

Pair exercise, Introduction to Dictionaries

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For DSE5002

Dictionaries are Python data storage structures that use a key-value pair storage system, this is a hashed data storage system.

you look up values by providing the key

This approach is common in NOSQL database systems.

The lookup is fast, since dictionaries hash the key to find the value, they don't have to sort through the dictionary to find the value.

The key can be an integer or a string

If you need to do a lot of look-up or searching based on a string, use a dictionary, not a list, to run faster.

Dictionaries are declared using curly brackets

When the system looks up a value in a dictionary, it computes a hash (complicated function) of the key and that value indicates where the data is stored. Hashing is quick relative to searching for an value in a list or a column of a data frame.

Think Python

<https://alldowney.github.io/ThinkPython/chap10.html>

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In [23]: # creating a dictionary
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dictionary_emp1={"first":"Bob","middle":"J.","last":"Smith"}
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In [24]: #retrieve values using the key
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```
dictionary_emp1["last"]
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```
Out[24]: 'Smith'
```

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In [25]: # what do we have for Member functions
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```
dir(dictionary_emp1)
```

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Out[25]: ['__class__',
          '__class_getitem__',
          '__contains__',
          '__delattr__',
          '__delitem__',
          '__dir__',
          '__doc__',
          '__eq__',
          '__format__',
          '__ge__',
          '__getattr__',
          '__getitem__',
          '__getstate__',
          '__gt__',
          '__hash__',
          '__init__',
          '__init_subclass__',
          '__ior__',
          '__iter__',
          '__le__',
          '__len__',
          '__lt__',
          '__ne__',
          '__new__',
          '__or__',
          '__reduce__',
          '__reduce_ex__',
          '__repr__',
          '__reversed__',
          '__ror__',
          '__setattr__',
          '__setitem__',
          '__sizeof__',
          '__str__',
          '__subclasshook__',
          'clear',
          'copy',
          'fromkeys',
          'get',
          'items',
          'keys',
          'pop',
          'popitem',
          'setdefault',
          'update',
          'values']
```

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In [26]: # List of all keys
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```
dictionary_emp1.keys()
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Out[26]: dict_keys(['first', 'middle', 'last'])
```

```
In [27]: #getting all the items in a dictionary
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dictionary_emp1.items()
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```
Out[27]: dict_items([('first', 'Bob'), ('middle', 'J.'), ('last', 'Smith')])
```

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In [28]: #adding one dictionary to another
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address1={"street":"156 Broadway","town":"Milwaukee","state":"Wisconsin","zip":"34098"}

#add the address1 dictionary to dictionary_emp1

dictionary_emp1.update(address1)

dictionary_emp1
```

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Out[28]: {'first': 'Bob',
          'middle': 'J.',
          'last': 'Smith',
          'street': '156 Broadway',
          'town': 'Milwaukee',
          'state': 'Wisconsin',
          'zip': '34098'}
```

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In [29]: a=dictionary_emp1.pop('zip')
         print(a)
         print(dictionary_emp1)
```

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34098
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```
{'first': 'Bob', 'middle': 'J.', 'last': 'Smith', 'street': '156 Broadway', 'town': 'Milwaukee', 'state': 'Wisconsin'}
```

The In operator and dictionaries

This will tell you if a particular string or integer is a key to a dictionary

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In [30]: 'first' in dictionary_emp1
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Out[30]: True
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In [31]: 'biscuit' in dictionary_emp1
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Out[31]: False
```

Mutability

We can change a dictionary once created

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In [32]: dictionary_emp1['first']="Robert"
         dictionary_emp1
```

```
Out[32]: {'first': 'Robert',  
         'middle': 'J.',  
         'last': 'Smith',  
         'street': '156 Broadway',  
         'town': 'Milwaukee',  
         'state': 'Wisconsin'}
```

