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# Computational Structures in Data Science

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## Abstract Data Types & Dictionaries



# Today's Lecture

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- Abstract Data Types
  - More use of functions!
  - Value in documentation and clarity



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## Dictionaries



# Learning Objectives

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- Dictionaries are a new type in Python
- Lists let us index a value by a number, or position.
- Dictionaries let us index data by other kinds of data.



## Dictionaries vs Lists

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- Lists: Collect any number of items together in a single entity
  - Each item has an *index* or position
  - A list has a distinct order.
- Dictionaries: Map a “key” to a “value”
  - Keys can be many things, but most commonly strings, numbers, tuple
  - Values can be any data
  - Items have no inherent order
- If we know an item’s index, or a dictionary’s key then looking up and item is fast and easy.



# Dictionaries

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- Constructors:

- » `dict( <list of 2-tuples> )`
- » `dict( <key>=<val>, ... )` # like kwargs
- » `{ <key exp>:<val exp>, ... }`
- » `{ <key>:<val> for <iteration expression> }`
  - `>>> {x:y for x,y in zip(["a","b"],[1,2])}`
  - `{'a': 1, 'b': 2}`

- Selectors: `<dict> [ <key> ]`

- » `<dict>.keys()`, `.items()`, `.values()`
- » `<dict>.get(key [, default])`

- Operations:

- » Key in, not in, len, min, max
- » `<dict>[ <key> ] = <val>`



# Dictionary Example

```
In [1]: text = "Once upon a time"  
d = {word : len(word) for word in text.split()}  
d
```

```
Out[1]: {'Once': 4, 'a': 1, 'time': 4, 'upon': 4}
```

```
In [2]: d['Once']
```

```
Out[2]: 4
```

```
In [3]: d.items()
```

```
Out[3]: [('a', 1), ('time', 4), ('upon', 4), ('Once', 4)]
```

```
In [4]: for (k,v) in d.items():  
        print(k,"=>",v)
```

```
('a', '=>', 1)  
( 'time', '=>', 4)  
( 'upon', '=>', 4)  
( 'Once', '=>', 4)
```

```
In [5]: d.keys()
```

```
Out[5]: ['a', 'time', 'upon', 'Once']
```

```
In [6]: d.values()
```

```
Out[6]: [1, 4, 4, 4]
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# Abstract Data Type

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- Uses pure functions to encapsulate some logic as part of a program.
- We rely of built-in types (int, str, list, etc) to build ADTs
- This is a contrast to object-oriented programming
  - Which is coming soon!



# Creating Abstractions

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- Compound values combine other values together
  - date: a year, a month, and a day
  - geographic position: latitude and longitude
  - a game board
- Data abstraction lets us manipulate compound values as units
- Isolate two parts of any program that uses data:
  - How data are represented (as parts)
  - How data are manipulated (as units)
- Data abstraction: A methodology by which functions enforce an abstraction barrier between *representation* and *use*

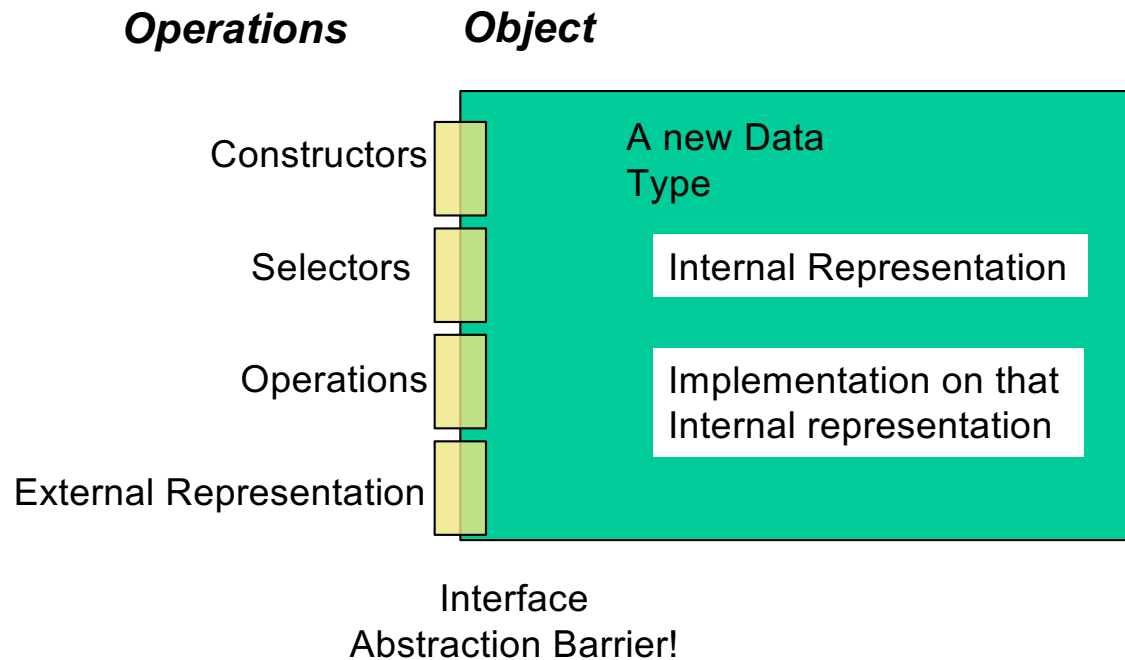


# Why Abstract Data Types?

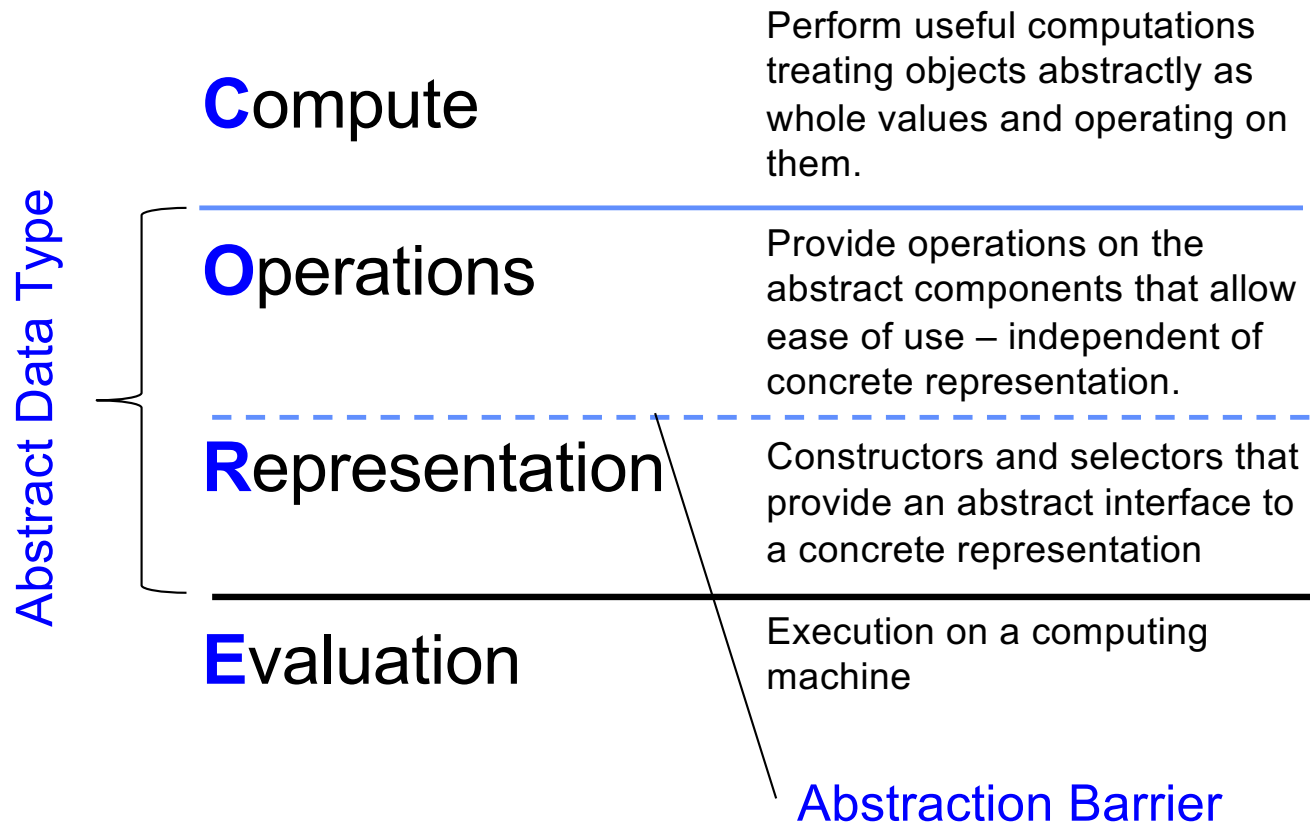
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- “Self-Documenting”
  - `contact_name(contact)`
    - » vs `contact[o]`
  - “o” may seem clear now, but what about in a week? 3 months?
- Change your implementation
  - Maybe today it’s just a Python List
  - Tomorrow: It could be a file on your computer; a database in web

# Abstract Data Type



# C.O.R.E concepts





## Reminder: Lists

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- Lists
  - Constructors:
    - »list( ... )
    - »[ <exps>, ... ]
    - »[ <exp> for <var> in <list> [ if <exp> ] ]
  - Selectors: <list> [ <index or slice> ]
  - Operations: in, not in, +, \*, len, min, max
    - »Mutable ones too (but not yet)
- Tuples
  - A lot like lists, but you cannot edit them. We'll revisit on Monday.



## A Small ADT

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```
def point(x, y): # constructor
    return [x, y]

x = lambda point: point[0] # selector
y = lambda point: point[1]

def distance(p1, p2): # Operator
    return ((x(p2) - x(p1))**2 + (y(p2) -
y(p1))**2) ** 0.5

origin = point(0, 0)
my_house = point(5, 5)
campus = point(25, 25)
distance_to_campus = distance(my_house, campus)
```



