



Lecture 2

Environments



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My Office Hours

- Not sure for this week yet.
- Will set them up next week for sure.
- Email me if urgent
 - We can skype if needed.

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    """ Return a new list with doubled  
    elements from a_list. """  
    new_list = []  
    for value in a_list:  
        new_elem = 2 * value  
        new_list.append(new_elem)  
    return new_list
```

```
things = [2, 5, 10]  
things = doubleStuff(things)  
print(things)
```

```
[4, 10, 20]
```



Last time: non-pure functions, have side effects

- In addition to returning a value (might be *None*), applying a non-pure function can generate side effects, which make some change to the state of the interpreter or program.
 - `print` function
 - `time.time()` because it returns a value based on the state of a clock, which was not an input to the function.

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i-clicker question

```
def question(n):  
    if n > 0:  
        return print(n)  
    else:  
        return
```

```
t = question(10)  
print(t)
```

What would Python display?

A: 10

B: None

C: Error of some sort

D: 10
None

E: None
10



i-clicker question

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    if n > 0:  
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    else:  
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```

```
t = question(-10)  
print(t)
```

What would Python display?

A: -10

B: None

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-10



I-clicker question

```
from operator import mul, add  
x = 3
```

```
def mul_add(a):  
    return add(mul(a,2), 4)
```

```
def one_more(a):  
    a = a + 1  
    print(mul_add(a))
```

```
one_more(x)
```

What is the output?

A: 24

B: 12

C: None

D: 10

E: Error



I-clicker question

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```

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    a = a + 1  
    print(mul(2, add(a, a)))
```

```
print(one_more(a))
```

What is the output?

A: 12

B: 16

C: None

D: 16
16

E: None of the above

Short-circuiting

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```
>>> False and 1/0
```

A: False

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```
>>> (5 and True) or (1/0 or True)
```

A: 5

B: True

C: False

D: Error



Assignments



Assignment operator

- Assignment is our simplest means of abstraction
 - (demo)

- ```
a = 5 ** 5
b = 10 ** 4
```

Or *in one line*: 

```
a, b = 5 ** 5, 10 ** 4
```

# Execution rule

## Execution rule for assignment statements:

1. Evaluate all expressions to the **right** of = **from left to right**.
2. Bind all names to the **left** of = to those resulting values in the current frame.



# Assignment operator

- Assignment is our simplest means of **abstraction**

A: b is 10

B: b is 5

C: b is None

D: Error

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Or in one line: `a, b = 5 ** 5, 10 ** 4`

- ```
a = 5
b = a * 2
```

How about now?

`a, b = 5, a*2`

*#b is 10*

*#b is ??*



# Can you swap two values?



How to swap *a* and *b*, *without* using a third variable?

`a, b = 1, 2`

- A: No, I need to use more than one variable
- B: Yes, I can do it in one line
- C: Yes, I can do it using multiple lines
- D: I do not know how to do it all
- E: More than one possible answer



# Can you swap two values without a third one

## Version 1:

```
a, b = 1, 2
```

```
a, b = b, a
```

## Version 2:

```
a, b = 1, 2 # a = 1, b = 2
```

```
a = a + b # a = 3
```

```
b = a - b # b = 3 - 2 = 1
```

```
a = a - b # b = 3 - 1 = 2
```

# Existing functions can get new names

(demo)

- Another way to give names to values:
  - `def` statement (let's us create our own functions)



# Question



```
def sum_some(limit):
 return limit + 5

sum = sum_some(10)
num1 = 11
num2 = 19
result = sum(num1, num2)
print(result)
```

**What is printed?**

- A: 30
- B: 15
- C: 40
- D: 45
- E: Error

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# Discussion question

```
from operator import add, sub
```

```
a = add
```

```
b = sub
```

```
c, a = add, sub
```

```
add = a
```

```
add (a (2, b (c (3, 1), 2)), 1)
```

**What is the value of the final expression in this sequence?**

A: -1

B: 0

C: 1

D: Aaah, my brain!!

