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## Catch This Python Bug!

🔍 Most developers make this mistake without realizing it! 🤯

This tricky Python bug confuses even experienced programmers. **Interviewers love asking such questions** to test your understanding of Python's behavior. Can you spot the issue? 🙄



## Code Snippet:

```
try:
    mydict = dict()
    mydict = mydict.get('a',10)
    print(mydict['a'])
except Exception as e:
    print("Error:",e)
finally:
    print(mydict)
```



## Output:

```
In [17]: try:
        mydict = dict()#empty dict
        mydict = mydict.get('a',10)
        print(mydict['a'])
    except Exception as e:
        print("Error:",e)
    finally:
        print(mydict)
```

```
Error: 'int' object is not subscriptable
10
```



WAIT... WHAT JUST HAPPENED?! 🤔

## Explanation:

- 1 `mydict = dict()` → Creates an empty dictionary ✓
- 2 `mydict = mydict.get('a', 10)` → **Tricky part!** `get('a', 10)` returns **10** (default value) since 'a' key doesn't exist.

**But now mydict is no longer a dictionary—it's an integer (10)! 🤔**

- 3 `print(mydict['a'])` → ✗ Throws an error because 10 (an integer) **isn't subscriptable!**

## Fix:

Instead of overwriting the dictionary, update the line # 2 to update value inside the key 'a' of dictionary, mydict.

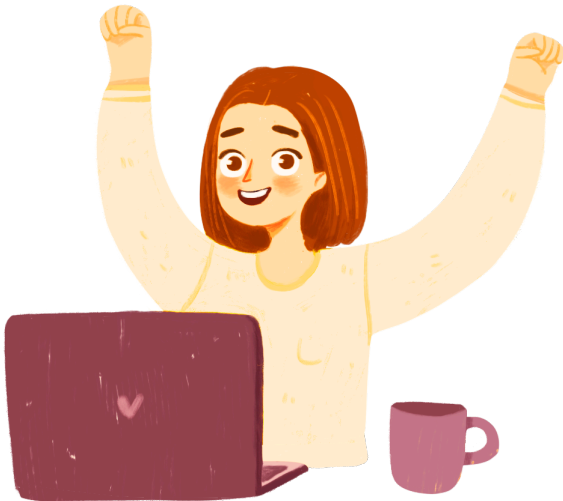
```
try:
    mydict = dict()#empty dict
    mydict['a'] = mydict.get('a',10)
    print(mydict['a'])
except Exception as e:
    print("Error:",e)
finally:
    print(mydict)
```

Run the code now.▶

## ✓Output :

```
In [18]: try:
          mydict = dict()#empty dict
          mydict['a'] = mydict.get('a',10)
          print(mydict['a'])
        except Exception as e:
          print("Error:",e)
        finally:
          print(mydict)
```

```
10
{'a': 10}
```



## Lesson:

Be careful when using `.get()`—don't overwrite your dictionary with a default value!

 **Have you faced this issue before?**

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