



## Counting made easy

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#### **Collections Module**

- Part of Standard Library
- Advanced data containers

#### Counter

Special dictionary used for counting data, measuring frequency

```
In [1]: from collections import Counter
In [2]: nyc_eatery_count_by_types = Counter(nyc_eatery_types)
In [3]: print(nyc_eatery_count_by_type)
Counter({'Mobile Food Truck': 114, 'Food Cart': 74, 'Snack Bar': 24, 'Specialty Cart': 18, 'Restaurant': 15, 'Fruit & Vegetable Cart': 4})
In [4]: print(nyc_eatery_count_by_types['Restaurant'])
```



#### Counter to find the most common

• .most common () method returns the counter values in descending order

```
In [1]: print(nyc_eatery_count_by_types.most_common(3))
[('Mobile Food Truck', 114), ('Food Cart', 74), ('Snack Bar', 24)]
```





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# Dictionaries of unknown structure - defaultdict

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#### Dictionary Handling



#### Using defaultdict

- Pass it a default type that every key will have even if it doesn't currently exist
- Works exactly like a dictionary



#### defaultdict (cont.)





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# Maintaining Dictionary Order with OrderedDict

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### Order in Python dictionaries

- Python version < 3.6 NOT ordered
- Python version > 3.6 ordered

#### Getting started with OrderedDict



#### OrderedDict power feature

• .popitem() method returns items in reverse insertion order

```
In [1]: print(nyc_eatery_permits.popitem())
('2029-04-28', {'name': 'Union Square Seasonal Cafe',
'location': 'Union Square Park', 'park_id': 'M089',
'start_date': '2014-04-29', 'end_date': '2029-04-28',
'description': None, 'permit_number': 'M89-SB-R', 'phone': '212-677-7818',
'website': 'http://www.thepavilionnyc.com/', 'type_name': 'Restaurant'})

In [2]: print(nyc_eatery_permits.popitem())
('2027-03-31', {'name': 'Dyckman Marina Restaurant',
'location': 'Dyckman Marina Restaurant', 'park_id': 'M028',
'start_date': '2012-04-01', 'end_date': '2027-03-31',
'description': None, 'permit_number': 'M28-R', 'phone': None,
'website': None, 'type_name': 'Restaurant'})
```



#### OrderedDict power feature (2)

You can use the last=False keyword argument to return the items in insertion

#### order

```
In [3]: print(nyc_eatery_permits.popitem(last=False))
  ('2012-12-07', {'name': 'Mapes Avenue Ballfields Mobile Food Truck',
  'location': 'Prospect Avenue, E. 181st Street', 'park_id': 'X289',
  'start_date': '2009-07-01', 'end_date': '2012-12-07',
  'description': None, 'permit_number': 'X289-MT', 'phone': None,
  'website': None, 'type_name': 'Mobile Food Truck'})
```





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## namedtuple

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#### What is a namedtuple?

- A tuple where each position (column) has a name
- Ensure each one has the same properties
- Alternative to a pandas DataFrame row



#### Creating a namedtuple

Pass a name and a list of fields

```
In [1]: from collections import namedtuple
In [2]: Eatery = namedtuple('Eatery', ['name', 'location', 'park id',
   ...: 'type name'])
In [3]: eateries = []
In [4]: for eatery in nyc eateries:
            details = Eatery(eatery['name'],
                              eatery['location'],
   . . . :
                              eatery['park id'],
                              eatery['type name'])
           eateries.append(details)
   . . . .
In [5]: print(eateries[0])
Eatery (name='Mapes Avenue Ballfields Mobile Food Truck',
location='Prospect Avenue, E. 181st Street',
park id='X289', type name='Mobile Food Truck')
```



#### Leveraging namedtuples

• Each field is available as an attribute of the namedtuple





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