

Lesson 12

Dictionary

Lesson Objectives

- what is a dictionary in Python
- operations in dictionary
- methods in dictionary
- applying the concept of dictionary to solve problem

indexed VS associative

0:	68.8	← <code>daily_temps[1]</code>
1:	70.2	
2:	67.2	
3:	71.8	

indexed data structure

'sat'	0:	67.2	← key to index conversion
'wed'	1:	71.8	
'sun'	2:	68.8	
'thur'	3:	70.2	

↑ `daily_temps['wed']`

associative data structure

Operations for Dictionary

Operation	Results
<code>dict()</code>	Creates a new, empty dictionary
<code>dict(s)</code>	Creates a new dictionary with key values and their associated values from sequence <code>s</code> , for example, <code>fruit_prices = dict(fruit_data)</code> where <code>fruit_data</code> is (possibly read from a file): <code>[['apples', .66], ..., ['bananas', .49]]</code>
<code>len(d)</code>	Length (num of key/value pairs) of dictionary <code>d</code> .
<code>d[key] = value</code>	Sets the associated value for <code>key</code> to <code>value</code> , used to either add a new key/value pair, or replace the value of an existing key/value pair.
<code>del d[key]</code>	Remove <code>key</code> and associated value from dictionary <code>d</code> .
<code>key in d</code>	True if key value <code>key</code> exists in dictionary <code>d</code> , otherwise returns <code>False</code> .

Try this ! (7 mins)

[https://www.w3schools.com/python/python_dictionaries.
asp](https://www.w3schools.com/python/python_dictionaries.asp)

Temperature display program
(using list)

```
# Temperature Display Program (List Version)

daily_temps = [68.8, 70.2, 67.2, 71.8, 73.2, 75.6, 74.0]

print('This program will display the average temperature for a given day')
terminate = False

while not terminate:

    day = input("Enter 'sun', 'mon', 'tue', 'wed', 'thur', 'fri', or 'sat': ")

    if day == 'sun':
        dayname = 'Sunday'
        temp = daily_temps[0]
    elif day == 'mon':
        dayname = 'Monday'
        temp = daily_temps[1]
    elif day == 'tue':
        dayname = 'Tuesday'
        temp = daily_temps[2]
    elif day == 'wed':
        dayname = 'Wednesday'
        temp = daily_temps[3]
    elif day == 'thur':
        dayname = 'Thursday'
        temp = daily_temps[4]
    elif day == 'fri':
        dayname = 'Friday'
        temp = daily_temps[5]
    elif day == 'sat':
        dayname = 'Saturday'
        temp = daily_temps[6]

    print('The average temperature for', dayname, 'was', temp, 'degrees\n')

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Can you rewrite the code using the concept of Dictionary ?

Phone number spelling program

Keypad on your phone



Phone Number Spelling Program Output

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This program will generate all possible spellings of the  
last four digits of any phone number
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Enter phone number (xxx-xxx-xxxx): 410-555-7324
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410-555-pdag  
410-555-pdah  
410-555-pdai  
410-555-pdbg  
410-555-pdbh  
410-555-pdbi  
410-555-pdcg  
410-555-pdch  
410-555-pdci  
410-555-peag  
410-555-peah  
410-555-peai  
410-555-pebg  
410-555-pebh  
410-555-pebi
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```
Enter another phone number? (y/n): y
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Enter phone number (xxx-xxx-xxxx): 410-555-4267
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410-555-gamp  
410-555-gamq  
410-555-gamr  
410-555-gam
```

Change to local context: 8 – digit phone number

Number ranges [\[edit \]](#)

3xxx xxxx - Business and Corporate IP Telephony Services^[2]

6xxx xxxx - Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) and Residential IP Telephony Services

8zxx xxxx - Mobile, Data Services, New Numbers and Prepaid Numbers

9yxx xxxx - Mobile, Data Services and Pager (until May 2012)



```
{ '0': ('0'), '1': ('1'), '2': ('a', 'b', 'c'),  
  '3': ('d', 'e', 'f'), '4': ('g', 'h', 'i'),  
  '5': ('j', 'k', 'l'), '6': ('m', 'n', 'o'),  
  '7': ('p', 'q', 'r', 's'), '8': ('t', 'u', 'v'),  
  '9': ('w', 'x', 'y', 'z')}
```

Expectation of Solution:

- functions to define:
 - `getPhoneNum()` → no parameter
 - reads a phone number from the user
 - to check whether number is valid (length & first digit)
 - returns phone number when valid
 - `displayAllSpellings(phone_num)`
 - apply dictionary concept to print out all possible combination for last 4 digits
- `main()` → no parameter
 - `getPhoneNum()` and `displayAllSpellings(phone_num)` to run inside this `main()`

Quick Check

1. A dictionary type in Python is an associative data structure that is accessed by a _____ rather than an index value.
2. Associative data structures such as the dictionary type in Python are useful for,
(a) accessing elements more intuitively than by use of an indexed data structure
(b) maintaining elements in a particular order
3. Which of the following types can be used as a key in Python dictionaries?
(a) strings
(b) lists
(c) tuples
(d) numerical values

Quick Check

4. Which of the following is a syntactically correct sequence, `s`, for dynamically creating a dictionary using `dict(s)`.
- (a) `s = [[1: 'one'], [2: 'two'], [3: 'three']]`
 - (b) `s = [[1, 'one'], [2, 'two'], [3, 'three']]`
 - (c) `s = {1: 'one', 2: 'two', 3: 'three'}`
5. For dictionary `d = {'apples':0.66, 'pears':1.25, 'bananas':0.49}`, which of the following correctly updates the price of bananas.
- (a) `d[2] = 0.52`
 - (b) `d[0.49] = 0.52`
 - (c) `d['bananas'] = 0.52`

Work to do . . .

- Temperature Display Program
- Phone Number Spelling Program
- Programming Assignment 10