# Creating an Abstract Data Type

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- Constructors & Selectors
- Operations
  - Express the behavior of objects, invariants, etc
  - Implemented (abstractly) in terms of Constructors and Selectors for the object
- Representation
  - Implement the structure of the object
- An abstraction barrier violation occurs when a part of the program that can use the higher level functions uses lower level ones instead
  - At either layer of abstraction
- Abstraction barriers make programs easier to get right, maintain, and modify
  - Few changes when representation changes



# Question: Changing Representations?

<http://go.c88c.org/9>

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## Question 1.1

Assuming we update our *selectors*, what are valid representations for our `point(x, y)` ADT?

Currently `point(1, 2)` is represented as `[1, 2]`

- A) `[y, x]` # `[2, 1]`
- B) `"X: " + str(x) + " Y: " + str(y)`  
# `"X: 1 Y: 2"`
- C) `str(x) + ' ' + str(y)` # `'1 2'`
- D) All of the above
- E) None of the above



# A Layered Design Process

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- **Build the application based entirely on the ADT interface**
  - Operations, Constructors and Selectors
- **Build the operations in ADT on Constructors and Selectors**
  - Not the implementation representation
  - This is the end of the abstraction barrier.
- **Build the constructors and selectors on some concrete representation**



## Example: Tic Tac Toe and Phone Book

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- See the companion notebook.
- Download the file "ipynb"
  - Go to [datahub.berkeley.edu](http://datahub.berkeley.edu)
  - Log in, then select "Upload"



## Question: The Abstraction Barrier

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Which of these *violates* a board ADT?

- A) `diag_left = diagonal(board, 0)`
- B) `board[0][2] = 'x'`
- C) `all_rows = rows(board)`
- D) `board = empty_board()`
- E) None of the above