

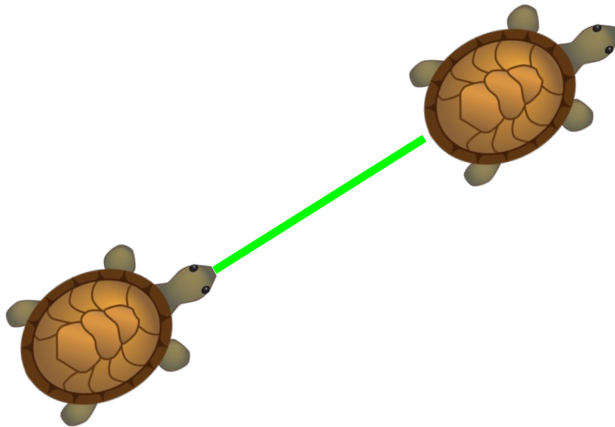
Lecture 17

Dictionaries

Announcements for This Lecture

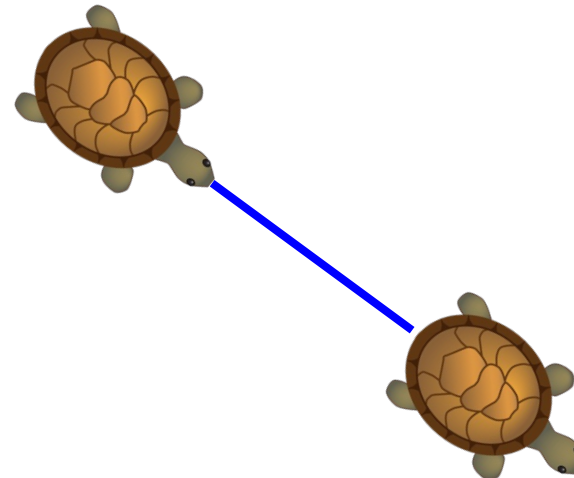
Optional Videos

- View the lesson videos
 - **Videos 19.1-19.7** today
 - **Videos 20.1-20.8** Tue
 - **Videos 20.9-20.10** Thu



Assignment 4

- Should be working on it now
 - Tasks 1-3 by Friday
 - Task 4 by Monday
 - Task 5 by Wednesday



Key-Value Pairs

- The last built-in type: **dictionary** (or **dict**)
 - One of the most important in all of Python
 - Like a list, but built of key-value pairs
- **Keys:** Unique identifiers
 - Think social security number
 - At Cornell we have netids: jrs1
- **Values:** Non-unique Python values
 - John Smith (class '13) is jrs1
 - John Smith (class '16) is jrs2

Idea: Lookup values by keys

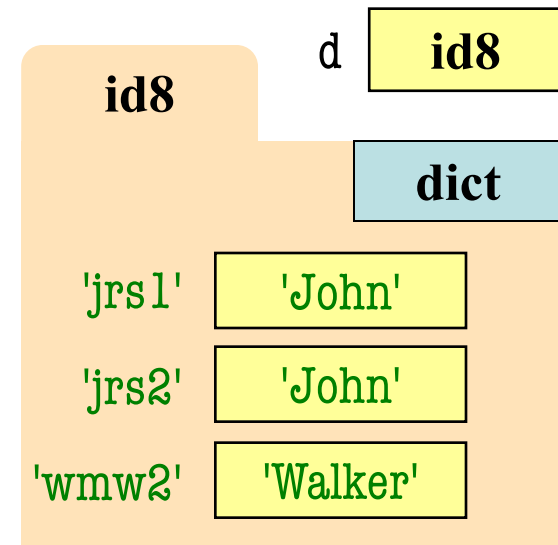
Basic Syntax

- Create with format: {k1:v1, k2:v2, ...}
 - Both keys and values must exist
 - **Ex:** d={'jrs1':'John','jrs2':'John','wmw2':'Walker'}
- **Keys** must be **non-mutable**
 - ints, floats, bools, strings, tuples
 - **Not** lists or custom objects
 - Changing a key's contents hurts lookup
- **Values** can be **anything**

