Data Structures & Programmatic Thinking

Session 10

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Mutating lists

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Let's see an example for adding all numbers in a list

Practice

Create a function `to_string` that receives a list of strings, concatenates all of them and returns it as a single string.

Checkpoint

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Is everybody following so far? Is there any question, comment?

Dictionaries

Dictionaries are another kind of collection in Python. Dictionaries map keys to values.

Creating dictionaries

We use curly brackets {} to declare dictionaries.

```
translations = {
    "es": "Hola!",
    "it": "Ciao!",
    "en": "Hello!"
}
```

colon for separating key and value

comma for separating entries

Creating dictionaries

We can also create empty dictionaries

```
translations = {}
```

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Adding elements

We add elements to dictionaries given their specific index:

```
translations = {}
translations["en"] = "Hello"
translations["it"] = "Ciao"
translations["es"] = "Hola"
```

Updating elements

we always can change a value in the dictionary by re-assigning the key

```
translations = {}
translations["en"] = "Hello"
translations["en"] = "WHATUP!"
```

Updating elements

Deleting elements

We can delete an element of the dictionary using the **pop** method

```
translations = {}
translations["en"] = "Hello"
translations.pop("en")
```

Deleting elements

Getting all keys or values

We can allways get all **keys** or **values** from the dict as a list using either the **.keys()** or **.values()** method

```
users = {
  1: "Pepe",
  22: "Peter",
  44143: "Johnny",
  2: "Chuck"
}

users.keys()
users.values()
```

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for loops

In the same way we used **for** loops to iterate over elements of a list, we can use them to iterate over elements of a dictionary.

The difference is that, with dictionaries, the **iteration variable** will represent the **current key**, not the **current value**.

for loops

```
band = {
  "johnny": "plays drums",
  "joey": "plays guitar",
  "markee": "sings",
  "dee-dee": "plays bass-guitar"
}

for member in band:
  print(member + " " + band[member] + " in The Ramones'
```