

# ISYS90088

## Introduction to Application Development

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Week 8 – Contd. from week 6: tuples & Dictionaries

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# Objectives

After completing this lecture, you will be able to:

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- Work with Tuples <https://powcoder.com>
- Work with Dictionaries [Add WeChat powcoder](#)

# Lists, tuples and Dictionaries

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# Tuples

- A **tuple** resembles a list, but is **immutable**
  - Indicate by enclosing its elements in ()
- The differences between tuples and lists are:
  - the tuples cannot be changed unlike lists
  - tuples use parentheses, whereas lists use square brackets
- Creating a tuple is as simple as putting different comma-separated values.

# Tuples

- Lists can be converted to tuples; two sets of tuples can be concatenated

```
>>> fruits = ("apple", "banana")
>>> fruits
('apple', 'banana')
>>> meats = ("fish", "poultry")
>>> meats
('fish', 'poultry')
>>> food = meats + fruits
>>> food
('fish', 'poultry', 'apple', 'banana')
>>> veggies = ["celery", "beans"]
>>> tuple(veggies)
('celery', 'beans')
```

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```
tup1 = ( );
```

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```
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```

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```

for lists: list1 = []

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```

For lists: list1 = [50]



# Tuples

- Like string indices, tuple indices start at 0. The operations performed are: concatenation, iteration, in, slicing and indexing
- Accessing Values in Tuples: use the square brackets for slicing along with the index or indices to obtain value available at that index.  
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- Updating Tuples - Tuples are immutable which means you cannot update or change the values of tuple elements.
- Delete Tuple Elements - Removing individual tuple elements is not possible.

# Tuples

- To explicitly remove an entire tuple, just use the **del** statement. For example:

```
tuple1 = ('physics', 'chemistry', 1997, 2000)
print (tuple1)
del tuple1
print ("After deleting tuple:")
print (tuple1)
```

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- This produces the following result (check example). Note an exception raised, this is because after **del tup** tuple does not exist any more.

Example:

```
>>> tuple3 = (1,2,3)
>>> list(tuple3)
[1,2,3]
```

# Tuples

Built-in Tuple Functions can be used:

```
## length, max and min in a tuple
tuple1, tuple2 = ('gar', 'xyz', 'zara'), (100, 500, 20)
print ("Max value element : ", max(tuple1))
print ("Max value element : ", max(tuple2))
print ("Min value element : ", min(tuple1))
print ("Min value element : ", min(tuple2))
print ("First tuple length : ", len(tuple1))
print ("Second tuple length : ", len(tuple2))
```

```
#convert a list of items into tuples
Listofitems = [23, 'years', 'dogs', 'cats'];
toaTuple = tuple(Listofitems)
print ("Tuple elements : ", toaTuple)
```

# Difference between lists and tuples

- Lists are mutable. Lists however have this method called append. In order for most of your appends to be fast, python will actually create a larger array in memory *just in case* you append.
- This way, when you do append, it does not have to recreate a list every time. You can add items to the list. How would it know that you don't want to maybe add a 4th 5th 6th element? To play safe, we assume you might want more in the memory
- On the other hand, by using tuples, it tells python that you want an immutable structure. Give me space for 3 things, fill those slots up, and move on.
- Since tuples are immutable, this means that tuples are fixed. We can't do anything to them in memory.
- Performance: processing of tuples is said to be faster than list processing
- Using tuples is safe: Since they are immutable, we can't change content of the tuple. This can be useful when you don't want any data modified by your code

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- A **dictionary** organizes data values by association with other data values rather than by 'sequential position'
- Lists and dictionaries provide powerful ways to organize data in useful and interesting applications

# Dictionaries

- A dictionary organizes information by **association**, not position
  - Example: When you use a dictionary to look up the definition of “Mammal,” you don’t start at page 1; instead, you turn to the words beginning with “M”
- Data structures organized by association are also called **tables** or **association lists**
- In Python, a **dictionary** associates a set of **keys** with data values

# Dictionary Literals

- A Python dictionary is written as a sequence of key/value pairs separated by commas
  - Pairs are sometimes called **entries**
  - Enclosed in curly braces ({ and })
  - A colon (:) separates a key and its value
- Examples:

```
{ 'Sarah' : '476-3321', 'Nathan' : '351-7743' }    #A Phone book
{ 'Name' : 'Molly', 'Age' : 18 }                  # Personal information
{}                                                  #An empty dictionary
```

# Mixing data types in a dictionary

- Keys in a dictionary are immutable but their associated values can be of any type. For example, the values can be lists.

