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Associative Arrays & Dictionaries

Lesson Plan

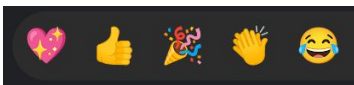
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Icebreaker

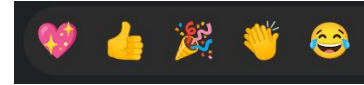
Big-O Review

```
def biggest(lst):  
    while len(lst) > 1:  
        smallest = min(lst)  
        lst.remove(smallest)  
    return lst[0]
```



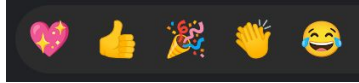
$O(1)$ $O(N)$ $O(N^2)$ $O(N^3)$ $O(N^4)$

```
def fn1(lst):  
    for i in range(len(lst)):  
        for j in range(10):  
            for k in range(20):  
                for m in range(10):  
                    print('hi')
```



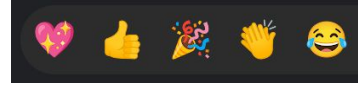
$O(1)$ $O(N)$ $O(N^2)$ $O(N^3)$ $O(N^4)$

```
def fn2(lst):
    for i in range(len(lst)):
        for j in range(len(lst)):
            print('hi')
    return lst[j]
```



O(1) O(N) O(N²) O(N³) O(N⁴)

```
def fn3(lst):
    x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
    for i in range(len(x)):
        for j in range(len(x)):
            for k in range(len(x)):
                print lst[i + j + k]
```



O(1) O(N) O(N²) O(N³) O(N⁴)

Data Structures vs ADTs

Abstract Data Types (ADTs)

An **Abstract Data Type (ADT)** is defined by its **supported operations**.

These operations are described from the viewpoint of a **user**.

An ADT does **not** include any details about:

- how those operations are implemented
- the runtime of those operations

Data Structure

An **implementation** of an Abstract Data Type (ADT)

Includes information about:

- How the operations of the ADT are implemented
- The runtime of these operations

Example: **List** is an ADT

Supported Operations:

- **Append** a value to the end of the list
- **Pop** a value from the end of the list
- Return the **size** of the list
- Many more...

The **Python implementation of list** is a data structure

Underneath the hood it looks like an ArrayList.

Another implementation of the list ADT would be a LinkedList.

The **Append** operation works differently and has different runtimes for both.

Associative Arrays: key-value pairs



Example: Associative Array is an ADT

Supported Operations:

- **Insert** a (key, value) pair or **Reassign** a key to a new value
- **Lookup** the value (if any) bound to a given key
- **Remove** a (key, value) pair



key	value
person	a human being
marathon	a running race that is about 26 miles
resist	to remain strong against the force
run	to move with haste; act quickly

Example: A bad Data Structure...

ADT: Associative Array
Data Structure: A list of (key, value) tuples

```
grades = [('Mikayla', 78), ('Amy', 95), ('Nick', 100), ('Tristan', 67), ('Mark', 84)]
```

Operation	Description	Runtime
Insert	Add a new key-val pair	?
Replace	Replace the val for a key	?
Lookup	Check if a key exists	?
Remove	Remove a key-val pair	?

Language-Specific Implementations

Language	Implementation
Java	HashMap
C++	unordered_map
Python	dict

Real-Life Examples

Chat waterfall:
What are other real-life examples of when you'd use an associative array?

CUFF IT	327,290,199
Crazy In Love (feat. Jay-Z)	829,245,967
ALIEN SUPERSTAR	112,633,768
BREAK MY SOUL	269,871,963
Halo	1,250,540,052

Song Title → # of Streams

The Shawshank Redemption (1994)	9.2
The Godfather (1972)	9.2
The Dark Knight (2008)	9.0
The Godfather: Part II (1974)	9.0
12 Angry Men (1957)	9.0
Schindler's List (1993)	8.9
The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003)	8.9
Pulp Fiction (1994)	8.8
The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001)	8.8
The Good, the Bad and the Ugly (1966)	8.8

Movie Title → Rating

Dictionaries: Access / Mutate

[Cheat Sheet](#) pages 5 & 6

Creating an empty dictionary

```
store = {}
```

Creating a dictionary

```
store = {  
    'banana': .24,  
    'milk': 3.29,  
    'bread': 3.29,  
    'eggs': 1.54  
}
```

Size of a dictionary

```
store = {  
    'banana': .24,  
    'milk': 3.29,  
    'bread': 3.29,  
    'eggs': 1.54  
}  
  
items = len(store) # number of key-value pairs
```

Lookup a value using a key

```
store = {  
    'banana': .24,  
    'milk': 3.29,  
    'bread': 3.29,  
    'eggs': 1.54  
}  
  
egg_price = store['eggs']
```

Don't try to access something that isn't there!

```
store = {  
    'banana': .24,  
    'milk': 3.29,  
    'bread': 3.29,  
    'eggs': 1.54  
}  
  
kiwi_price = store['kiwi'] # error!
```

Check if a key is in the dictionary

```
store = {  
    'banana': .24,  
    'milk': 3.29,  
    'bread': 3.29,  
    'eggs': 1.54  
}  
  
if 'kiwi' in store:  
    print('found it')
```

Check if a key is not in the dictionary

```
store = {  
    'banana': .24,  
    'milk': 3.29,  
    'bread': 3.29,  
    'eggs': 1.54  
}  
  
if 'kiwi' not in store:  
    print('not there')
```

Reassign a key to a new value

```
store = {  
    'banana': .24,  
    'milk': 3.29,  
    'bread': 3.29,  
    'eggs': 1.54  
}  
  
store['eggs'] = 2.00
```

