{0: 11, 1: 3, 2: 5, 3: 7, 4: 9}
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Defining dictionaries with zip

A dictionary simply consists of two lists with identical lengths:

- One list of indexes/keys, used to refer to elements
- One list of values, assigned to each index/key.

 Dictionaries can be defined as with the zip() generator, which we used earlier to combine lists.

```
# Basically, dictionnaries combine two lists of equal length

| # One for keys/indexes, one for values
| keys_list = ["Name", "Phone", "Is_the_best_teacher"]
| values_list = ["Matt", 65, True]
| for key, value in zip(keys_list, values_list):
| print(key, value)
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# Both lists are zipped together and assembled as a dict
my_dict = dict(zip(keys_list, values_list))
print(my_dict)
```

{'Name': 'Matt', 'Phone': 65, 'Is the best teacher': True}

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Its list of indexes/keys, using the keys() method,

```
1 my dict = {"Name": "Matt", "Phone": 65, "Is the best teacher": True}
 2 # Dictionary keys, as list
 3 print(list(my dict.keys()))
 4 # Dictionary values, as list
 5 print(list(my dict.values()))
 6 # Dictionary keys and values, as zipped lists
7 print(list(my dict.items()))
['Name', 'Phone', 'Is the best teacher']
['Matt', 65, True]
[('Name', 'Matt'), ('Phone', 65), ('Is the best teacher', True)]
       # Traversing a dictionary key-wise
       for key in my dict.keys():
             print(key)
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         for value in my dict.values():
              print (key)
   Matt
   65
   True
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Note: all three methods give **generators** (as zip, enumerate, etc.).

Convert them to **lists** to visualize the values in these generators!

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Finally, dictionaries provide a **get()** method, which receives two arguments.

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```
# The get() method
my_dict = {0:1, 1:3, 2:5, 3:7, 4:9}
# Attempts to do my_dict[index],
# return value if possible.
default = 47
index = 1
print(my_dict.get(index, default))
# If index does not appear in dict,
# return specified default value instead.
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- Unmutables types: ints, floats, strings, tuples, sets, etc.
- Mutable types: lists, etc.

TypeError: unhashable type: 'list'

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```
{(0, 0): 'Empty', (0, 1): 'Circle', (0, 2): 'Circle', (1, 0): 'Empty', (1, 1): 'Cross', (1, 2): 'Empty', (2, 0): 'Empty', (2, 1): 'Empty', (2, 2): 'Empty'}
```

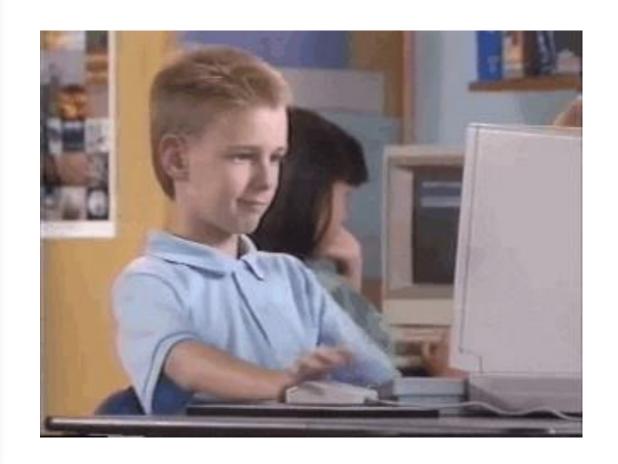
Matt's Great advice #?

Matt's Great Advice #?: Get comfortable with dictionaries.

Dictionaries are one of the most important types in Python.

While they might seem abstract at first, they are pretty easy to work with, especially if you understood the concepts behind lists.

Practice until you get comfortable with them, as we will be using them a lot!



