



Using dictionaries

Creating and looping through dictionaries

- Hold data in key/value pairs
- Nestable (use a dictionary as the value of a key within a dictionary)
- Iterable
- Created by dict() or {}



Safely finding by key

- Getting a value from a dictionary is done using the key as an index
- If you ask for a key that does not exist that will stop your program from running in a KeyError



Safely finding by key (cont.)

- .get () method allows you to safely access a key without error or exception handling
- If a key is not in the dictionary, .get() returns None by default or you can supply a value to return

```
In [5]: art_galleries.get('Louvre', 'Not Found')
Out[5]: 'Not Found'
In [6]: art_galleries.get('Zarre Andre Gallery')
Out[6]: '10011'
```

Working with nested data

- The .keys() method shows the keys for a given dictionary
- Common way to deal with repeating data structures
- Can be accessed using multiple indices or the .get() method









Altering dictionaries

Adding and extending dictionaries

- Assignment to add a new key/value to a dictionary
- .update() method to update a dictionary from another dictionary, tuples or

keywords



Popping and deleting from dictionaries

- del instruction deletes a key/value
- .pop () method safely removes a key/value from a dictionary.

```
In [1]: del art_galleries['11234']
In [2]: galleries_10310 = art_galleries.pop('10310')
In [3]: print(galleries_10310)
{'New Dorp Village Antiques Ltd': '(718) 815-2526'}
```









Pythonically using dictionaries

Working with dictionaries more pythonically

• .items() method returns an object we can iterate over

Checking dictionaries for data

- .get() does a lot of work to check for a key
- in operator is much more efficient and clearer









Working with CSV files



CSV Files

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Reading from a file using CSV reader

- Python csv module
- open () function provides a variable that represents a file, takes a path and a mode
- csv.reader() reads a file object and returns the lines from the file as tuples
- .close() method closes file objects

Creating a dictionary from a file

- Often we want to go from CSV file to dictionary
- DictReader does just that
- If data doesn't have a header row, you can pass in the column names



