

Dictionaries

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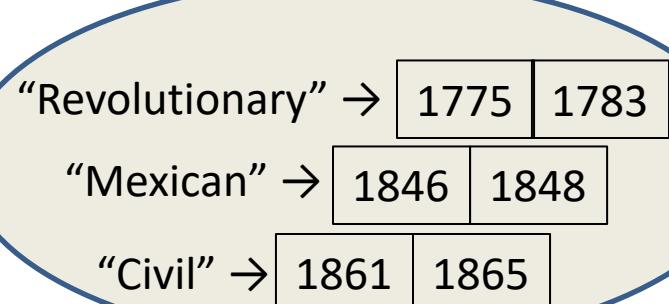
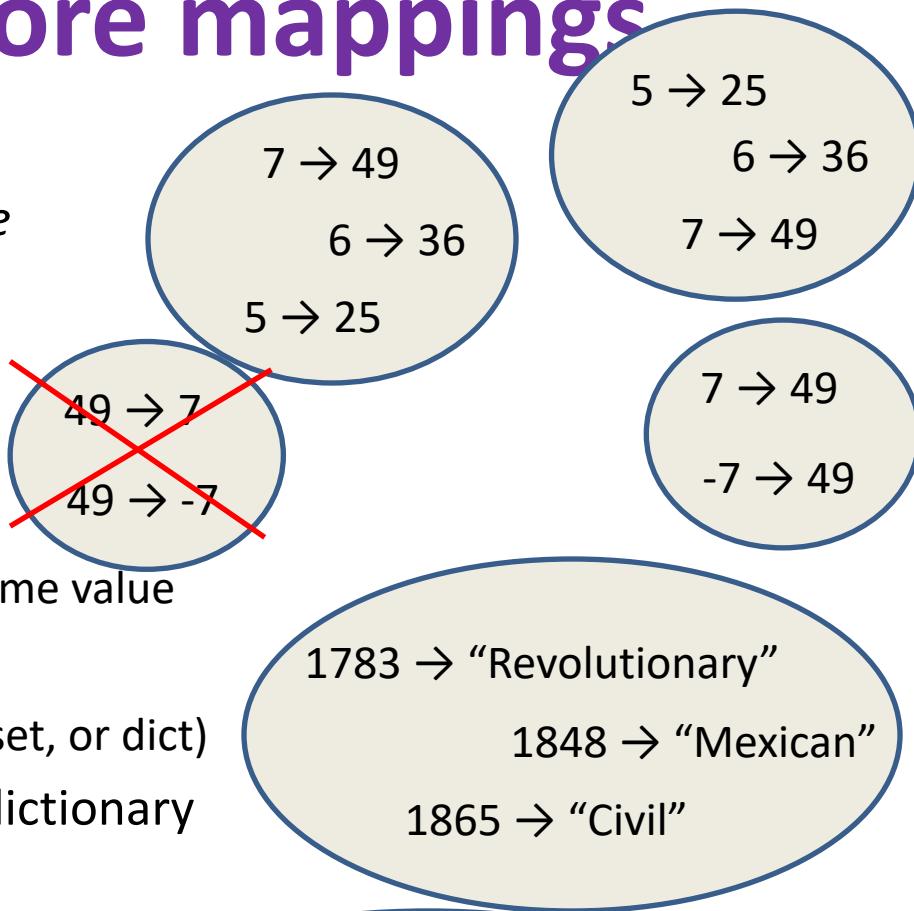
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Keeping track of favorite colors

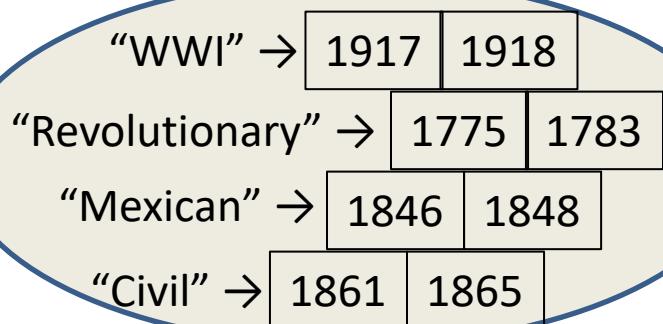
- Write a program that keeps track of the favorite color of each staff member.
- If I give you a staff member UWNetID, you should be able to tell me what their favorite color is.
 - UWNetIDs are unique
 - Favorite colors are not unique! More than one person may have the same favorite color
- Data structure? List of ??