Using Dictionaries (Type dict)

- Access elts. like a list
 - `d['jrs1']` evals to `'John'`
 - `d['jrs2']` does too
 - `d['wmw2']` evals to `'Walker'`
 - `d['abc1']` is an **error**
- Can test if a key exists
 - `'jrs1' in d` evals to `True`
 - `'abc1' in d` evals to `False`
- But cannot slice ranges!

```
d = {'jrs1':'John','jrs2':'John',  
     'wmw2':'Walker'}
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Key-Value order in folder is not important

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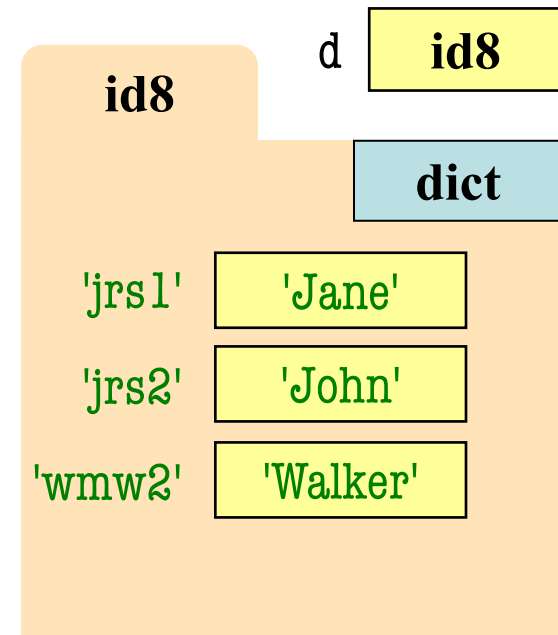
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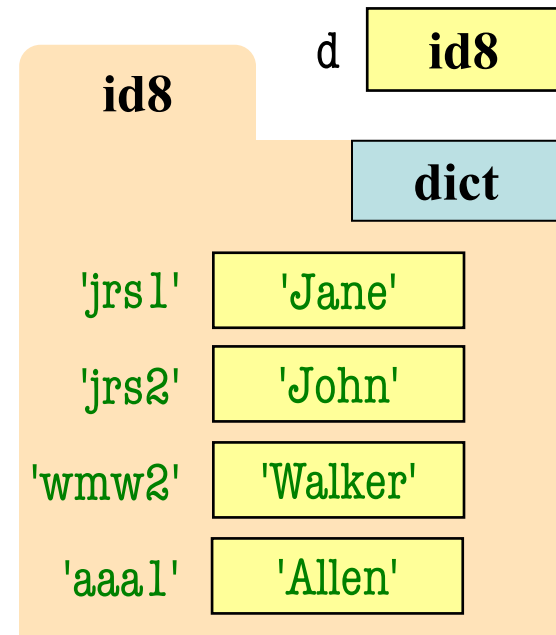
