

# CS65: Introduction to Computer Science

Dictionary



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# Topic

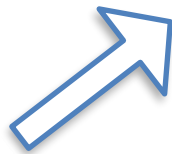
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  - What is it and why do we need it?
- Dictionary creation
- Dictionary manipulation
  - Adding or updating
  - Removing
- Iterating over a dictionary
- Tuple

# Dictionary

- **List**: Access a position using **only numeric index**

```
student_id_list = [1002, 1003, 1004, 1005]
student_id_list[0]
student_id_list[1]
student_id_list[2]
student_id_list[3]
```

- **Dictionary**: Access an element using (eg number, string, character) as index (keys) to associate to something else (values)
- Dictionary is an object that stores a collection of data
  - collection of key-value pairs
  - variable\_name = { key<sub>1</sub> : value<sub>1</sub>, key<sub>2</sub> : value<sub>2</sub>, ..., key<sub>N</sub> : value<sub>N</sub> }

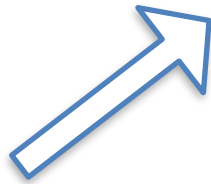


id	name
1002	Jack
1003	Daja
1004	Matt
1005	Simran

```
# dictionary with student ids as keys
students = {1002:"Jack", 1003:"Daja", 1004:"Matt", 1005:"Simran"}
```

# Dictionary

- Dictionary is collection of key-value pairs or mapping between them
- `variable_name = { key1 : value1, key2 : value2, ..., keyN : valueN }`
- The keys **must be unique**
  - Unlike previous example, keys below are **names**



name	id
Jack	1002
Daja	1003
Matt	1004
Simran	1005

```
# dictionary with student names as keys
students = {"Jack": 1002, "Daja":1003, "Matt":1004, "Simran":1005}
```

# Retrieving a Value from a Dictionary

- Given  $variable\_name = \{ key_1 : value_1, key_2 : value_2, \dots, key_N : value_N \}$
- Use the syntax:  $variable\_name[key]$
- Since keys are **unique**, accessing via a key will return a specific value

```
# dictionary with student ids as keys
students = {1002:"Jack", 1003:"Daja", 1004:"Matt", 1005:"Simran"}
```

```
print("students[1002] --> ", students[1002])
print("students[1003] --> ", students[1003])
print("students[1004] --> ", students[1004])
print("students[1005] --> ", students[1005])
```

```
>>> %Run lec13.py
students[1002] --> Jack
students[1003] --> Daja
students[1004] --> Matt
students[1005] --> Simran
```

- Do you find any similarity with List?

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# Creating a Dictionary

- Several ways to create a dictionary:

- **Approach 1:** an empty dictionary

```
my_dict = {}
```

- **Approach 2:** with predefined entries

```
dict_student_scores = {'Reza':45, 'Chris':50, 'Sigi': 55}  
dict_name_parts = {'Papa': 'John', 'Christiano':'Ronaldo', 'LeBron':'James'}  
dict_random = {1:'one', (1,2):"two", None:"None keyword"}
```

# Creating a Dictionary

- Several ways to create a dictionary:

- **Approach 3:** with `dict()` keyword and arguments unquoted-strings

```
my_dict = dict(Age=29, Tel=3405, Name='Kate')
```

- **Approach 4:** with `dict()` keyword and list of two entries

```
my_dict = dict([[10, '10^1'], [100, '10^2'], [1000, '10^3']])
```

# Exercise

- **Exercise 1:** Create a dictionary that can save names of different exams and their scores as key-value pairs. More specifically, your dictionary should store information about the following three tests:
  - ‘*Quiz 1*’ and its *score*
  - ‘*Quiz 2*’ and its *score*
  - ‘*Midterm exam*’ and its *score*
- **Hint:**
  - First, decide — what will be your **keys** and what will be your **values**
  - Second, pick a reasonable variable name for the dictionary
  - Finally, create your new dictionary

# Exercise

- **Exercise 2:** Create a dictionary that can save names of 3 different students and a list of 5 scores as *key:value* pairs.
- More specifically, your dictionary should store information:
  - Student<sub>1</sub> name and a list of scores for student 1
  - Student<sub>2</sub> name and a list of scores for student 2
  - Student<sub>3</sub> name and a list of scores for student 4

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# Adding or Updating `key:value` Pairs to a Dictionary

- Use the following syntax to add a key-value pair to a dictionary
- *variable\_name*[`key`] = `value`

```
my_dict = {}  
my_dict['Reza'] = 45  
my_dict['Chris'] = 50  
my_dict['Sigi'] = 55
```