Don't delete something that isn't there!

```
store = {  
    'banana': .24,  
    'milk': 3.29,  
    'bread': 3.29,  
    'eggs': 1.54  
}  
  
del store['kiwi'] # error!
```

Insert a new (key, value) pair

```
store = {  
    'banana': .24,  
    'milk': 3.29,  
    'bread': 3.29,  
    'eggs': 1.54  
}  
  
store['juice'] = 2.68
```

Remove a (key, value) pair

```
store = {  
    'banana': .24,  
    'milk': 3.29,  
    'bread': 3.29,  
    'eggs': 1.54  
}  
  
del store['eggs']
```

Empty the dictionary

```
store = {  
    'banana': .24,  
    'milk': 3.29,  
    'bread': 3.29,  
    'eggs': 1.54  
}  
  
store.clear()
```

Dictionaries: Iteration

Looping through the keys

```
store = {  
    'banana': .24,  
    'milk': 3.29,  
    'bread': 3.29,  
    'eggs': 1.54  
}  
  
# Prints all the keys  
for key in store:  
    print(key)
```

```
banana  
milk  
bread  
eggs
```

Looping through the keys another way

```
store = {  
    'banana': .24,  
    'milk': 3.29,  
    'bread': 3.29,  
    'eggs': 1.54  
}  
  
# Prints all the keys  
for key in store.keys():  
    print(key)
```

```
banana  
milk  
bread  
eggs
```

Looping through the values

```
store = {  
    'banana': .24,  
    'milk': 3.29,  
    'bread': 3.29,  
    'eggs': 1.54  
}  
  
# Prints all the values  
for value in store.values():  
    print(value)
```

```
0.24  
3.29  
3.29  
1.54
```

Keys and Values

```
store = {  
    'banana': .24,  
    'milk': 3.29,  
    'bread': 3.29,  
    'eggs': 1.54  
}  
  
# Prints all the keys and values  
for key in store:  
    print(key + ' costs ' + str(store[key]))
```

```
banana costs 0.24  
milk costs 3.29  
bread costs 3.29  
eggs costs 1.54
```

Keys and Values - an easier way

```
store = {  
    'banana': .24,  
    'milk': 3.29,  
    'bread': 3.29,  
    'eggs': 1.54  
}  
  
# Prints all the keys and values  
for key, value in store.items():  
    print(key + ' costs ' + str(value))
```

```
banana costs 0.24  
milk costs 3.29  
bread costs 3.29  
eggs costs 1.54
```

Iteration Order

In Python 3.7+, (key, value) pairs are iterated in **insertion order**

In older versions of Python, you need to use [OrderedDict](#) to get the same behavior

In other languages, the iteration order could be arbitrary - don't rely on it!



Practice Problem: Dictionaries

You will be working in teams of 2 or 3. The goal is to collaboratively find a solution and be able to explain it to the class. Use the table below to figure out what your role is.

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If there are only 2 members in your team, the tester will also take on the presenter role.

Dictionaries: Counting and defaultdict

Country	Goals
France	16
Argentina	15
England	13
Portugal	12
Netherlands	10
Spain	9
Brazil	8
Croatia	8
Germany	6
Morocco	6
Senegal	5
Japan	5
Switzerland	5
Serbia	5
Ghana	5
South Korea	5
Australia	4
Ecuador	4
Iran	4
Cameroon	4
Poland	3
Saudi Arabia	3
Costa Rica	3
USA	3

Python Dictionaries: counting

```
dessert_vote_tally = {}

votes = ['pie', 'cake', 'cake', 'cookies', 'pudding', 'pie']

for vote in votes:
    dessert_vote_tally[vote] += 1
```

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5 for vote in votes:
--> 6 dessert_vote_tally[vote] += 1
KeyError: 'pie'

Python Dictionaries: counting

```
dessert_vote_tally = {}

votes = ['pie', 'cake', 'cake', 'cookies', 'pudding', 'pie']

for vote in votes:
    if vote not in dessert_vote_tally:
        dessert_vote_tally[vote] = 1
    else:
        dessert_vote_tally[vote] += 1

print(dessert_vote_tally)
```

```
{'pie': 2, 'cake': 2, 'cookies': 1, 'pudding': 1}
```

Python Dictionaries: defaultdict

```
from collections import defaultdict

dessert_vote_tally = defaultdict(int)

votes = ['pie', 'cake', 'cake', 'cookies', 'pudding', 'pie']

for vote in votes:
    dessert_vote_tally[vote] += 1

print(dessert_vote_tally)
```

```
defaultdict(<class 'int'>, {'pie': 2, 'cake': 2, 'cookies': 1, 'pudding': 1})
```

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Bonus Material: Nested Dictionaries

Nested dictionaries

A dictionary where the values are dictionaries!

```
defaultdict(lambda: defaultdict(int))
```

Autocomplete

Given a string of text, construct a dictionary where

- the keys are words
- the values are dictionaries that map each word to frequency of it appearing after the key word

Example Input:

'cats are better **than** **dogs** and dogs are better **than** **lizards**'

Example Output:

```
{
  'cats': {'are': 1},
  'are': {'better': 2},
  'better': {'than': 2},
  'than': {'dogs': 1, 'lizards': 1},
  'dogs': {'and': 1, 'are': 1},
  'and': {'dogs': 1}
}
```

Autocomplete - Sample Solution

```
from collections import defaultdict

def word_pairs(text):
    words = text.lower().split()
    frequencies = defaultdict(lambda: defaultdict(int))
    for i in range(len(words) - 1):
        word1 = words[i]
        word2 = words[i + 1]
        frequencies[word1][word2] += 1
    return frequencies
```