E: It is not possible





# Environment Diagrams

(what is going on within an interpreter)



# Demo

Environment Diagrams **visualize** the interpreter process:

<http://pythontutor.com/composingprograms.html#mode=edit>





# Environment Diagrams

Environment diagrams visualize the interpreter's process.

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```
→ 1 from math import pi
→ 2 tau = 2 * pi
```

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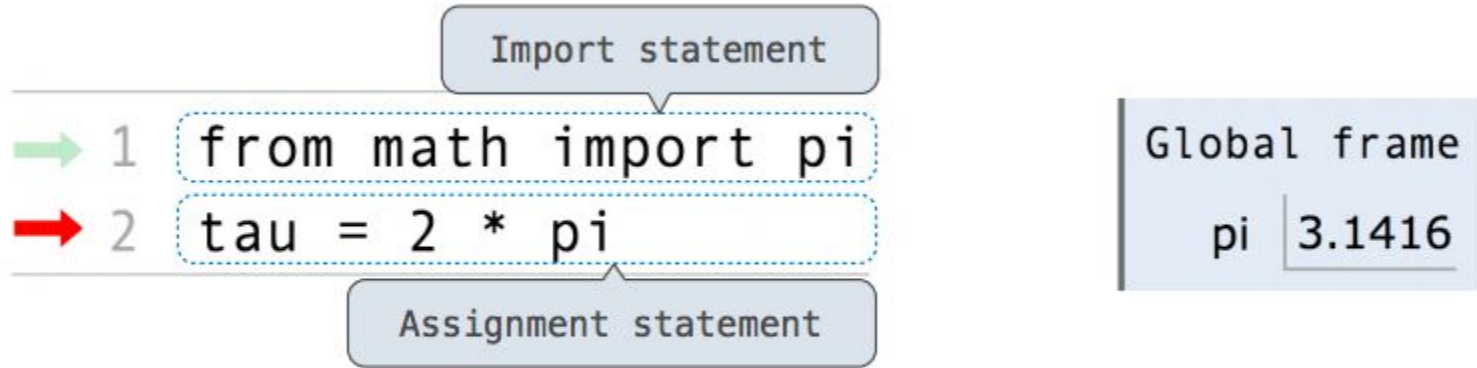
**Code (left):**

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| Global frame |        |
| pi           | 3.1416 |

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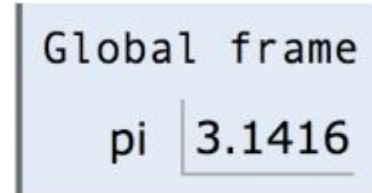
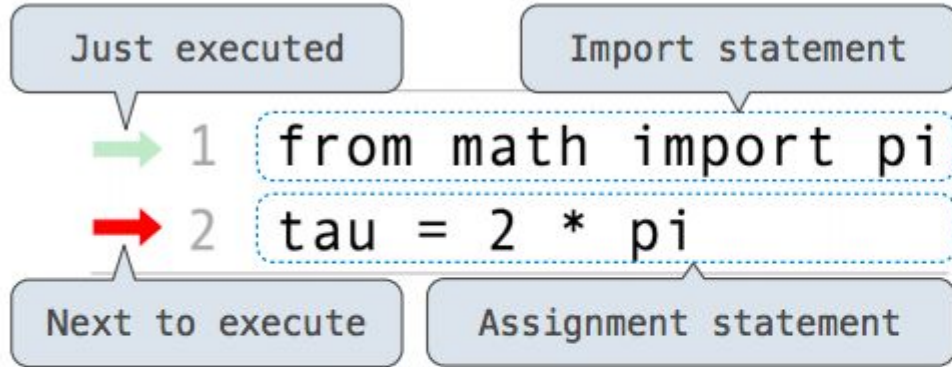
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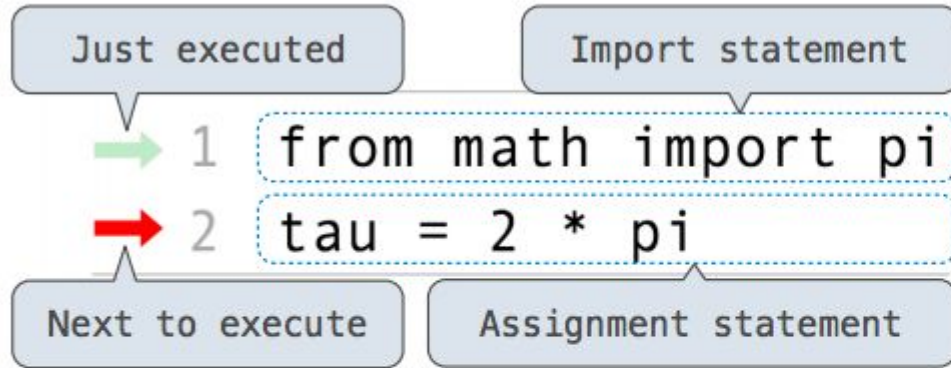
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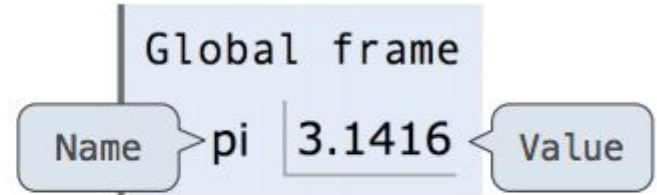