# Updating Dictionary Items

- It is also possible to update a dictionary using `.update()` method

```
my_dict = {1:"one", 2:"two", 3:"three"}
print(my_dict)

# update an entry with key index
my_dict[3] = "THREE"
print(my_dict)

# update a dictionary using .update() method
new_dict_entries = {4:"four", 5:"five"}
my_dict.update(new_dict_entries)

print(my_dict)
```

```
>>> %Run lec14_dictionary_modification.py
{1: 'one', 2: 'two', 3: 'three'}
{1: 'one', 2: 'two', 3: 'THREE'}
{1: 'one', 2: 'two', 3: 'THREE', 4: 'four', 5: 'five'}
```

# Removing Dictionary Item

- `pop()` method: remove an item by a given key
- `del` keyword: removes item indexed by a given key and `[]` operator (similar to list removal)
- `popitem()` method: remove an arbitrary item

```
# ----- dictionary remove -----  
my_dict = {1:"one", 2:"two", 3:"three", 4:"four", 5:"five"}  
  
del my_dict[4]  
print(my_dict)  
  
my_dict.pop(3)  
print(my_dict)  
  
my_dict.popitem()  
print(my_dict)
```

```
{1: 'one', 2: 'two', 3: 'three', 5: 'five'}  
{1: 'one', 2: 'two', 5: 'five'}  
{1: 'one', 2: 'two'}
```

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# Iterating through a Dictionary: Approach 1

- Use the following syntax to iterate through a dictionary
  - more like accessing a list using value **for** loop
- **for key\_var in** dictionary\_variable\_name:  
    **print**(dictionary\_variable\_name[**key\_var**])
- It will process every **key\_var** in the dictionary, the following line will access corresponding **value** associated with the **key\_var**

# Example: Iterating through a Dictionary

```
dict_states = {'Iowa': 'IA', 'Indiana': 'IN', 'Virginia': 'VA', 'Pennsylvania': 'PA'}  
for key in dict_states:  
    print('key=', key, ' and value is ', dict_states[key])
```

```
key= Iowa and value is IA  
key= Indiana and value is IN  
key= Virginia and value is VA  
key= Pennsylvania and value is PA
```

# Iterating through a Dictionary: Approach 2

- Another way to iterate through a dictionary is to use following syntax
- `for (key, value) in dictionary_variable_name.items():`  
`print( "key = ", key, " and value is = ", value)`
- It will process every `key` and `value` pair in the dictionary

# Example: Iterating through a Dictionary

```
dict_states = {'Iowa': 'IA', 'Indiana':'IN', 'Virginia':'VA', 'Pennsylvania':'PA'}  
for (key, value) in dict_states.items():  
    print('key=', key, ' and value is ', value)
```

```
key= Iowa and value is IA  
key= Indiana and value is IN  
key= Virginia and value is VA  
key= Pennsylvania and value is PA
```

# Example: Iterating through keys

```
dict_states = {'Iowa': 'IA', 'Indiana': 'IN', 'Virginia': 'VA', 'Pennsylvania': 'PA'}  
for key in dict_states.keys():  
    print('key=', key)
```

```
key= Iowa  
key= Indiana  
key= Virginia  
key= Pennsylvania
```

# Example: Iterating through values

```
dict_states = {'Iowa': 'IA', 'Indiana': 'IN', 'Virginia': 'VA', 'Pennsylvania': 'PA'}  
for value in dict_states.values():  
    print('value =', value)
```

```
value = IA  
value = IN  
value = VA  
value = PA
```

# Exercise

- **Exercise 1:** Now you try out these four different ways of iterating through the dictionary
- **Exercise 2:** Iterate through the dictionary you have created in an earlier exercise, e.g., **exam scores**

# Dictionary Operations

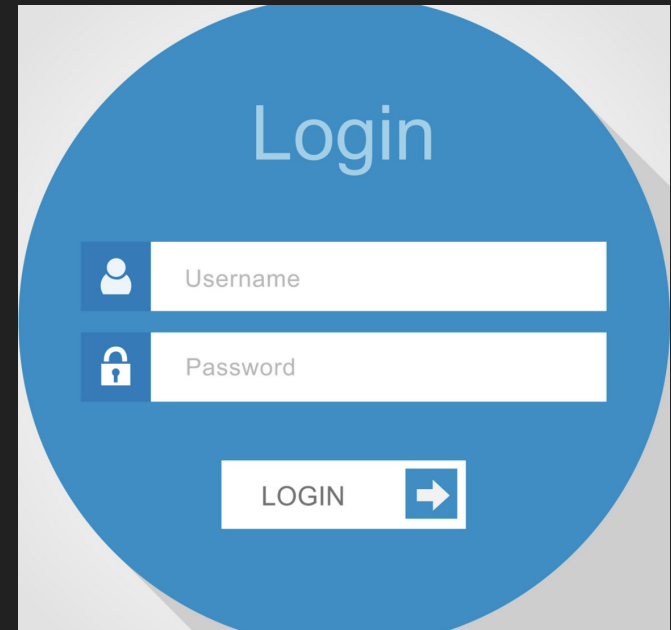
function/method/operation	usage
<b>len:</b> # of key-value pairs.	<code>len( d )</code>
<b>indexing:</b> by key	<code>d[ k ]</code>
<b>get:</b> (use optional parameter 'default' if not found)	<code>d.get(k)</code> <code>d.get(k, default)</code>
<b>del:</b> remove a key-value pair	<code>del d[ k ]</code>
<b>in, not in:</b> test key's presence	<code>k in d</code> <code>k not in d</code>
<b>clear:</b> remove all key-value pairs	<code>d.clear()</code>
<b>copy:</b> create a shallow copy	<code>d.copy()</code>
<b>keys, values, items:</b> get the keys, values, or key-val pairs	<code>d.keys()</code> <code>d.values()</code> <code>d.items()</code>
<b>pop:</b> pop value at k (or return default) <b>popitem():</b> pop any value	<code>d.pop(k)</code> <code>d.pop(k,default)</code> <code>d.popitem()</code>
<b>update:</b> insert all of another dict's key-value pairs	<code>d_receiver.update(d_supplier)</code>