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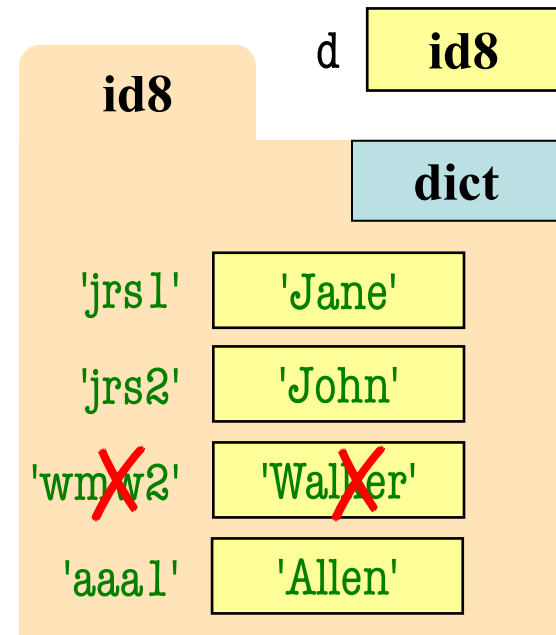
Change key = Delete + Add

- Can add new keys

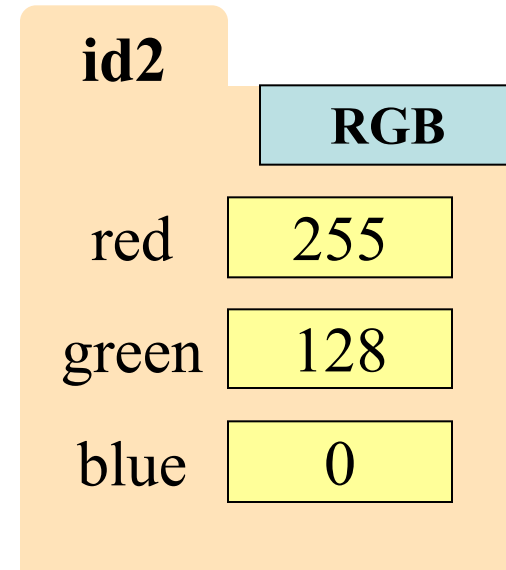
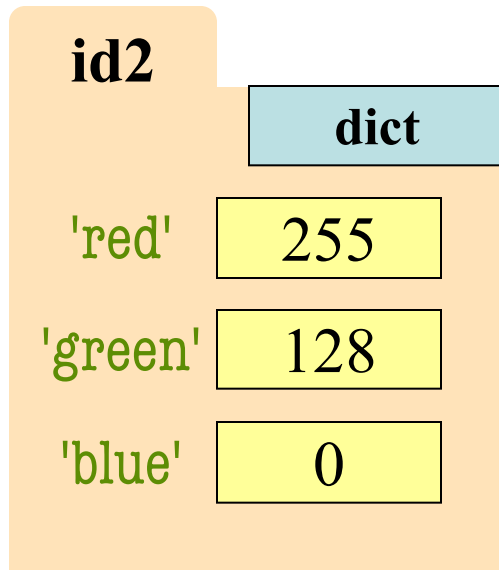
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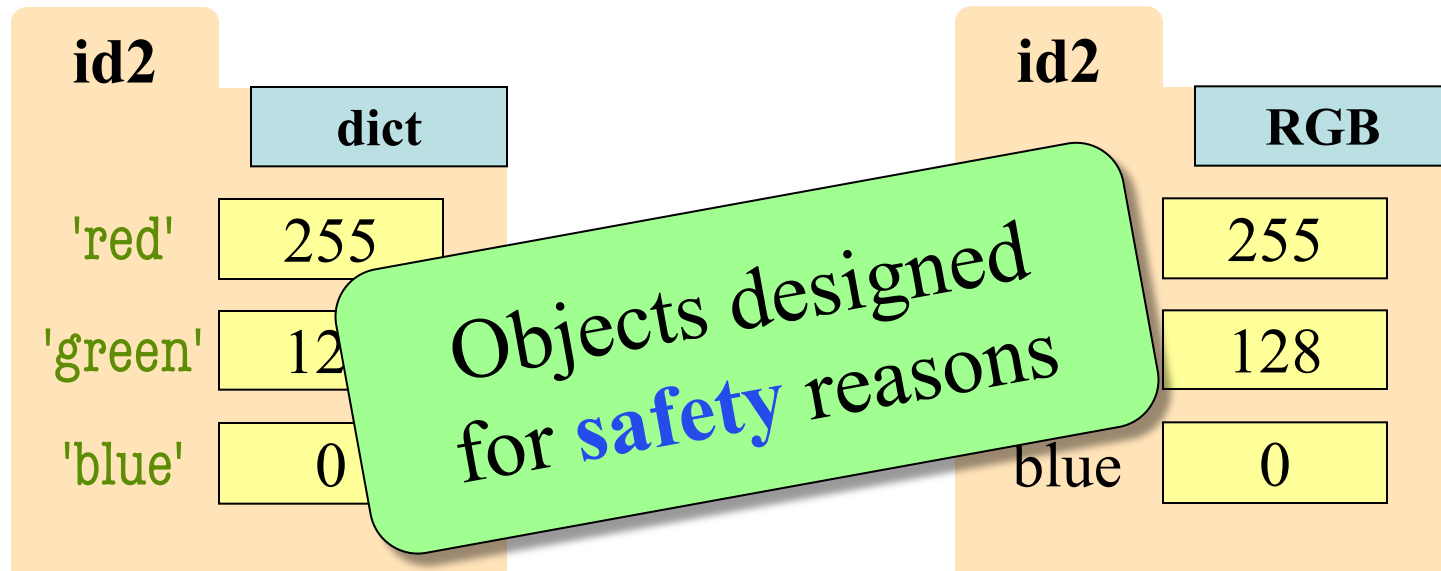
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Dictionaries: Iterable, but not Sliceable

- Can loop over a dict
 - Only gives you the keys
 - Use key to access value

- Can iterate over values
 - **Method:** `d.values()`
 - But no way to get key
 - Values are not unique