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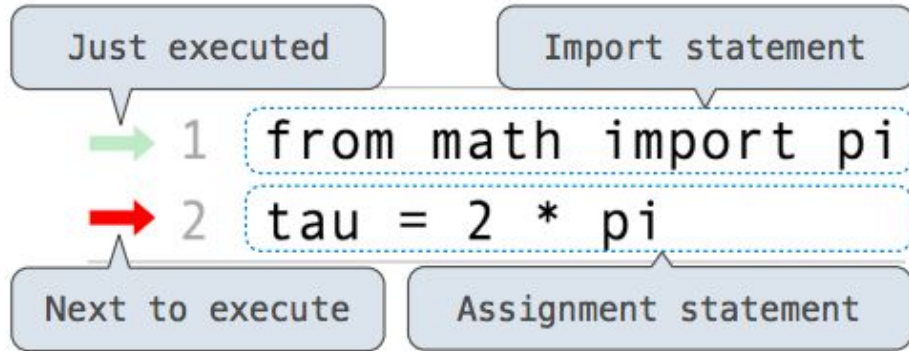


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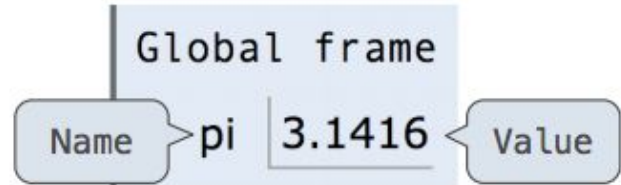
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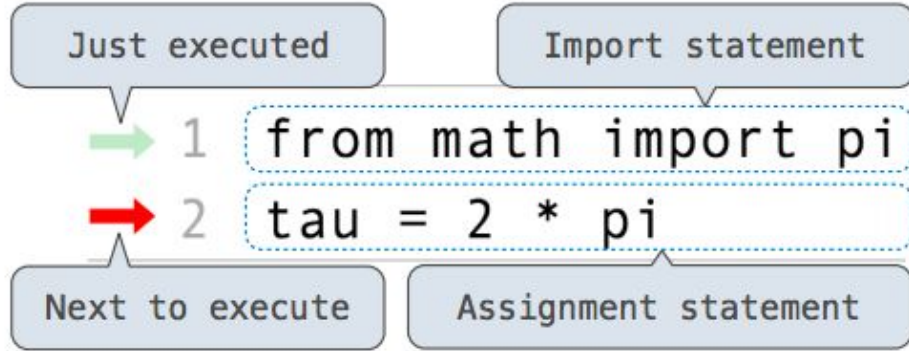
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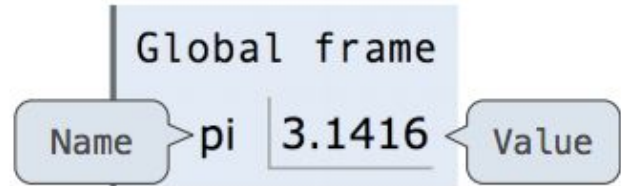
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$b, a = a + b, b - a$

**What are the values for  $a$  and  $b$  after line 3?**

A:  $a = 3, b = 2$

B:  $a = 2, b = 3$

C:  $a = 3, b = 1$

D:  $a = 1, b = 3$

E: None of the above



# Discussion Question

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`b, a = a + b, b - a`

`b, a = 3, 1`

`b is 3`

`a is 1.`

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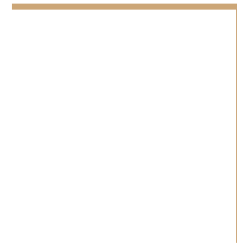
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# Defining Functions



# Defining new functions

Function definition is another way to do **abstraction**: binds names to *expressions*