Dictionaries are iterable but they are not ordered

The ordering can be random

```
In [33]: #iterating on key
```

```
for key in dictionary_emp1:  
    print(key)
```

```
first  
middle  
last  
street  
town  
state
```

```
In [34]: #iteratign on the values
```

```
for value in dictionary_emp1:  
    print(value)
```

```
first  
middle  
last  
street  
town  
state
```

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In [35]: #iterating on both at once
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for key,value in dictionary_emp1.items():  
    print(key+" : "+value)
```

```
first : Robert  
middle : J.  
last : Smith  
street : 156 Broadway  
town : Milwaukee  
state : Wisconsin
```

```
In [36]: # a comprehension using both key and value
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a=[key+"-"+value for key,value in dictionary_emp1.items()]  
a
```

```
Out[36]: ['first-Robert',
          'middle-J.',
          'last-Smith',
          'street-156 Broadway',
          'town-Milwaukee',
          'state-Wisconsin']
```

Question/Action

Set up a short dictionary, where each key is an item on your desktop and each value is the color.

Put 5 items in your dictionary

Use a comprehension to print out the list of items with their colors

```
In [37]: desktop_dict = {}
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In [38]: desktop_dict['Chrome']='yellow'
desktop_dict['Edge']='blue'
desktop_dict['File Explorer']='orange'
desktop_dict['pqAdmin4']='white'
desktop_dict['Solidworks']='red'
```

```
In [39]: b=[key+"-"+value for key,value in desktop_dict.items()]
b
```

```
Out[39]: ['Chrome-yellow',
          'Edge-blue',
          'File Explorer-orange',
          'pqAdmin4-white',
          'Solidworks-red']
```

Default Dictionary

This is a version of a dictionary that has a default value used when the key is not found

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In [40]: from collections import defaultdict

# Defining the dict and passing
# lambda as default_factory argument
d = defaultdict(lambda: "Not Present")
d["a"] = 1
d["b"] = 2

print(d["a"])
print(d["b"])
print(d["c"])
```

1
2
Not Present

Dictionaries as collections of counters

One classic application of a dictionary is to develop counts of events, such as the number of times a word appears in a document.

We work our way through the document, word by word. If the word is not in the dictionary, we add it with a value of 1, if it is in the dictionary already we increase the count by 1

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In [41]: filename = 'data/dr_jekyll-1.txt'
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In [42]: # we are going to open the file, and pull in all the words in at once  
# as each line is read it, it will be split into individual words  
  
word_list = open(filename,encoding="utf8").read().split()  
len(word_list)
```

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Out[42]: 28739
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In [43]: # set up dictionary  
  
word_count={}  
  
for word in word_list:  
    target=word.lower()  
    if(target in word_count):  
        word_count[target]=word_count[target]+1  
    else:  
        word_count[target]=1
```

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In [44]: word_count['hyde']
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Out[44]: 53
```

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In [45]: word_count['doctor']
```

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Out[45]: 13
```

Setting up forward and reverse Dictionaries

Let's create a dictionary of all the words in the file, but assign each one a numerical value as we go

This first word will be coded as 1 and we'll go from there

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In [46]: # create a forward dictionary

forward = {}
count=0

for word in word_list:
    target=word.lower()
    if not target in forward:
        forward[target]=count
        count=count+1

len(forward)
```

Out[46]: 6441

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In [47]: forward['hyde']
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Out[47]: 12

```
In [48]: forward['a']
```

Out[48]: 136

This gives us a numeric code for each word in the document, so we could code the words for input to a neural net for example, this is a tokenization of the language

We will need a reverse dictionary, to go from codes to words

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In [49]: # just do a List comprehension using the forward items and reverse the key:value pa
# a dictionary where we can look up the words based on their codes

reverse=[ {value:key} for key,value in forward.items()]
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In [50]: reverse[12]
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Out[50]: {12: 'hyde'}

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In [51]: reverse[11]
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Out[51]: {11: 'mr.'}

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In [ ]:
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