COMPSCI 10L

Principles of Programming

Lecture 22 – More on dictionaries, using dictionaries to manage a small file of information

Learning outcomes

- At the end of this lecture, students should be able to:
 - Delete key:value pairs from a dictionary
 - Create a list of keys, values, key:value tuples from a dictionary
 - Use dictionary objects to manage a small file of information

Recap

- Dictionaries dictionaries are used to store key:value pairs (items)
 - a dictionary object can be created in two ways
 - items can be added to a dictionary
 - Items can be retrieved from the dictionary
 - the pairs in a dictionary can be traversed using for ... in

```
def main():
 english_italian = {"yes":"si", "bye":"ciao",
                     "no": "no", "maybe": "forse",
                     "thank you": "grazie" }
                                                  ciao
 english italian["never"] = "mai"
                                                  mai
                                                  no
 print(english_italian["bye"] )
                                                  forse
 for word in english_italian:
                                                  ciao
      print(english italian[word])
                                                  si
 print(len(english italian))
                                                  grazie
main()
                                                   6
```

Deleting a key:value pair from the dict object

The del operator is used to delete a key:value pair from the dictionary.

```
def main():
 my_dict = {"a": 4, "b": 6, "c": 5}
 print("1.", my_dict)
                                        1. {'a': 4, 'b': 6, 'c': 5}
  del my dict["b"]
 print("2.", my_dict)
                                        2. {'a': 4, 'c': 5}
                                        3. {'c': 5}
  del my dict["a"]
  print("3.", my_dict)
main()
```

Deleting a key:value pair from a dict object

■ The **del** operator gives an error if the key of the key:value pair being deleted is not in the dictionary. Because of this, it is customary to test before deleting a key:value pair.

```
def main():
 my_dict = {"a": 4, "b": 6, "c": 5}
 print("1.", my_dict)
 if "b" in my_dict: #Test first
     del my dict["b"]
                                  1. {'a': 4, 'b': 6, 'c': 5}
 print("2.", my_dict)
                                  2. {'a': 4, 'c': 5}
                                  .... Other error information
 del my_dict["z"]
 print("3.", my_dict)
                                  KeyError: 'z'
main()
```

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Methods which can be used with a dict object

The keys, the values, the associations as tuples, can be obtained from a dictionary object using the methods:

```
my_dict = {...}
my_dict.items() - to access all the key/value pairs as tuples
my_dict.keys() - to access all the keys
my_dict.values() - to access all the values
```

The elements in these collections can be accessed using a for ... in loop.

```
C
def main():
 my_dict = {"a": 4, "b": 6, "c": 5}
                                          a
 for letter in my_dict.keys():
                                          6
     print(letter)
 for number in my_dict.values():
                                         4
     print(number)
                                          ('b', 6)
 for item in my_dict.items():
                                         ('c', 5)
    print(item)
                                          ('a', 4)
main()
```

Methods which can be used with a dict object

When a for ... in loop is used with a dictionary object, Python loops through each key in the dictionary:

```
def main():
 my_dict = {"a": 4, "b": 6, "c": 5}
                                               Note that both
                                               these loops do
 for letter in my_dict.keys(): 
                                               the same job.
    print(letter)
 for key in my_dict:
    print(key)
                                      b
                                      C
main()
                                      b
                                      a
```

Methods which can be used with a dict object

• Often it is useful to convert the individual keys (or values, or item tuples) of the dictionary into lists by enclosing the keys (or values, or item tuples) in list():

```
def main():
 my_dict = {"a": 4, "b": 6, "c": 5}
  items_list = list(my_dict.items())
 keys_list = list(my_dict.keys())
 values_list = list(my_dict.values())
 print("items list", items_list)
 print("keys list", keys list)
 print("values list", values_list)
main()
                       items list [('a', 4), ('c', 5), ('b', 6)]
                       keys list ['a', 'c', 'b']
                       values list [4, 5, 6]
```

Note on deleting key-value pairs from dictionary objects

If you try and remove elements from a dict object while iterating through its keys using a for ... in loop, you will get an error.

```
def main():
    my_dict = {"and":4,"many":2,"for":5,"very":1}
    for key in my_dict:
        del my_dict[key]

main()

RuntimeError: dictionary changed size during iteration
```

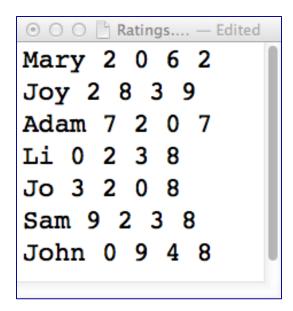
Instead, create a separate list of the dictionary keys, iterate through this list and delete any unwanted items from the dict object:

Using dictionaries - Our file information

- We wish to manage a small file of ratings for four films.
- The film list is:

```
film_list = ["Jaws", "The Goonies", "Aliens", "Commando"]
```

■ The text file, "Ratings.txt", stores the ratings made by seven people of the four films (0 means the person didn't rate the film, 1 means the person hated the film, 9 means they loved it):



Loading the information

Firstly we read all the lines of text from the file into a list (removing the newline character - "\n" from the end of each line).

```
def get_lines_from_file(filename):
    ????
```

```
Mary 2 0 6 2
Joy 2 8 3 9
Adam 7 2 0 7
Li 0 2 3 8
Jo 3 2 0 8
Sam 9 2 3 8
John 0 9 4 8
```

Loading the file information into dictionaries

person_name : list of ratings dictionary, i.e., the person_name is the key and the list of ratings is the corresponding value.

```
⊙ ○ ○ Ratings.... — Edited
Mary 2
                               ["Mary 2 0 6 2", "Joy 2 8 3 9", ...]
John 0 9 4 8
                                { "Mary": [2, 0, 6, 2],
                                   "Joy": [2, 8, 3, 9],
```

Loading the file information into dictionaries

■ From all the 'lines of text' list: ["Mary 2 0 6 2", "Joy 2 8 3 9", ...] we wish to create a dictionary: person_name : list of ratings

```
def get people ratings dict(lines of text):
  people_ratings = {}
  return people ratings
def main():
  film_list = ["Jaws", "The Goonies", "Aliens", "Commando"]
  number_of_films = len(film list)
  filename = "Ratings.txt"
  lines of text = get lines from file(filename)
  people_ratings_dict = get_people_ratings_dict(lines_of_text)
main()
                   {"Mary": [2, 0, 6, 2], "Joy": [2, 8, 3, 9], ...}
```

Loading the file information into dictionaries

```
film_list = ["Jaws", "The Goonies", "Aliens", "Commando"]
```

- person_name : list of ratings dictionary (see slides 12 and 13)
- film_title: list of ratings dictionary, i.e., the film_title is the key and the list of seven ratings (one from each person) is the corresponding value.

```
Mary 2 0 6 2
Joy 2 8 3 9
Adam 7 2 0 7
Li 0 2 3 8
Jo 3 2 0 8
Sam 9 2 3 8
John 0 9 4 8
```

```
["Mary 2 0 6 2", "Joy 2 8 3 9", ...]
{ "Mary": [2, 0, 6, 2],
  "Joy": [2, 8, 3, 9],
 {Jaws: [2, 2, 7, 0, 3, 9, 0]
 The Goonies: [0, 8, 2, 2, 2, 2, 9]
 Aliens: [6, 3, 0, 3, 0, 3, 4]
 Commando: [2, 9, 7, 8, 8, 8, 8]
```

Loading the information into dictionaries

From the people dictionary {"Mary": [2, 0, 6, 2], "Joy": [2, 8, 3, 9], ...}
we wish to create another dictionary: film_title:list of ratings

```
def get film ratings dict(film list, people ratings dict):
  #Jaws - get the first rating from every person
  #The Goonies-get the second rating from every person, etc.
  film index = 0
  film_ratings_dict = {}
  return film ratings dict
def main():
  film_list = ["Jaws", "The Goonies", "Aliens", "Commando"]
  number_of_films = len(film_list)
  filename = "Ratings.txt"
  lines_of_text = get_lines_from_file(filename)
  people_ratings_dict = get_people_ratings_dict(lines_of_text)
  film_ratings_dict = get_film_ratings_dict(film_list,
                                             people ratings dict)
```

main()

{'Jaws': [2, 2, 7, 0, 3, 9, 0], 'The Goonies': [2, 2, 2, 0, 9, 2, 8], ...}

The two dictionaries

So far, from the film list:

```
film_list = ["Jaws", "The Goonies", "Aliens", "Commando"]
```

and the ratings information in the file:

Mary 2 0 6 2
Joy 2 8 3 9
Adam 7 2 0 7
Li 0 2 3 8
Jo 3 2 0 8
Sam 9 2 3 8
John 0 9 4 8

we have created two dictionaries:

```
people_ratings_dict
```

```
{
  'Mary': [2, 0, 6, 2],
  'John': [0, 9, 4, 8],
  'Adam': [7, 2, 0, 7],
  'Sam': [9, 2, 3, 8],
  'Joy': [2, 8, 3, 9],
  'Jo': [3, 2, 0, 8],
  'Li': [0, 2, 3, 8]
}
```

```
film_ratings_dict
```

```
{
    Jaws: [2, 2, 7, 0, 3, 9, 0]
    The Goonies: [0, 8, 2, 2, 2, 2, 9]
    Aliens: [6, 3, 0, 3, 0, 3, 4]
    Commando: [2, 9, 7, 8, 8, 8, 8]
    }
```

The user can select a person's name from the dictionary keys, see the person's ratings list as well as the average of that person's non-zero ratings.

```
{
    'Mary': [2, 0, 6, 2],
    'John': [0, 9, 4, 8],
    'Adam': [7, 2, 0, 7],
    'Sam': [9, 2, 3, 8],
    'Joy': [2, 8, 3, 9],
    'Jo': [3, 2, 0, 8],
    'Li': [0, 2, 3, 8]
}
```

Mary Adam

Joy

Li Sam

Enter name: Sam

[9, 2, 3, 8] Sam - average rating: 5.5

The user can select a person from the dictionary keys and see the person's ratings list as well as the average of their non-zero ratings.

```
{"Mary": [2, 0, 6, 2], "Joy": [2, 8, 3, 9], ...}
```

```
def process person ratings request(people ratings dict):
def display keys(dictionary):
   ???
def get_average_rating(list_of_numbers):
   ???
def main():
   film_list = ["Jaws", "The Goonies", "Aliens", "Commando"]
   number of films = len(film list)
   filename = "Ratings.txt"
   lines_of_text = get_lines_from_file(filename)
   people ratings dict = get people ratings dict(lines of text)
   film ratings dict = get film ratings dict(film list, people ratings dict)
   print("Process People-Rating Request")
   process_person_ratings_request(people ratings dict)
```

The user can select a film from a list of titles, see the film's ratings as well as the average of all the non-zero ratings

{
| film_ratings_dict | Jaws: [2, 2, 7, 0, 3, 9, 0] | The Goonies: [0, 8, 2, 2, 2, 2, 9]

```
{ film_ratings_dict

Jaws: [2, 2, 7, 0, 3, 9, 0]

The Goonies: [0, 8, 2, 2, 2, 2, 9]

Aliens: [6, 3, 0, 3, 0, 3, 4]

Commando: [2, 9, 7, 8, 8, 8, 8]

}
```

```
Process Film-Rating Request

1 Jaws

2 The Goonies

3 Aliens

4 Commando

Enter selection: 1

[2, 2, 7, 0, 3, 9, 0] Jaws - average rating: 4.6
```

The user can select a film from a list of titles, and see the film's ratings as well as the average of all the non-zero ratings for that film.

```
{'Jaws': [2, 2, 7, 0, 3, 9, 0], 'The Goonies': [0, 8, 2, 2, 2, 2, 9], ...}
```

```
def process film ratings request(film list, film ratings dict):
def display numbered list(list of items):
   ???
def get average rating(list of numbers):
   #see previous code
def main():
   film list = ["Jaws", "The Goonies", "Aliens", "Commando"]
   number of films = len(film list)
   filename = "Ratings.txt"
   lines of text = get lines from file(filename)
   people ratings dict = get people ratings dict(lines of text)
   film_ratings_dict = get_film_ratings_dict(film_list, people_ratings_dict)
   print("Process Movie-Rating Request")
   process film ratings request(film_list, film_ratings_dict)
```

Summary

- The del operator is used to delete an key:value pair from the dictionary.
- The keys, the values, the associations as tuples can be obtained from a dictionary object using the methods:

```
my_dict.items() – to access all the key/value pairs as tuples my_dict.keys() – to access all the keys my_dict.values() – to access all the values
```

Often it is useful to convert the individual keys (or values, or item tuples) of the dictionary into lists by enclosing the keys (or values, or item tuples) in list()

Python features used in this lecture

```
my_dict = { "a": 4, "b": 6, "c": 5}
for letter in my_dict.keys():
   print(letter)
for number in my_dict.values():
   print(number)
for item in my_dict.items():
   print(item)
items_list = list(my_dict.items())
keys_list = list(my_dict.keys())
values_list = list(my_dict.values())
print("items list", items_list)
print("keys list", keys_list)
print("values list", values_list)
if "b" in my_dict: #Test first
   del my dict["b"]
```