Activity 1 - Find the missing card v2

• In this activity, we will play with a deck of cards, which is defined as a list of tuples this time.

```
[('Hearts', '1'), ('Hearts', '2'), ('Hearts', '3'), ('Hearts', '4'), ('Hearts', '5'), ('Hearts', '6'), ('Hearts', '7'), ('Hearts', '8'), ('Hearts', '9'), ('Hearts', '10'), ('Hearts', 'Jack'), ('Hearts', 'Queen'), ('Hearts', 'King'), ('Spades', '1'), ('Spades', '2'), ('Spades', '3'), ('Spades', '4'), ('Spades', '5'), ('Spades', '6'), ('Spades', '7'), ('Spades', '8'), ('Spades', '9'), ('Spades', '10'), ('Spades', 'Jack'), ('Spades', 'Queen'), ('Spades', 'King'), ('Diamonds', '1'), ('Diamonds', '2'), ('Diamonds', '3'), ('Diamonds', '4'), ('Diamonds', '5'), ('Diamonds', '6'), ('Diamonds', '7'), ('Diamonds', '8'), ('Diamonds', '9'), ('Diamonds', '10'), ('Clubs', 'Jack'), ('Clubs', '5'), ('Clubs', '6'), ('Clubs', '7'), ('Clubs', '8'), ('Clubs', '9'), ('Clubs', '10'), ('Clubs', 'Jack'), ('Clubs', 'Queen'), ('Clubs', 'King')]
```

• Notice how each tuple consists of two elements: a suit and a value, in string format.

Activity 1 - Find the missing card v2

Write a function **find_missing_card()**, which receives a deck, in variable **deck**, as its sole parameter.

The deck is a standard deck that has been shuffled and is missing a card. The function **find_missing_card()** should then return the one card that is missing in the deck, as a tuple.

Note that the deck is always missing a single card and will contain no duplicates.

Hint: try using a dictionary to count the number of hearts, spades, diamonds, clubs in deck. The one suit with a different number of cards is going to be the suit of the missing card!

```
suits_dict = {"Hearts": 12, "Spades": 13, "Diamonds": 13, "Clubs": 13}
```

Activity 2 - 1337 speak translators v2

- You now know about dictionaries.
- We will use a translation dictionary, defined below, whose keys are English characters and whose values are the numbers which should replace the said letter, when we translate English sentences into leet speak.

```
eng_leet_dict = {'I': '1', 'Z': '2', 'E': '3', 'A': '4', 
'S': '5', 'T': '7', 'B': '8', 'O': '0'}
```

• This translation dictionary should help you simplify your translation function drastically.

Activity 2 - 1337 speak translators v2

Your objective is then to write a second version of the function eng_to_leet_v2(), which receives two parameters:

- the first one is **eng_str**, which corresponds to a sentence in English, written in capital letters,
- the second one is the translation dictionary eng_leet_dict, defined earlier.

The function returns the equivalent sentence in leet speak, modifying the letters with numbers, by following the rules defined earlier.

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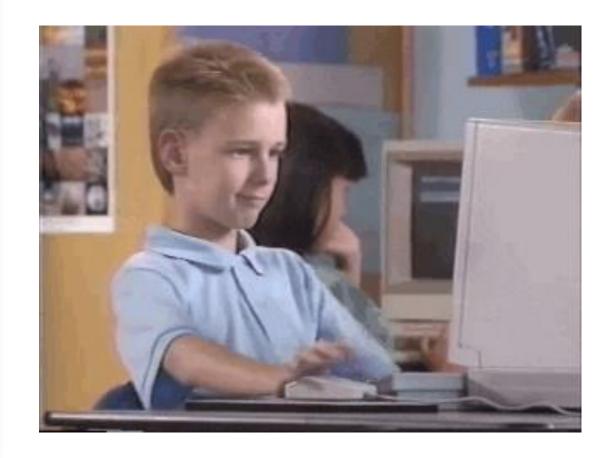
Matt's Great advice #?

Matt's Great Advice #?: Everything is an object.

Everything in the world can be described, to some extent, using a dictionary with several attributes.

EVERYTHING.

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 Here, I propose an introduction to OOP, as "Object Oriented Thinking".

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Time to discuss about these "guys".