Dictionaries store mappings

- A dictionary maps each *key* to a *value*
- Order does not matter
- Given a key, can look up a value
 - Given a value, cannot look up its key
- **No duplicate keys**
 - Two or more keys may map to the same value
- *Keys* and *values* are Python values
 - **Keys** must be **immutable** (not a list, set, or dict)
- Can add *key* → *value* mappings to a dictionary
 - Can also remove (less common)



add
mapping



Dictionary syntax in Python

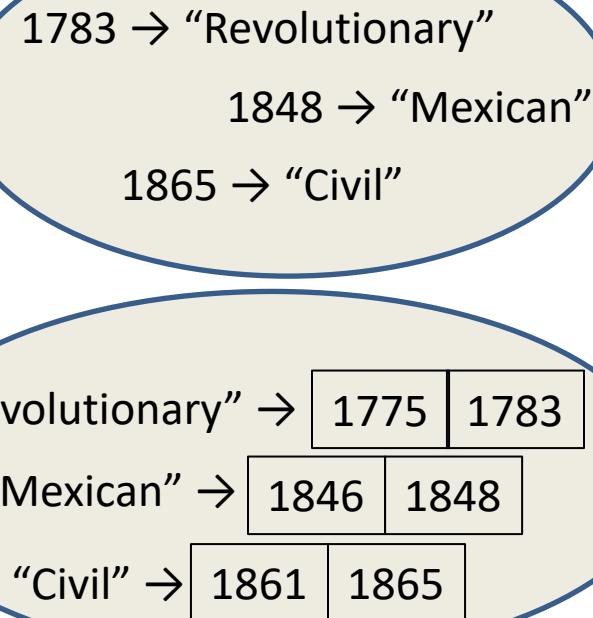
```
d = {}  
d = dict()
```

Two different ways
to create an empty
dictionary

```
us_wars_by_end = {  
    1783: "Revolutionary",  
    1848: "Mexican",  
    1865: "Civil" }  
  
us_wars_by_name = {  
    "Civil": [1861, 1865],  
    "Mexican": [1846, 1848],  
    "Revolutionary": [1775, 1783]  
}
```

- Syntax just like lists, for accessing and setting:

```
us_wars_by_end[1783]      =>  
us_wars_by_end[1783][1:10]  =>  
us_wars_by_name["WWI"] = [1917, 1918]
```



Creating a dictionary

```
>>> state_capitals = {"GA" : "Atlanta", "WA": "Olympia" }
```

“GA” → “Atlanta”
“WA” → “Olympia”

```
>>> phonebook = dict()  
>>> phonebook["Alice"] = "206-555-4455"  
>>> phonebook["Bob"] = "212-555-2211"
```

“Alice” → “206-555-4455”
“Bob” → “212-555-1212”

```
>>> atomic_number = {}  
>>> atomic_number["H"] = 1  
>>> atomic_number["Fe"] = 26  
>>> atomic_number["Au"] = 79
```

“H” → 1
“Fe” → 26
“Au” → 79

Accessing a dictionary

```
>>> atomic_number = {"H":1, "Fe":26, "Au":79}
>>> atomic_number["Au"]
79
>>> atomic_number["B"]
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<pyshell#102>", line 1, in <module>
    atomic_number["B"]
KeyError: 'B'
>>> "Au" in atomic_number
True
>>> list(atomic_number.keys())
['H', 'Au', 'Fe']
>>> list(atomic_number.values())
[1, 79, 26]
>>> list(atomic_number.items())
[('H', 1), ('Au', 79), ('Fe', 26)]
```

This is a tuple,
not a list.
Uses parens

"H" → 1
"Fe" → 26
"Au" → 79

Good for iteration (for loops)

```
for key in mymap.keys():
    val = mymap[key]
    ... use key and val
```

```
for key in mymap:
    val = mymap[key]
    ... use key and val
```

```
for (key,val) in mymap.items():
    ... use key and val
```