```
for k in d:  
    # Loops over keys  
    print(k)      # key  
    print(d[k])  # value
```

```
# To loop over values only  
for v in d.values():  
    print(v)      # value
```

Other Iterator Methods

- **Keys:** `d.keys()`
 - Same as a normal loop
 - Good for *extraction*
 - `keys = list(d.keys())`

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Dictionaries and Fruitful Functions

- Dictionaries handled similar to lists
 - Go over dictionary (keys) with *for-loop*
 - Use *accumulator* to gather the results
- Only difference is how to access value
 - Remember, loop variable is **keys**
 - Use **keys** to access the **values**
 - But otherwise the same

Dictionary Loop with Accumulator

```
def max_grade(grades):
```

```
    """Returns max grade in the grade dictionary
```

```
    Precondition: grades has netids as keys, ints as values"""
```

```
    maximum = 0                # Accumulator
```

```
    # For each student
```

```
        # if student grade exceeds maximum
```

```
            # make that grade the new maximum
```

```
    return maximum
```

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```

```
    for k in grades:
```

```
        | if grades[k] > maximum:
```

```
        |     | maximum = grades[k]
```

```
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```


Another Example

```
def netids_above_cutoff(grades,cutoff):  
    """Returns list of netids with grades above or equal cutoff  
  
    Precondition: grades has netids as keys, ints as values.  
    cutoff is an int."""  
    result = []                # Accumulator  
  
    # For each student  
        # if student's grade is above cutoff  
            # add student to the result  
  
    return result
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    for k in grades:  
        if grades[k] >= cutoff:  
            result.append(k)    # Add key to the list result  
  
    return result
```

Dictionaries and Mutable Functions

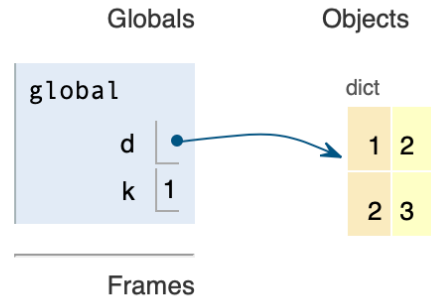
- Restrictions are different than list
 - Okay to loop over dictionary to change
 - You are looping over *keys*, not *values*
 - Like looping over positions
- But you **may not add or remove** keys!
 - Any attempt to do this will fail
 - Have to create a key list if you want this

A Subtle Difference

```
1  
2 d = {1:2}  
→ 3 for k in d.keys():  
4     d[k+1] = d[k]+1
```