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Pokemons as programming objects

Pokemons can be viewed as programming objects, with several attributes, such as:

- A name: as a string variable
- A level: as an int
- An elemental type: as a string variable
- Some hitpoints (HP), strength and defense points.
- Etc.

Therefore, they could be described, by using a dictionary with several entries, one for each attribute.

Pokemons as programming objects



```
# Everything can be defined as an object,
# i.e. a collection a keys and values.

pokemon1 = {"Name": "Charmander", \

"Type": "Fire", \

"Level": 5, \

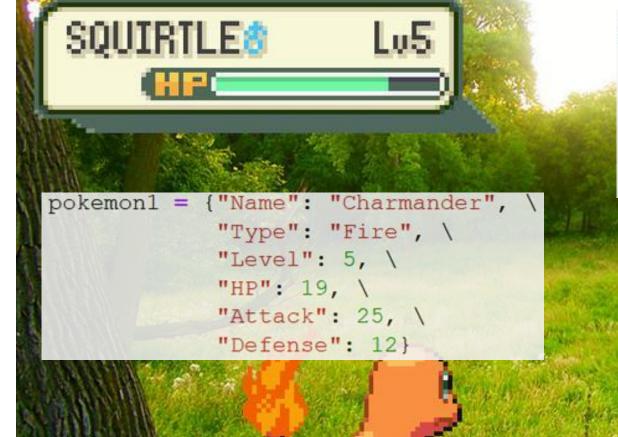
"HP": 19, \

"Attack": 25, \

"Defense": 12}

print(pokemon1)
```

{'Name': 'Charmander', 'Type': 'Fire', 'Level': 5, 'HP': 19, 'Attack': 25, 'Defense': 12}





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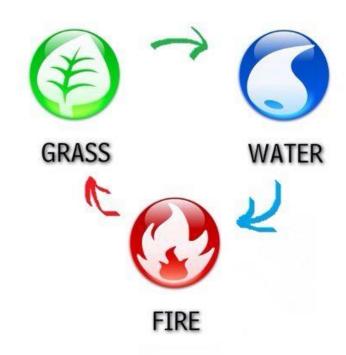
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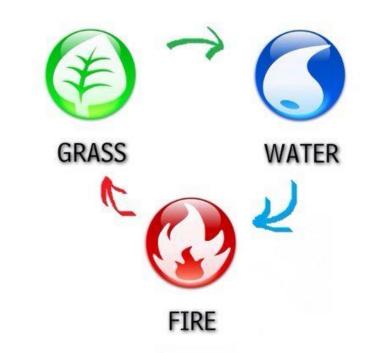
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Strong means you deal **double damage** in combat, **weak** means you deal **half damage** only.







CHARMANDER

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```
pokemon2 = {"Name": "Squirtle",
            "Type": "Water",
            "Level": 5, \
            "HP": 21, \
            "Attack": 22, \
            "Defense": 17}
```

```
types table = { ("Water", "Fire"): 2, \
               ("Water", "Water"): 0.5,
               ("Water", "Grass"): 0.5,
               ("Fire", "Fire"): 0.5, \
               ("Fire", "Water"): 0.5, \
       ("Fire", "Grass"): 2, \
              ("Grass", "Fire"): 0.5, \
               ("Grass", "Water"): 2, \
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```

The attack function

 When pokemon1 attacks pokemon2, it inflicts damage to pokemon2, which is calculated as

