



# Chapter: Functions



# Functions – defining and calling

```
>>> def sayhi():  
    print "Hi"
```

```
>>> type(sayhi)  
<type 'function'>  
>>> sayhi()  
Hi
```

```
>>> def sayhi():  
    ''' this is a function  
    that says hi '''  
    print "Hi"
```

```
>>> sayhi()  
Hi  
>>> sayhi.__doc__  
' this is a function that says hi  
'
```



# Functions

```
>>> def is_even(num):  
    if num%2 == 0:  
        return True  
    else:  
        return False  
>>> if is_even(2):  
    print "This is even"  
else:  
    print "This is odd"
```

This is even

```
if is_even(3):  
    print "This is even"  
else:  
    print "This is odd"
```

This is odd

# Functions – Parameters (key word)

```
>>> def full_name(fname, lname):  
    print fname + " " + lname
```

```
>>> full_name('Aditya', 'Prabhakara')  
Aditya Prabhakara
```

```
>>> full_name (lname='Prabhakara', fname='Aditya')  
Aditya Prabhakara
```

# Functions – Parameters (default args)

```
>>> def full_name(fname, lname, title="Mr"):  
    print title + " " + fname + " " + lname
```

```
>>> full_name (lname='Prabhakara', fname='Aditya')
```

```
Mr Aditya Prabhakara
```

```
>>> full_name(lname='Prabhakara')
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
```

```
File "<pyshell#785>", line 1, in <module>
```

```
    full_name(lname='Prabhakara')
```

```
TypeError: full_name() takes at least 2 arguments (1 given)
```

# Functions – any number of args -1

```
>>> def any_args(*args):  
    print args
```

```
>>> any_args('a',1,2,'c')  
( 'a', 1, 2, 'c' )
```

```
>>> def any_args(*args):  
    print args  
    print type(args)
```

```
>>> any_args('a',1,2,'c')  
( 'a', 1, 2, 'c' )  
<type 'tuple'>
```

## Functions – any number of args - 2

```
>>> def any_args(**kwargs):  
    print kwargs  
  
>>> any_args(what=2, where=3)  
{'what': 2, 'where': 3}  
  
>>> def any_args(*args, **kwargs):  
    print args, kwargs  
  
>>> any_args(1, 2, 3, a=4, b = 5, c = 6)  
(1, 2, 3) {'a': 4, 'c': 6, 'b': 5}
```



# Chapter: Functions as First class citizens



# Functions (Contd)

- Functions are first class citizens
- Which basically means
  - They are treated like objects (as in Python everything is an object)
  - They can be passed around like other variables
  - Assigned to other variables



# Function as variables

```
>>> def sayhi():  
    print "Hi"
```

```
>>> sayhi()  
Hi  
>>> type(sayhi)  
<type 'function'>  
>>> a = sayhi  
>>> type(a)  
<type 'function'>  
>>> id(a)  
59704264L  
>>> id(sayhi)  
59704264L
```

```
>>> a()  
Hi  
>>> def someotherhi(func):  
    func()  
  
>>> someotherhi(a)  
Hi  
>>>
```



# Inner functions

```
>>> def add(*args):  
    def inneradd(*args):  
        return sum(*args)  
    print inneradd(*args)
```

```
>>> add([1,2])
```

```
3
```

```
>>> add([1,2,3,4])
```

```
10
```

```
>>> sum.__doc__
```

```
"sum(sequence[, start]) -> value\n\nReturn the sum of a sequence of  
numbers (NOT strings) plus the value\nof parameter 'start' (which  
defaults to 0).  When the sequence is\nempty, return start."
```



# Chapter: Comprehension



```
>>> range(10)
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
>>> for i in range(10):
    print i
```



# Comprehension

- Comprehension is a compact way of creating a Python data structure
- Leads to more readable code
- List comprehension is a compact way of creating lists
- A generic syntax of comprehension is as follows

```
[expression for item in iterable]
```

- What qualifies as iterable?
  - Lists
  - Range
  - Generators
  - ... and a lot more



# List comprehension

```
>>> a = [x for x in range(5)]
>>> a
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
>>> a = [x*x for x in range(5)]
>>> a
[0, 1, 4, 9, 16]
>>> b = 'abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz'
>>> a = [x*2 for x in b]
>>> def sqit(x):
    return x*x

>>> a = [sqit(x) for x in range(5)]
>>> a
[0, 1, 4, 9, 16]
```



# List comprehension – advanced

```
[expression for item in iterable if expression]
```

```
>>> a = [x for x in range(5) if x%2 == 0]
```

```
>>> a  
[0, 2, 4]
```

```
>>> a = [x for x in range(5) if is_even(x)]
```

```
>>> a  
[0, 2, 4]
```





# Dict comprehension

```
{keyexpr:valueexpr for item in iterable if expression}
```

```
>>> a = {x:x*x for x in range(5)}
```

```
>>> a
```

```
{0: 0, 1: 1, 2: 4, 3: 9, 4: 16}
```

```
# comprehend and deliberate on what is happening below
```

```
>>> a = 'the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog'
```

```
>>> a={x:a.count(x) for x in a}
```



## Chapter: Lambda

# Lambda

- Anonymous functions
- Expressed as a single statement
- Use it instead of a normal tiny functions
- Can be used as closures



# Lambda

- Import only what you like
- Some hate it. Some love it. But you can't ignore it 😊

```
>>> def f(x):  
    return x%2==0  
  
>>> f(1)  
False  
>>> f(2)  
True  
>>> d = lambda x:x%2==0  
>>> d(5)  
False  
>>> d(4)  
True
```



# Map

- Takes a function and applies it to every item in the list

```
>>> raceinkm =[5,10,21,42]
>>> def kmtomi(x):
    return x*0.621

>>> map(kmtomi, raceinkm)
[3.105, 6.21, 13.041, 26.082]
>>> map(lambda x:x*0.621, raceinkm)
[3.105, 6.21, 13.041, 26.082]
>>> salary =[1.4,0.8,2.6,5.8]
>>> bonus=[0.2, .10, .40, .01]
>>> map(lambda x,y:x*y, salary, bonus)
[0.27999999999999997, 0.080000000000000002, 1.04, 0.057999999999999996]
>>> map(lambda x,y:x*y + x, salary, bonus)
[1.68, 0.880000000000000001, 3.64, 5.858]
```



# Filter

- Takes a boolean function and applies it to every item in the list

```
>>> agelist=[12,23,78,95,22,36,71,22,20]
>>> filter(lambda x:18<x<50, agelist)
[23, 22, 36, 22, 20]
```

```
>>> allnum =list(range(10))
>>> filter(lambda x:x%2==0, allnum)
[0, 2, 4, 6, 8]
```



# Reduce

- Takes the first two numbers
- Applies a reduction
- Takes the next number

```
>>> a = list(range(10))  
>>> reduce(lambda x,y:x+y, a)  
45
```