```
def <function_name> (<formal_parameters>):
 <function_body>
 return <return expression>
```

# Defining new functions

Function **signature**: how many arguments a function takes

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# Parameters vs. Arguments

The **arguments** are the data you pass into the function's **parameters**

```
from operator import sub, mul
```

```
def discriminant(a, b, c):
```

```
 return ...
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Formal Parameters

```
function call:
```

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Arguments



# Execution procedure for def statement

```
def <function_name> (<formal_parameters>) :
 <function_body>

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```

- **Create** a function with a given *signature*
- **Set** the body of that function to be everything indented after the first line
- **Bind** <function\_name> to that function in the *current frame*
  - Each frame contains bindings, each of which associates a name with its corresponding value

# Question



```
def my_func (x):

 return x + a + b
```

**What do you think will happen after you created this function?**

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# Calling user-defined functions

## Procedure for calling/applying user-defined functions:

- Add a *local* frame, forming a **new environment**
- Bind the function's *formal parameters* to its *arguments* in that frame
- Execute the body of the function in that new environment

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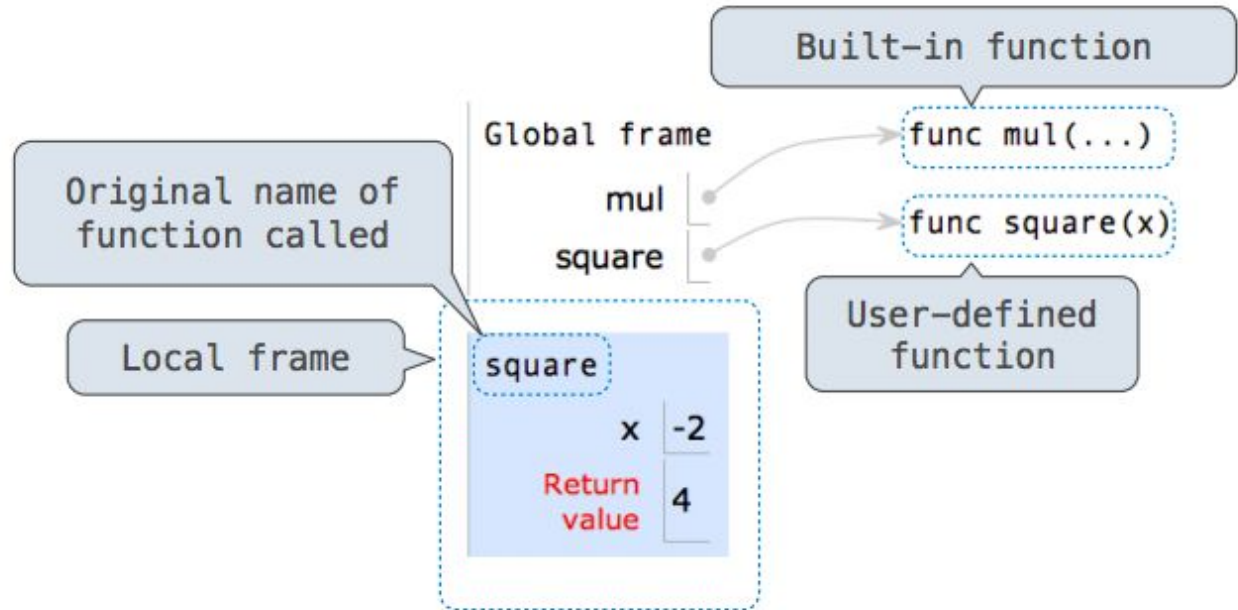