$$(attack_{pokemon1} - defense_{pokemon2}) \times m$$

Where m is the multiplying factor (either 2 or 0.5), which

- depends on the elemental types of the attacker (pokemon1) and the defender (pokemon2),
- and is given by the types_table.

```
def attack(pokemon1, pokemon2, types table):
        # Retrieve attack points from pokemon1
        atk pts p1 = pokemon1["Attack"]
 4
       print("atk pts p1: ", atk pts p1)
 5
        # Retrieve defense points from pokemon2
 6
       defense p2 = pokemon2["Defense"]
       print("defense p2: ", defense p2)
 8
        # Retrieve type from pokemon1
 9
       type p1 = pokemon1["Type"]
10
       print("type p1: ", type p1)
11
        # Retrieve type from pokemon2
12
       type p2 = pokemon2["Type"]
13
       print("type p2: ", type p2)
14
        # Retrieve multiplying factor
15
       mult fac = types table[(type p1, type p2)]
16
       print("mult fac: ", mult fac)
17
        # Damage is (atk - def) *mult fac
18
        dmg = (atk pts p1 - defense p2) *mult fac
19
       print("dmg: ", dmg)
20
        # Update HP of pokemon2 by inflicting damage
21
       print("Previous HP (p2): ", pokemon2["HP"])
22
       pokemon2["HP"] = pokemon2["HP"] - dmg
23
       print("New HP (p2): ", pokemon2["HP"])
24
        return pokemon2
```



The attack function, at work

```
1 | # Pokemon1 attacks pokemon2
 2 pokemon2 = attack(pokemon1, pokemon2, types_table)
 3 | # Print updated pokemon2
 4 print (pokemon2)
atk pts p1: 25
defense p2: 17
type p1: Fire
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dmg: 4.0
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Going deeper

• Pokemon is a game with a gameplay that goes far deeper than just this basic "attack" gameplay mechanic.

 However, I believe that this example helped visualize how OOP can help improve the structure of your code!

Let us practice a bit with two more activities!

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You have seen here how it could be done using a dictionary. In practice however, **OOP goes far deeper**, and gives the possibility to create:

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Activity 3 - Hero stats

In OOP, a function, which creates an object and its dictionary, based on a few variables, is called a **constructor function for the object**. In this activity, we design a **constructor function** for a **hero object**.

Write a function **create_hero()**, which receives three parameters:

- str_pts: an int corresponding to the strength points of the hero,
- agi_pts: an int corresponding to the agility points of the hero,
- int_pts: an int corresponding to the intelligence points of the hero.

Activity 3 - Hero stats

It returns a dictionary containing the following keys and values:

- str_pts: an int corresponding to the strength points of the hero,
- agi_pts: an int corresponding to the agility points of the hero,
- int_pts: an int corresponding to the intelligence points of the hero,
- HP_pts: an int corresponding to the life points of the hero, which is 10 points, plus 10 times the number of strength points,
- MP_pts: an int corresponding to the magic points (MP) of the hero,
 which is 5 times the number of intelligence points,
- atk_pts: an int corresponding to the attack points of the hero, which is the sum of the strength, agility and intelligence points.

Activity 4 - Equipping a weapon

 Let us consider the hero defined below as an object, with its own dictionary.

```
hero_dict = {'str_pts': 10, 'equipped_weapon': None, 'atk_pts': None}
```

- Notice how no attack points and equipped weapon have yet been defined (they instead have the None value).
- We can also define **weapons objects**, as dictionaries as well. Below we have defined two weapon objects: a sword and a bow.

```
sword = {"weapon_name": "Sword of Blazing Justice", "weapon_atk": 10}
bow = {"weapon_name": "Bow of Impeccable Accuracy", "weapon_atk": 8}
```

Activity 4 - Equipping a weapon

Write a function equip_weapon(), which receives two dictionaries:

- The first one is a hero dictionary,
- The second one is a weapon dictionary (either the sword or bow).

It will return the hero dictionary, whose keys, 'equipped_weapon' and 'atk_pts', have been updated.

- The value assigned to the 'equipped_weapon' of the hero dictionary, will be the dictionary corresponding to the equipped weapon.
- The value assigned to the 'atk_pts' of the hero dictionary, will consist of the hero strength points (in 'str_pts'), plus the weapon attack points (in the weapon dictionary, key 'weapon_atk').

Note: in practice, this OOP concept defines a 'has-a' relationship, because one of the attributes of the hero object is a weapon object.

Conclusion

- The tuple type (fast version)
- The dictionary type
- Dictionary and objects
- Object-oriented thinking and programming
- (If time allows, tuples and sets)