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Lecture 34: 2D Structures

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Using dictionaries

- A dictionary allows you to get from one half of a pair to the other.
 - Remembers one piece of information about every index (key).



• Later, we can supply only the key and get back the related value: Allows us to ask: *What is Suzy's phone number?*



Dictionaries and tallying

- a dictionary can be thought of as generalization of a tallying list
 - the "index" (key) doesn't have to be an int







Dictionary operations

items()	return a new view of the dictionary's items ((key, value) pairs)
pop (key)	removes any existing mapping for the given key and returns it (error if key not found)
popitem()	removes and returns an arbitrary (key, value) pair (error if empty)
keys()	returns the dictionary's keys
values()	returns the dictionary's values

You can also use in, len(), etc.

Looping over a set or dictionary?

- You must use a for element in structure loop
 - needed because sets have no indexes; can't get element <code>i</code>

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Example:
for item in a:
print(item)
Outputs:
the
happy
hello
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items, keys and values

- items function returns tuples of each key-value pair
 - can loop over the keys in a for loop

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ages = {}
ages["Merlin"] = 4
ages["Chester"] = 2
ages["Purrcival"] = 12
for cat, age in ages.items():
    print(cat + " -> " + str(age))
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- values function returns all values in the dictionary
 - no easy way to get from a value to its associated key(s)
- $\bullet \mbox{ keys }$ function returns all keys in the dictionary

Exercise

- Use word counts to figure out if a document is positive or negative
 - Count all of the positive words and count all of the negative words.
 - Whichever count is bigger is the sentiment of the document.
- How do we know which words are positive and which are negative?

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Exercise
Consider the following function:
     def mystery(list1, list2):
    result = {}
          for i in range(0, len(list1)):
    result[list1[i]] = list2[i]
    result[list2[i]] = list1[i]
          return result
What is returned after calls with the following parameters?
   list1: [b, l, u, e] list2: [s, p, o, t]
   dictionary returned:
   list1: [k, e, e, p] list2: [s, a, f, e]
   dictionary returned:
   list1: [s, o, b, e, r] list2: [b, o, o, k, s]
   dictionary returned:
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What is the right structure?

- You want to store a bunch of colors so you can later choose one at random.
- Batting order of a baseball team.
- Students names and their grades on a project.
- Friends names and their phone numbers
- Height, width and location of a sports field.
- Movies a person has watched.
- Items in a shopping cart.
- A student's grades.

What is the right structure?

- The grades for all students in a class
- All books in a store arranged by category
- Many recipes each containing many steps
- Phone numbers that have been called this month on a phone plan divided by area and country code for billing simplicity

Exercise

- We would like to store data for the class so that we can:
 - Access the entire class list easily
 - Access a section list easily

- What structure is appropriate for this problem?
 - Sometimes it can be helpful to store a structure inside another structure