Iterating through a dictionary

```
atomic_number = {"H":1, "Fe":26, "Au":79}

# Print out all the keys:
for element_name in atomic_number.keys():
    print(element_name)

# Another way to print out all the keys:
for element_name in atomic_number:
    print(element_name)

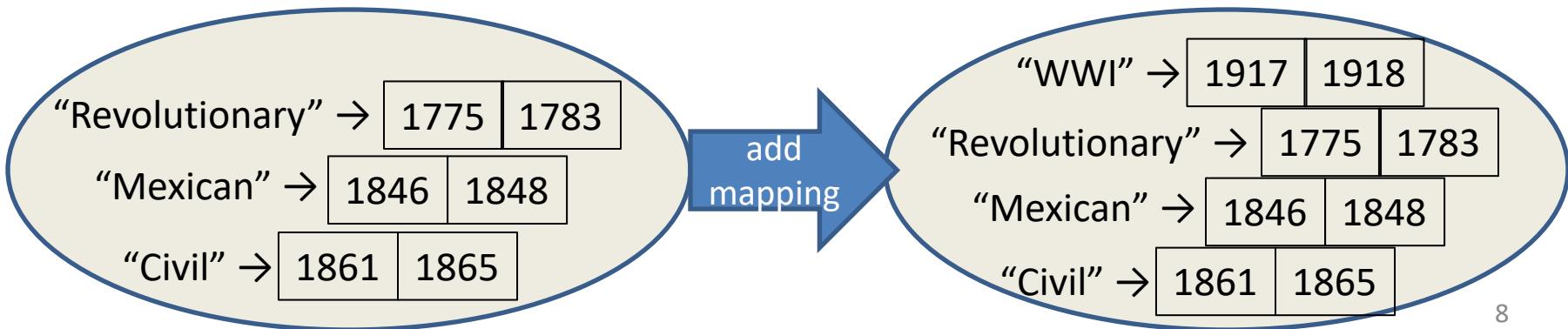
# Print out all the values:
for element_number in atomic_number.values():
    print(element_number)

# Print out the keys and the values
for (element_name, element_number) in atomic_number.items():
    print("name:", element_name, "number:", element_number)
```

Modifying a dictionary

```
us_wars1 = {  
    "Revolutionary": [1775, 1783],  
    "Mexican": [1846, 1848],  
    "Civil": [1861, 1865] }
```

```
us_wars1["WWI"] = [1917, 1918] # add mapping  
del us_wars1["Civil"] # remove mapping
```



Dictionary Exercises

- What does this do?

```
squares = {1: 1, 2: 4, 3: 9, 4: 16}
```

```
squares[3] + squares[3]
```

```
squares[3 + 3]
```

```
squares[2] + squares[2]
```

```
squares[2 + 2]
```

- Convert a list to a dictionary:

- Given [5, 6, 7], produce {5: 25, 6: 36, 7: 49}

- Reverse key with value in a dictionary:

- Given {5:25, 6:36, 7:49}, produce {25:5, 36:6, 49:7}

Dictionary Exercise (Answers)

- Convert a list to a dictionary:

- E.g. Given [5, 6, 7], produce {5: 25, 6: 36, 7: 49}

```
d = {}
```

```
for i in [5, 6, 7]: # or range(5, 8)
    d[i] = i * i
```

- Reverse key with value in a dictionary:

- E.g. Given {5: 25, 6: 36, 7: 49}, produce {25: 5, 36: 6, 49: 7}

```
k = {}
```

```
for i in d.keys():
    k[d[i]] = i
```

Aside: A list is like a dictionary

- A list maps an integer index to a value
 - The integers must be a continuous range $0..i$

```
mylist = ['a', 'b', 'c']
```

```
mylist[1] => 'b'
```

```
mylist[3] = 'c'    # error!
```

- In what ways is a list **more** convenient than a dictionary?
- In what ways is a list **less** convenient than a dictionary?

Not every value is allowed to be a key in a dictionary

- Dictionaries hold **key:value** pairs
- **Keys** must be **immutable**
 - int, float, bool, string, *tuple of immutable types*
 - *not:* list, set, dictionary
- **Values** in a dictionary can be anything