

Creating functions



Function

- For a block of codes that is used in multiple places of a program, we can define a function for that block
- Using function also makes the program more readable
- Function definition

def function-name () :

statements-to-be-executed
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```

face = "\U0001f604" # smiling face emoji
thumbup = "\U0001f44d" # thumb up emoji

line = ""
for k in range(5):
    line += face
print(line)

print("Coding python program is interesting")

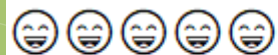
line = ""
for k in range(5):
    line += face
print(line)

print("You are doing great!")

line = ""
for k in range(5):
    line += thumbup
print(line)

```

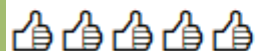
The same
code block
is used in
two places



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```
face = "\U0001f604"    # smiling face emoji
thumbup = "\U0001f44d"  # thumb up emoji
```

```
def printSmilingFace():
    line = ""
    for k in range(5):
        line += face
    print(line)
```

```
def printThumbup():
    line = ""
    for k in range(5):
        line += thumbup
    print(line)
```

```
printSmilingFace()
print("Coding python program is interesting")
printSmilingFace()
print("You are doing great!")
printThumbup()
```

Creating a
function called
printSmilingFace()

Creating a
function called
printThumbup()



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Scope of variable

- Variables declared outside functions can be seen by codes inside the functions
- Variables declared inside functions cannot be seen by codes outside the functions

```
face = "\U0001f604"      # smiling face emoji  
thumbup = "\U0001f44d"   # thumb up emoji
```

```
def printSmilingFace():  
    line = ""  
    for k in range(5):  
        line += face  
    print(line)
```

It knows the value of variable **face** inside function

```
print(line)
```

It does not know the value of variable **line** outside function

Passing parameters to function

- We can pass parameters to a function to make it more versatile

```
face = "\U0001f604"    # smiling face emoji
thumbup = "\U0001f44d"  # thumb up emoji
```

```
def printEmoji(emoji, num):  
    line = ""  
    for k in range(num):  
        line += emoji  
    print(line)
```

← It indicates two parameters will be passed to the function when it is called

```
printEmoji(face, 5)  
print("Coding python program is interesting")  
printEmoji(face, 8)  
print("You are doing great!")  
printEmoji(thumbup, 9) ←
```

Passing thumbup and 9 to the function

Return values from function

- Function can also return its results

```
import random
face = "\U0001f604"    # smiling face emoji
thumbup = "\U0001f44d" # thumb up emoji
```

```
def printEmoji(emoji):
    line = ""
    num = random.randint(1, 8)
    for k in range(num):
        line += emoji
    print(line)
    return num
```

Return the value of num



```
a = printEmoji(face)
print("Coding python program is interesting")
b = printEmoji(face)
print("You are doing great!")
c = printEmoji(thumbup)
print("Number of Emojis printed is:", a+b+c)
```

Assign returned value to variable a



Today's Challenge:

- ❑ Write two missing functions used in a program that asks user to type a positive integer, then the program print all the factors of the integer
- ❑ The two missing functions are:
 - **factor(num)**: find all the factors and return them in a list
 - **printfactor(p)**: print all the factors

```
num = input("Please enter the number to be factored:")
if num.isdigit():
    p=factor(int(num))
    print("The factors of ", num)
    printfactor(p)
else:
    print("The entry is not valid")
```


Today's Challenge:

☐ Program output

```
Please enter the number to be factored:12
The factors of  12
1
2
3
4
6
```

☐ Hint: if $y \% x == 0$, x is a factor of y