```
d1 = {'matt': [23, 2000, 2010], 'anne': [25, 2545, 2012], 'jack':  
      [34, 2500, 2011]}
```

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- The values stored in a single dictionary can be of different types. For example one element in the dictionary can be a string, another an integer, another a float etc.

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## Example:

```
>>> employee_record = {'name': 'kevin', 'Age': 43,  
                        'ID': 23145, 'payrate': 24.99}  
>>> employee_record  
{ 'Age': 43, 'name': 'kevin', 'ID': 23145,  
  'payrate': 24.99 }
```



# Properties of Dictionary Keys

Dictionary values have no restrictions. However, same is not true for the keys. There exists a mapping between keys and the values. There are two important points to remember about dictionary keys –

(a) More than one entry per key not allowed. Which means **no duplicate key** is allowed. When duplicate keys encountered during assignment, the last assignment wins. For example –

```
>>> dict = {'Name': 'Ajay', 'Age': 10, 'Name': 'Jack'}  
>>> print ("dict['Name']: ", dict['Name'])
```

When the above code is executed, it produces the following result –

```
dict['Name']: 'jack' => Why?
```

# Dictionaries: as hash tables to explain immutability

(b) **Keys are immutable.** For example, when you insert a key into a hash table, the hash table asks the key for its hash code, and remembers it along with the key itself and the associated value. When you later perform a lookup, the hash table asks the key you're looking for its hash code, and can very quickly find all the keys in the table that have the same hash code.

- If a key is mutable, then finding the value associated with the unique key is not possible – the hash table would be messed up as you won't know accurately the associated value to the specific key.

# Adding Keys and Replacing Values

- Add a new key/value pair to a dictionary using []:

```
<a dictionary>[<a key>] = <a value>
```

- Example: **Assignment Project Exam Help**

```
>>> info = {}
>>> info["name"] = "Sandy"
>>> info["occupation"] = "hacker"
>>> info
{'name': 'Sandy', 'occupation': 'hacker'}
```

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- Use [] to replace a value at an existing key:

```
>>> info["occupation"] = "manager"
>>> info
{'name': 'Sandy', 'occupation': 'manager'}
```

# Accessing Values

- Use `[]` to obtain the value associated with a key
  - If key is not present in dictionary, an error is raised

```
>>> info["name"]
'Sandy'
>>> info["job"]
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
KeyError: 'job'
>>>
```

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- If the existence of a key is uncertain, test for it using the dictionary method **get**

```
>>> print(info.get("job", None))
None
>>>
```

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# Deleting elements

- To delete an existing key-value pair from a dictionary, use the **del** statement. After the statement is executed, the key and its associated value will be deleted from the dictionary. [Assignment Project Exam Help](https://powcoder.com)
- If the key does not exist, a `KeyError` exception is raised.

## Syntax:

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`del dictionary_name[key]`

**Note:** To prevent the `KeyError` from being raised, use the `in` operator to determine whether the key exists before you try to delete it and its associated value.

# Dict: Del and Clear

```
>>>dict = {'Name': 'Anne', 'Age': 10, 'Class':  
'Third'}
```

```
>>>del dict['Name']; # remove entry with key  
'Name'
```

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What is the output?

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```
>>>dict.clear();    # remove all entries in dict
```

What is the output?

```
>>>del dict ;      # delete entire dictionary
```

What is the output?

# Using `in` and `not in` operators to test for a value in a Dictionary

```
#illustrate in operator to find a value in dict
phonebook = {'jack':'0423123', 'jill':'2345433',
             'jane':'3334444'}
```

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```
if 'jack' in phonebook:
    print(phonebook['jack'])
else:
    print('not found')
```

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```
# to illustrate not in operator to find a value in
dictionary
if 'jacky' not in phonebook:
    print('not found')
```

# Using the for loop to iterate over a Dictionary – traverse thru' a dictionary

```
for var in <dictionary_name>:  
    statement  
    statement  
    ...  
    ...
```

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## Example:

```
employee_record = {'name': 'Kevin', 'Age': 43,  
                   'ID': 23145, 'payrate': 24.99}  
for key in employee_record:  
    print(key)
```

Note: when the dict is printed, the order is different from the initial order in the dict. This means accessing elements using an index is not possible in dictionaries.



# Traversing a Dictionary

- To print all of the keys and their values:

```
info = {'apple': 'jack', 'banana': 'jill', 'pears': 'brad'}
```

```
for key in info:
```

```
    print(key, info[key])
```

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- Alternative: Use the dictionary method **items()**

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```
>>> grades = {90:"A", 80:"B", 70:"C"}
```

```
>>> grades.items()
```

```
[ (80, 'B'), (90, 'A'), (70, 'C') ]
```

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- Entries are represented as tuples within the list

```
for (key, value) in grades.items():
```

```
    print(key, value)
```

- You can sort the list first:

```
theKeys = list(info.keys())
```

```
theKeys.sort()
```

```
for key in theKeys:
```

```
    print(key, info[key])
```

Assessing information: check this!

```
>>> d1 = {'matt': [23, 2000, 2010],  
'anne': [25, 2545, 2012], 'jack':  
[34, 2500, 2011]}
```

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```
>>> if 'jack' in d1:  
    print(d1['jack'])
```

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```
[34, 2500, 2011]
```

```
>>> d1['jack'][2]
```

```
2011
```

## Example code : check this out!

