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# Functions

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# What is a Function?



- A block of reusable code designed to perform a specific task.
- Promotes modular programming by breaking tasks into smaller pieces.

## Syntax:

# Function Definition

```
def function_name(parameters):
```

```
    # Code block
```

```
    return value
```

# Function Call

```
function_name(arguments)
```

**Practice Problem:** Write a function to print “Hello, World!” and call it.

# Types of Functions



1. **Built-in Functions:** Predefined in Python (e.g., `len()`, `print()`, `type()`).
2. **User-defined Functions:** Created by the programmer.

**Practice Problem:** Use the `len()` function to find the length of a string. Write your own function to greet a user by name.

# Parameters and Arguments



- **Parameters:** Variables listed in the function definition.
- **Arguments:** Values passed when calling the function.

```
def greet(name):  
    print(f"Hello, {name}!")  
  
greet("Alice")
```

**Practice Problem:** Write a function to calculate the square of a number and pass the number as an argument.

# Default Parameters



- Assign default values to parameters in the function definition.
- If no argument is provided, the default value is used.

```
def greet(name="Guest"):  
    print(f"Welcome, {name}!")  
  
greet()          # Outputs: Welcome, Guest!  
greet("Alice")  # Outputs: Welcome, Alice!
```

**Practice Problem:** Write a function to calculate the area of a rectangle. Set a default value for one side.

# Keyword and Positional Arguments



- **Positional Arguments:** Matched based on the order of parameters in the function definition.
- **Keyword Arguments:** Matched explicitly by the parameter name.

```
def order(item, quantity):  
    print(f"You ordered {quantity} {item}(s)")  
  
# Positional arguments  
order("apple", 5)  
  
# Keyword arguments  
order(quantity=3, item="banana")
```

**Practice Problem:** Write a function to calculate the total price of an item. Pass the price and quantity using keyword arguments.

# Returning Values from Functions



- Use `return` to send a value back to the caller.

```
def add(a, b):  
    return a + b  
  
result = add(5, 3)  
print(result) # Outputs: 8
```

**Practice Problem:** Write a function to find the larger of two numbers and return the result.

# Local and Global Variables



- **Local Variables:** Declared inside a function and accessible only within it.
- **Global Variables:** Declared outside any function and accessible throughout the program.

```
def example():  
    x = 10 # Local variable  
    print(x)  
  
x = 20 # Global variable  
example()  
print(x)
```

**Practice Problem:** Write a program to demonstrate the difference between local and global variables.



# Lambda Functions



- Anonymous Functions
- A lambda function is a one-liner function without a name.

## Syntax:

lambda arguments: expression

```
square = lambda x: x**2  
print(square(5)) # Outputs: 25
```

**Practice Problem:** Write a lambda function to calculate the cube of a number.

# Arbitrary Arguments



- **Arbitrary Arguments**
- **\*args**: Allows a function to accept multiple positional arguments.

```
def add(*args):  
    return sum(args)  
  
print(add(1, 2, 3, 4)) # Outputs: 10
```

- **\*\*kwargs**: Accepts multiple keyword arguments.

```
def print_info(**kwargs):  
    for key, value in kwargs.items():  
        print(f"{key}: {value}")  
  
print_info(name="Alice", age=25)
```

**Practice Problem:** Write a function to calculate the sum of an arbitrary number of numbers using **\*args**.

# Built-in Functions



- Python provides numerous built-in functions to simplify tasks.

```
# Commonly used built-in functions
print(len("Hello"))      # Outputs: 5
print(abs(-10))          # Outputs: 10
print(max(1, 2, 3, 4))   # Outputs: 4
```

**Practice Problem:** Use the `min()` and `sum()` functions to find the smallest number and total of a list.

# Recursion



- A function that calls itself to solve smaller subproblems.

```
def factorial(n):  
    if n == 1:  
        return 1  
    return n * factorial(n - 1)  
  
print(factorial(5)) # Outputs: 120
```

**Practice Problem:** Write a recursive function to find the nth Fibonacci number.

# Functions in Real Life



## 1. Temperature Converter:

```
def celsius_to_fahrenheit(celsius):  
    return (celsius * 9/5) + 32  
  
print(celsius_to_fahrenheit(25))
```

## 2. Grade Calculator:

```
def calculate_grade(marks):  
    if marks >= 90:  
        return "A"  
    elif marks >= 80:  
        return "B"  
    else:  
        return "C"  
  
print(calculate_grade(85))
```

**Practice Problem:** Write a function to calculate the Body Mass Index (BMI) given weight and height.

# Summary



- Definition and purpose of functions.
- Syntax: Parameters, arguments, and return values.
- Types of functions: Built-in, user-defined, and lambda.
- Advanced topics: Recursion, `*args`, `**kwargs`, keyword vs positional arguments.
- Practical use cases and problem-solving.



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