# Application of Dictionaries

Almost certainly, every authentication system is implemented using a dictionary

**key:** username

**value:** password



# Exercise #1

1. Set up a dictionary of usernames and passwords

```
passwords = {"urness": "I<3CS", "student19": "Spring2025!"}  
passwords["user123"] = "password123"
```

1. Prompt the user for a username and password

```
username = input("What is your username: ")  
pw = input("What is your password: ")
```

If the username is NOT in the dictionary, response should be **"username not found"**

If the username is in the dictionary, but the password given does not match the password stored in the dictionary, response should be **"password incorrect"**

If the username and password match, response should be **"access granted"**

## Exercise #2

```
input_string = input("please input some words: ")
word_list = input_string.split()

word_count = {}
```

Develop a **word count** dictionary:

The key should be a word entered, the value should be the number of times is occurred

```
>>> %Run Exercise1.py
```

```
please input some words: the cat in the hat on the cat
{'the': 3, 'cat': 2, 'in': 1, 'hat': 1, 'on': 1}
```

Exercise2Starter.py  
Available in Xuexitong

## Exercise #2 hint

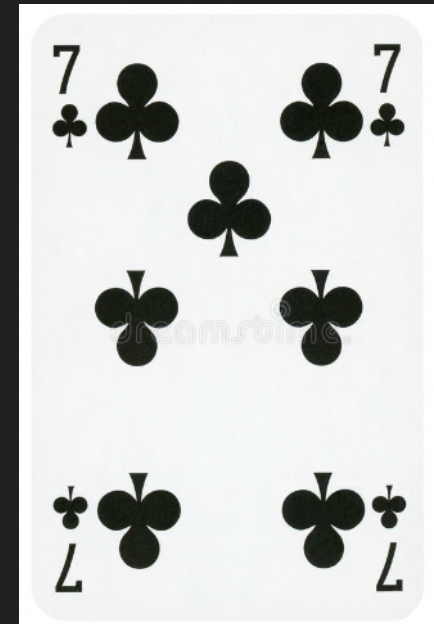
Develop a **word count** dictionary:

The key should be a word entered, the value should be the number of times is occurred

```
2 # exercise #2
3
4 input_string = input("please input some words: ")
5 word_list = input_string.split()
6
7 word_count = {}
8 for word in word_list:
9     print(word)
10    ### your code goes here
11    ### if the word is in the dictionary....
12    ### otherwise if the word is (not yet) in the dictionary...
13
14 print(word_count)|
```

# Dictionaries as Cards

```
my_card = {'value': "7", 'suit': "clubs"}  
your_card = {'value': "K", 'suit': "hearts"}
```



## Exercise #3

Describe what is happening here in English:

```
deck = []
for suit in ['spades', 'clubs', 'hearts', 'diamonds']:
    for rank in ['A', '2', '3', '4', '5', '6', '7', '8', '9', 'T', 'J', 'Q', 'K']:
        deck.append({'value':rank, 'suit':suit})
```

Cards.py

What will be the first card in the deck?

What will be output of the following code:

```
print(deck[0])
print(deck[51])
```

# Shuffling the deck

The Random module has a simple way of randomizing the elements of a list:

```
import random

deck = []
for suit in ['spades', 'clubs', 'hearts', 'diamonds']:
    for rank in ['A', '2', '3', '4', '5', '6', '7', '8', '9', 'T', 'J', 'Q', 'K']:
        deck.append({'value':rank, 'suit':suit})

# The deck is actually a list of 52 dictionaries.

# The shuffle method can be used to shuffle the deck:
random.shuffle(deck)
print("here are 5 cards after shuffling")
for i in range(5):
    print(deck[i])
```