```
info = {'apple': ['jack', 'jane'], 'banana':  
        ['jill'], 'pears': ['brad', 'sally']}  
keylist = list(info.keys())  
keylist.sort() #sorted this list  
for key in keylist:  
    print(key, info[key])  
    print(key, info[key][0])
```

What does this output?

Try this - dictionary with a list of values  
for a key

```
list1 = []  
d1 = {'matt': [23, 2000, 2010], 'anne':  
[25, 2545, 2012], 'jack':  
[34, 2500, 2011]}  
for list1 in d1['matt']:  
    print(list1)
```

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What is the output?

# Getting the number of elements in a dictionary using **len**

- Use the built in method called **len**

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Example:

```
>>> employee_record = {'name': 'kevin',  
    'Age': 43, 'ID': 23145, 'payrate': 24.99}  
>>> len(employee_record)  
4
```

# Other Dictionary methods: **clear**

- Use the built in method called **clear**

## **Syntax:**

```
dictionary_name.clear()
```

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## **Example:**

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```
>>> employee_record = {'name': 'kevin',  
    'Age': 43, 'ID': 23145, 'payrate': 24.99}
```

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```
>>> employee_record.clear()
```

```
>>> employee_record
```

```
{}
```

# Other Dictionary methods: **get**

- Use the built in method called **get**
- When executed, this methods outputs the value associated with the key that is searched. If not present, will output the default value as shown in the example.

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## **Syntax:**

`dictionary_name.get(key, default)`

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## **Example:**

```
>>> employee_record = {'name': 'kevin', 'Age': 43, 'ID': 23145, 'payrate': 24.99}
>>> employee_record.get('name', 'not found')
'kevin'
>>> employee_record.get('dob', 'not found')
'not found'
```

# Other Dictionary methods: **items**

- Use the built in method called **items**
- When executed, it outputs all the key-value pairs in a *dictionary view*.

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## Syntax:

`dictionary_name.items()`

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## Example:

```
>>> employee_record = {'name': 'kevin',  
    'Age': 43, 'ID': 23145, 'payrate': 24.99}  
>>> employee_record.items()  
dict_items([('payrate', 24.99), ('name',  
    'kevin'), ('ID', 23145), ('Age', 43)])
```



# Other Dictionary methods: **keys**

- Use the built in method called **keys**
- When executed, it outputs all the keys

## Syntax:

`dictionary_name.keys()`

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## Example:

```
>>> employee_record = {'name': 'kevin',  
    'Age': 43, 'ID': 23145, 'payrate': 24.99}
```

```
>>> employee_record.keys()
```

```
ID
```

```
payrate
```

```
name
```

```
Age
```

# Other Dictionary methods: **values**

- Use the built in method called **values**
- When executed, it outputs all the values in the dict

## Syntax:

`dictionary_name.values()`

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## Example:

```
>>> employee_record = {'name': 'kevin',  
    'Age': 43, 'ID': 23145, 'payrate': 24.99}
```

```
>>> employee_record.values()
```

```
24.99
```

```
kevin
```

```
23145
```

```
43
```

# Other Dictionary methods: **pop** and **popitem**

- Use the built in method called **pop**
- When executed, it outputs the value associated with the specific key and removes it from the dict.

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`dictionary_name.pop(key, default)`

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```
>>> employee_record = {'name': 'kevin', 'Age': 43,
'ID': 23145, 'payrate': 24.99}
>>> employee_record.pop('name')
'kevin'
>>> employee_record
{'payrate': 24.99, 'ID': 23145, 'Age': 43}
>>>
```

# Other Dictionary methods: **pop** and **popitem**

- Use the built in method called **popitem**
- When executed, it outputs a key-value pair, and it removes that key-value pair from the dict. (front of the list/dict – last in first out)

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```
dictionary_name.popitem()
```

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```
>>> employee_record
{'payrate': 24.99, 'name': 'kevin', 'ID': 23145, 'Age': 45}
>>> employee_record.popitem()
('payrate', 24.99)
>>> employee_record.popitem()
('name', 'kevin')
>>> employee_record.popitem()
('ID', 23145)
>>>
```

# Traversing: using list and dict methods

```
>>> employee_record = {'name': 'kevin',  
    'Age': 43, 'ID': 23145, 'payrate': 24.99}  
>>> list(employee_record.keys())  
['payrate', 'name', 'ID', 'Age']  
>>> list(employee_record.values())  
[24.99, 'kevin', 23145, 43]  
>>> >>> list(employee_record.items())  
[('payrate', 24.99), ('name', 'kevin'),  
 ('ID', 23145), ('Age', 43)]  
>>>
```

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# Example: creating a dict from a list

```
from collections import defaultdict  
employee_list = [('yosh', 23, 2001),  
('farah', 22, 2010), ('matt', 34, 2000)]
```

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#you can take a list of tuples and make it  
#into a dict with key-value pairs  
#start with an empty dict, start a for  
loop #and append values to a key

```
d1 = defaultdict(list)  
for key, age, start_date in employee_list:  
    d1[key].append(age)  
    d1[key].append(start_date)  
print(d1, d1.items(), d1.values())
```