

Junior Knights

Python I – Week 13

Dictionaries

Agenda

Creating Dictionaries

Accessing Values

Modifying Dictionaries

Creating Dictionaries

- A dictionary is a built-in data type that stores data in key-value pairs.
- Keys are unique and immutable (e.g., strings, numbers, tuples).
- Values can be of any type
- Creating a dictionary:
 - Using curly braces:
 - `my_dict = {"name": "Tom", "age": 25, "city": "New York"}`
 - Using dict() constructor:
 - `my_dict = dict(name="Tom", age="25", city="New York")`

Accessing Values

- Accessing like a list: `dictionary[key]`
 - `my_dict = {"name": "Tom", "age": 25, "city": "New York"}`
`print(my_dict["name"])`
- Using `get(key)` to avoid `KeyError`, which happens when you try to access a key in a dictionary that doesn't exist
 - `print(my_dict.get("email", "Not Found"))`
- `keys()` returns a list of all the keys
 - `print(my_dict.keys())`
- `values()` returns a list of all the values
 - `print(my_dict.values())`
- `items()` returns tuples of all (key, value) pairs
 - `print(my_dict.items())`

Accessing Values

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`print(my_dict["name"])` # Output: Tom
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`print(my_dict.get("email", "Not Found"))` # Output: Not Found
- `keys()` returns a list of all the keys
 - `print(my_dict.keys())` # Output: ("name", "age", "city")
- `values()` returns a list of all the values
 - `print(my_dict.values())` # Output: ("Tom", 25, "New York")
- `items()` returns tuples of all (key, value) pairs
 - `print(my_dict.items())` # Output: dict_items([('name', 'Tom'), ('age', 25), ('city', 'New York')])

Accessing Values

- Accessing Keys and Values

```
my_dict = {"name": "Tom", "age": 25, "city": "New York"}
```

```
for key, value in my_dict.items():  
    print(f"Key: {key}, Value: {value}")
```

- Accessing Keys only

```
for key in my_dict:  
    print(f"Key: {key}")
```

- Accessing Values only

```
for value in my_dict.values():  
    print(f"Value: {value}")
```

Checking for Items

- Checking for keys

```
my_dict = {"name": "Tom", "age": 25, "city": "New York"}
```

```
"name" in my_dict          # True  
"age" in my_dict           # True  
"email" in my_dict         # False
```

- Checking for values

```
"Tom" in my_dict.values()  # True  
"33" in my_dict.values()   # False
```

Modifying Dictionaries

- Adding a new key

- `my_dict["email"] = "tom@gmail.com"` # Adds new key email & value

- Updating an existing value

- `my_dict["age"] = 26` # Updates
existing key age

Removing Items

- Popping: deleting and returning the item
 - `my_dict.pop("email")` # Removes key "email"
- Deleting a key
 - `del my_dict["age"]` # Removes key "age"
- Removing all items
 - `my_dict.clear()` # Removes all items
- Deleting the dictionary
 - `del my_dict` # Deletes dictionary

Methods Review

Function	Purpose
<code>dict.get(key)</code>	Return value or None if key is not found
<code>dict.keys()</code>	Returns a view of all keys
<code>dict.values()</code>	Returns a view of all values
<code>dict.items()</code>	Returns a view of (key, value) pairs
<code>dict["email"] = "tom@gmail.com"</code>	Adds key or updates value of key "email"
<code>dict.pop("email")</code>	Removes key "email"
<code>dict["age"]</code>	Removes key "age"
<code>dict.clear()</code>	Removes all items
<code>del my_dict</code>	Deletes dictionary

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