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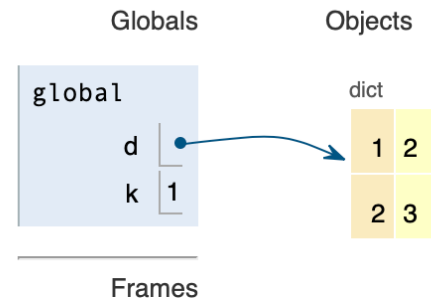
RuntimeError: dictionary changed size during iteration



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→ 3 for k in list(d.keys()):  
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```

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→ line that has just executed
→ next line to execute



But This is Okay

```
def add_bonus(grades,bonus):
```

```
    """Gives bonus points to everyone in grades
```

```
    Precondition: grades has netids as keys, ints as values.
```

```
    bonus is an int."""
```

```
    # No accumulator. This is a procedure
```

```
    for student in grades:
```

```
        # Modifies the dictionary, but does not change keys
```

```
        grades[student] = grades[student]+bonus
```

Another Example

```
def merge(dict1,dict2):
```

```
    """Updates dict1 to include the contents of dict2.
```

```
    If a key is already in dict1, then assign the max of dict1, dict2
```

```
    Precondition: dict1, dict2 have str as keys, int as values."""
```

```
    for key in dict2:
```

```
        # Looping over dict2; safe to modify dict1
```

```
        if key in dict1:
```

```
            dict1[key] = max(dict1[key],dict2[key])
```

```
        else:
```

```
            dict1[key] = dict2[key]
```

Nesting Dictionaries

- Remember, values can be anything
 - Only restrictions are on the keys
- Values can be lists (**Visualizer**)
 - $d = \{ 'a': [1, 2], 'b': [3, 4] \}$
- Values can be other dicts (**Visualizer**)
 - $d = \{ 'a': \{ 'c': 1, 'd': 2 \}, 'b': \{ 'e': 3, 'f': 4 \} \}$
- Access rules similar to nested lists
 - **Example:** $d['a']['d'] = 10$

Example: JSON File

```
{
  "wind" : {
    "speed" : 13.0,
    "crosswind" : 5.0
  },
  "sky" : [
    {
      "cover" : "clouds",
      "type" : "broken",
      "height" : 1200.0
    },
    {
      "type" : "overcast",
      "height" : 1800.0
    }
  ]
}
```

Nested Dictionary

Nested List

Nested Dictionary

- **JSON:** File w/ Python dict
 - Actually, minor differences
- weather.json:
 - Weather measurements at Ithaca Airport (2017)
 - **Keys:** Times (Each hour)
 - **Values:** Weather readings
- This is a *nested* JSON
 - Values are also dictionaries
 - Containing more dictionaries
 - And also containing lists

JSONs vs Dictionaries

- JSONs *look* like dictionaries, but are not same
 - JSONs are strings (to send over internet)
 - Dictionaries are a type with its own operations
- But you can go back and forth between them

```
>>> import json          # The json module in Python
>>> d = json.loads(s)    # Converts JSON s to dict d
>>> s = json.dumps(d)    # Converts dict d to JSON s
```
- So we often think of the two as the same
 - JSON is to dict as CSV is to nested lists

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Access this
value

- Let `d` be the dict to left
- Need to access a value
- How do we do it?

A: `d['height']`

B: `d['height']['sky']`

C: `d['sky']['height']`

D: `d['sky'][0]['height']`

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Dictionaries and Recursion

- Dictionaries are **not sliceable**
 - Makes it difficult to do divide and conquer
 - So rare to be used in recursion by itself
 - Often the *answer* to a recursion, not the *input*
- However, the **key list** is sliceable
 - Can recurse on key list, not the dict
 - This requires a helper function
 - Helper is recursive, not the main function

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```
    # WE CANNOT SLICE A DICTIONARY
```

```
    # We need to pull out keys and use a recursive helper
```

```
    netids = list(grades.keys())
```

```
    return max_grade_helper(netids,grades)
```

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```
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