

Functions in Python

Why Functions

- Code reusability
- Abstraction
- Testing becomes easy

Syntax

```
def funcName(parameters):  
    # perform operations  
    returnStatement;
```

A semicolon (;) in python is used to denote separation and not termination

```
In [1]: def funcName():  
        print("Welcome to Python functions");  
        funcName(); # Function call
```

Welcome to Python functions

Function returns sum of the two variables which are passed

```
In [2]: def summation(a, b):  
        return a+b;  
  
        print(summation(2, 4));
```

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Below function takes two string arguments and returns concatenation of those two

```
In [3]: def concat(x, y):  
        return x+y;  
  
        print(concat("Hello", " Python"));
```

Hello Python

Below function takes two arguments and returns two values after performing some operation

```
In [4]: def returnTwo(a, b):  
        a = a + 10;  
        b = b + 20;  
        return a, b;  
        print(returnTwo(10, 10))
```

(20, 30)

swap() function takes two arguments and swaps the content of the variables

```
In [5]: def swap(a, b):  
        return(b, a);  
        x = 4;  
        y = 5;  
        print("Before swap - ",x, y);  
        x, y = swap(x, y);  
        print("After swap - ",x, y);
```

Before swap - 4 5
After swap - 5 4

Below is the function which returns a list

```
In [6]: def returnArray():  
        a = [1, 2, 6, 3, 8];  
        return a;  
print(returnArray())
```

[1, 2, 6, 3, 8]

Below function returns a boolean value

```
In [7]: def returnBoolean(a, b):  
        if(a>b):  
            return True;  
        else:  
            return False;  
print(returnBoolean(5, 3))
```

True

Keyword Arguments

Below function is called with parameter names mentioned explicitly

```
In [8]: def printDetails(ID, name):  
        print("ID - "+str(ID), "\nName - "+name);  
        #or  
        #print("ID - ", ID, "\nName - "+name);  
  
printDetails(name="Naveen", ID=1);
```

ID - 1
Name - Naveen

Variable Length Arguments

```
In [9]: def printDetails(ID, name, *varArg):  
        print("ID - ", ID);  
        print("Name - ", name);  
        for arg in varArg:  
            print(arg);  
printDetails(1, "Naveen", "IIT Bombay", "M. Tech CSE")
```

ID - 1
Name - Naveen
IIT Bombay
M. Tech CSE

Local and Global Variables

```
In [10]: a = 10;  
def func():  
    a = 15; # Local to func()  
func()  
print(a) # prints the global a value
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```
In [11]: a = 10;  
def func():  
    global a;  
    a = 15; # refers to global a  
func()  
print(a) # prints the global a value
```

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Anonymous Functions

Lambda Function

- Lambda Functions are anonymous as they don't have any name and they are not defined in the standard manner
- They take any number of arguments but return only one value
- Operation is performed on the arguments using the expression which is passed
- Lambda function takes only expression along with arguments. We are not allowed write any other statements like print

- They do not have access to other variables declared outside. They have only access to arguments which are passed
- Lambda functions helps us to perform basic operations without the need of writing functions explicitly

```
In [12]: x = 30;
y = 40;
sum = lambda x, y: x+y
print(sum(x,y))
```

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- Generally Lambda functions are used along with Map, Reduce and Filter

Map Function

- Map function takes lambda function along with a list on which the operation needs to be performed
- Map always returns a list

```
In [13]: l = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
for i in range(len(l)):
    l[i] = l[i]**2;
print(l)
```

[1, 4, 9, 16, 25]

```
In [14]: sqr = list(map(lambda x: x**2, [1, 2, 3, 4, 5])) # Returns
print(sqr)
```

[1, 4, 9, 16, 25]

```
In [15]: incr = list(map(lambda x: x+1, [1,3,5,7,6]))
print(incr)
```

[2, 4, 6, 8, 7]

```
In [16]: import math
sqrt_list = list(map(math.sqrt, [1, 4, 9, 25]))
print(sqrt_list)
```

[1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 5.0]

Reduce Function

- Reduce takes a list and a seed value and outputs a value
- Below Reduce Function returns factorial of 6

```
In [17]: fact = 1;
for i in range(1, 7):
    fact = fact*i;
print(fact);
```

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```
In [18]: import functools as f
fact = f.reduce(lambda x, y: x*y, [i for i in range(1, 7)], 1)
print(fact)
```

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- seed value i.e., x = 1
- Step-1: y = 1 and x = 1. Therefore x*y = 1 which is returned
- Step-2: For this step seed becomes the output of the previous step which is 1. x = 1 and y = 2. Therefore x*y = 2 which is returned.
- Step-3: Seed value will be 2 and y = 3 and the steps continue..

Filter Function

- Filter takes a list and returns a filtered list
- Below Filter function returns list of integers which are divisible by 3

```
In [19]: l = [i for i in range(1, 100)];  
filtered_list=[];  
for elem in l:  
    if(elem%3 == 0):  
        filtered_list.append(elem);  
print(filtered_list)
```

```
[3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 36, 39, 42, 45, 48, 51, 54, 57, 60, 63, 66, 69, 72, 75, 78, 81, 84, 87, 90, 93, 96, 99]
```

```
In [20]: l = [i for i in range(1, 100)];  
filtered_list = list(filter(lambda x: (x%3 == 0), l))  
print(filtered_list)
```

```
[3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 36, 39, 42, 45, 48, 51, 54, 57, 60, 63, 66, 69, 72, 75, 78, 81, 84, 87, 90, 93, 96, 99]
```