

Today

- Review functions (Ch. 3)
- Designing new functions A recipe

Question

```
>>> 0.1+0.2
0.300000000000000000004
>>> round(4.5)
4
>>>
```



- Read: https://docs.python.org/3.7/tutorial/floatingpoint.html
- Floating-point numbers are represented in computer hardware as base 2 (binary) fractions.
- Decimal fraction vs. binary fraction

Functions

■ In mathematics

$$y = f(x) = x^2 + 3x + 2$$
$$f(2) = 12$$

$$z = f(x,y) = x^2y + 4x + 1$$
$$f(2,3) = 21$$

Python build-in functions

```
>>> abs(-9)
0
>>> pow(3,2)
9
>>> round(4.3)
4
>>> pow( abs(-2), round(4.3) )
16
>>> round(-3.5)
-4
```

Typecast

Functions that convert from one type to another

```
>>> int(34.6)
34
>>> int(-4.3)
-4
>>>float(21)
21.0
```

help()

```
>>> help(abs)
Help on built-in function abs in module builtins:
abs(x, /)
    Return the absolute value of the argument.
>>> help(pow)
Help on built-in function pow in module builtins:
pow(x, y, z=None, /)
    Equivalent to x**y (with two arguments) or x**y % z (with three arguments)
    Some types, such as ints, are able to use a more efficient algorithm when
    invoked using the three argument form.
>>> help(round)
Help on built-in function round in module builtins:
round(...)
    round(number[, ndigits]) -> number
    Round a number to a given precision in decimal digits (default 0 digits).
    This returns an int when called with one argument, otherwise the
    same type as the number, ndigits may be negative.
>>>
```

```
>>> pow(2,4)
16
>>> pow(2,4,3)
1
>>> round(3.141592)
3
>>> round(3.141592,2)
3.14
```

Defining your own functions

```
>>> convert_to_celsius(212)
100.0

>>> convert_to_celsius(212)
Traceback (most recent call last):
    File "<pyshell#48>", line 1, in <module>
        convert_to_celsius(212)
NameError: name 'convert_to_celsius' is not defined

>>> def convert_to_celsius (fahrenheit):
    return (fahrenheit - 32) * 5/9
```

Local variables

```
Function header \rightarrow >>> def quadratic(a,b,c,x):
    first = a * x ** 2
    second = b * x
    third = c
    return first + second + third

Function call \rightarrow >>> quadratic (2,3,4,2)

18

Function call \rightarrow >>> quadratic (2,3,4,1.0)
9.0
>>> |
```

- Local variables are created within a function
- first, second, third are local variables of the function quadratic
- Function parameters are also local variables

Errors

- Number of parameters
- Redefinition is ok
- Local variables

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Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<pyshell#68>", line 1, in <module>
    quadratic (2,3,4)
TypeError: quadratic() missing 1 required positional argument: 'x'
>>> def quadratic (a,b,x):
        first = a * x **2
        second = b * x
        return first + second
>>> quadratic ( 2,3,4,2)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<pyshell#75>", line 1, in <module>
    quadratic (2,3,4,2)
TypeError: quadratic() takes 3 positional arguments but 4 were given
>>> quadratic(2,3,2)
14
>>> first
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<pyshell#77>", line 1, in <module>
    first
NameError: name 'first' is not defined
```

Designing a new function

- Writing a good essay
 - A topic
 - Background material
 - An outline
 - Filling in the outline with details

- Writing a good function
 - An idea
 - A name
 - Parameters
 - A return value
 - Function body (the details)

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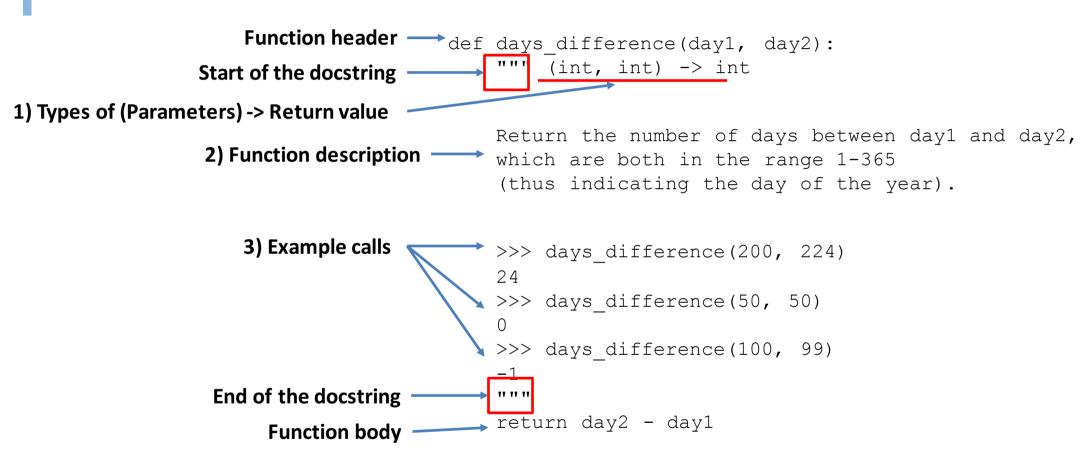
- Documentation string
- For humans to read
 - For yourself
 - For co-workers
 - For sharing

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    Return the number of days between day1 and day2,
    which are both in the range 1-365
    (thus indicating the day of the year).

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24
    >>> days_difference(50, 50)
0
    >>> days_difference(100, 99)
-1
    """
    return day2 - day1
```

Docstring



Function design recipe

Examples

- What arguments/parameters to give
- What information it will return
- Pick a function name

Type contract

- Types of parameters and return value
- Header
 - Give parameters names
- Description
- Body
- Test

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