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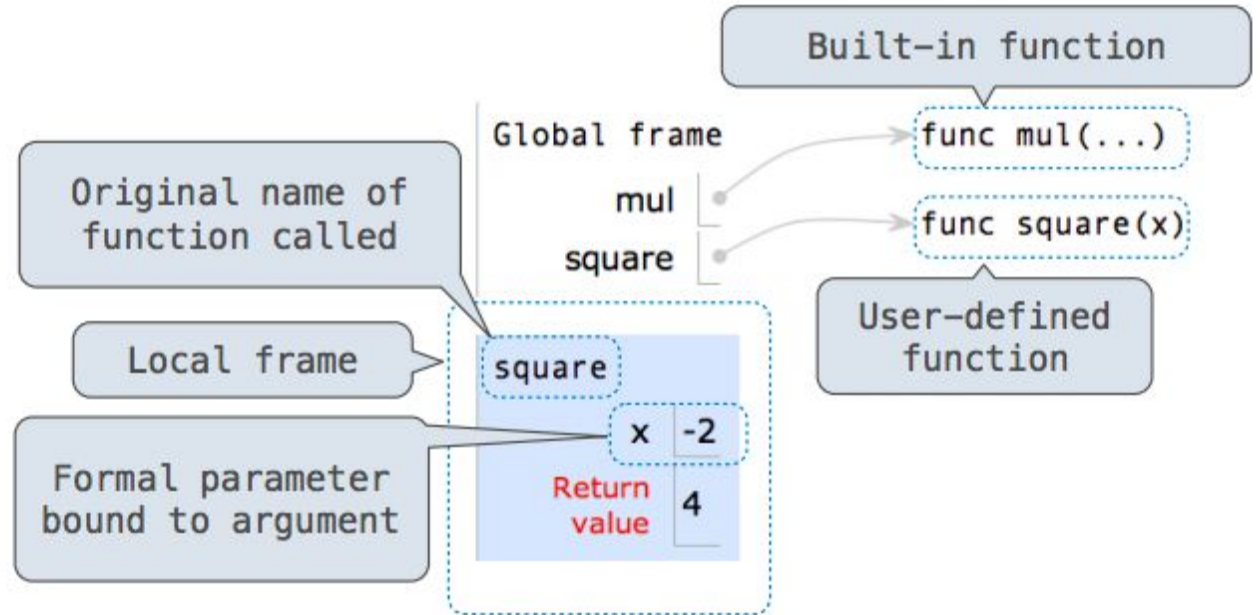
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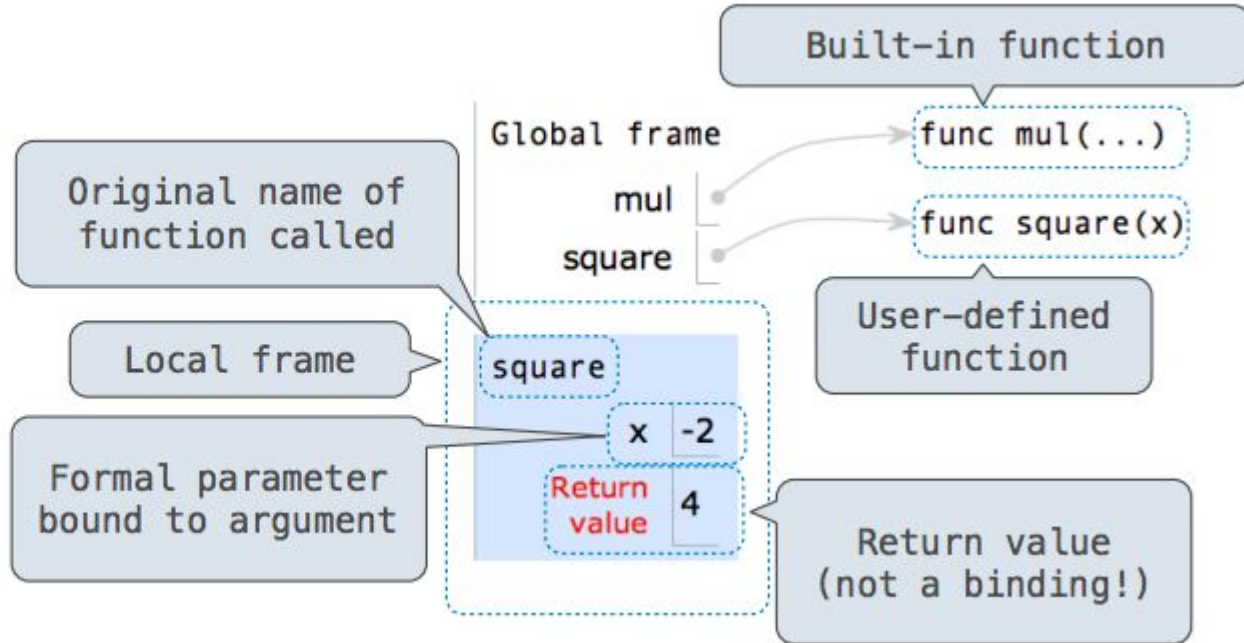
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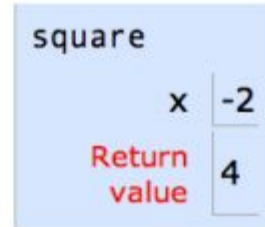
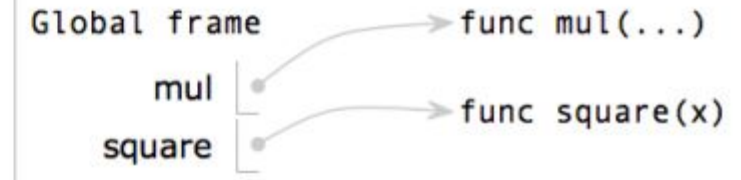


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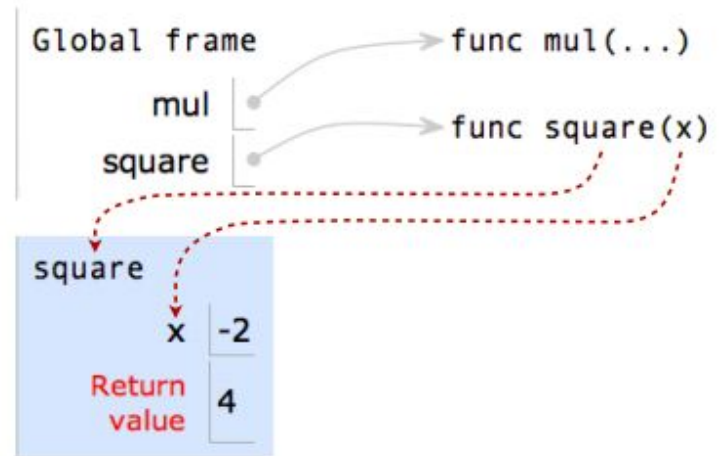


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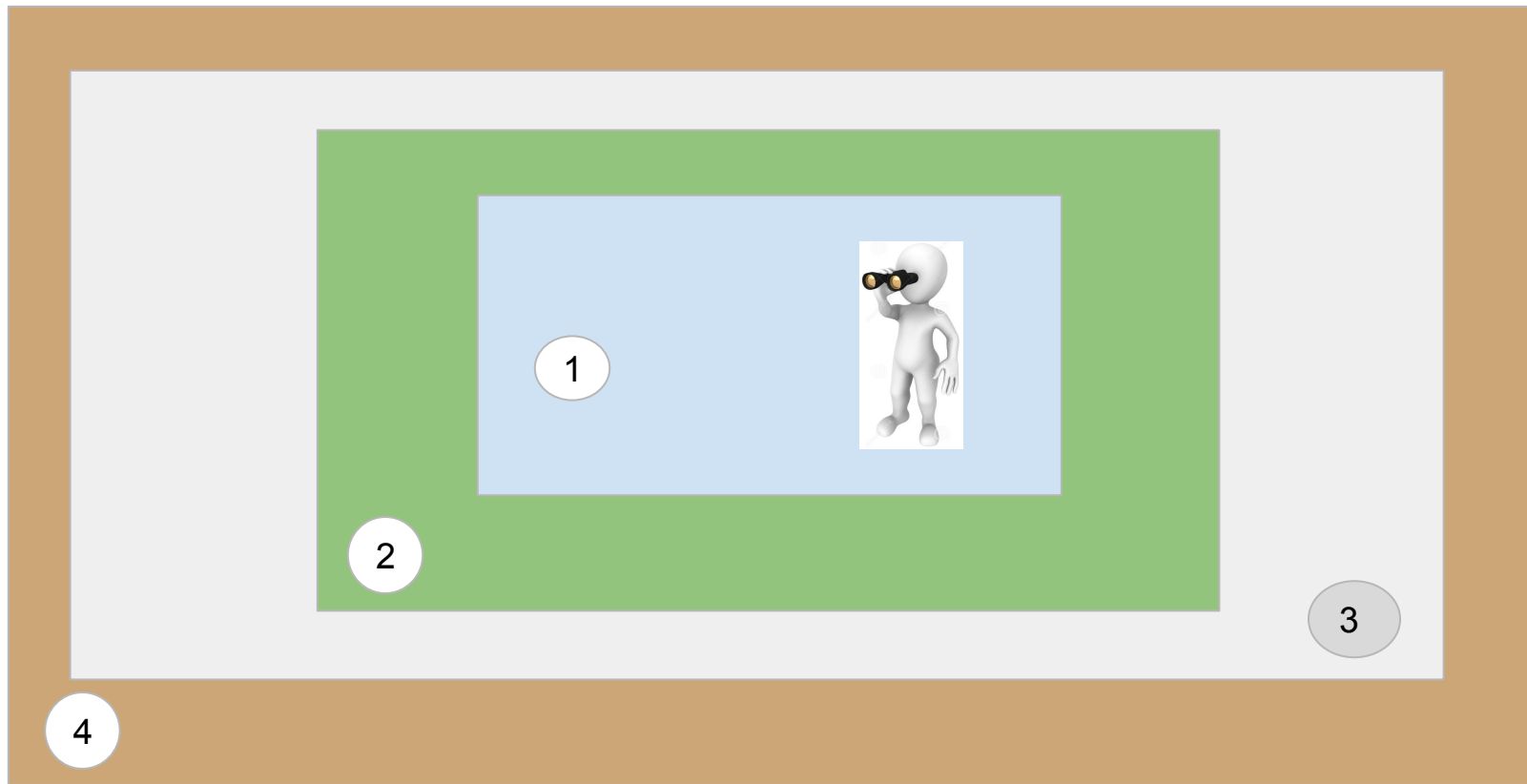


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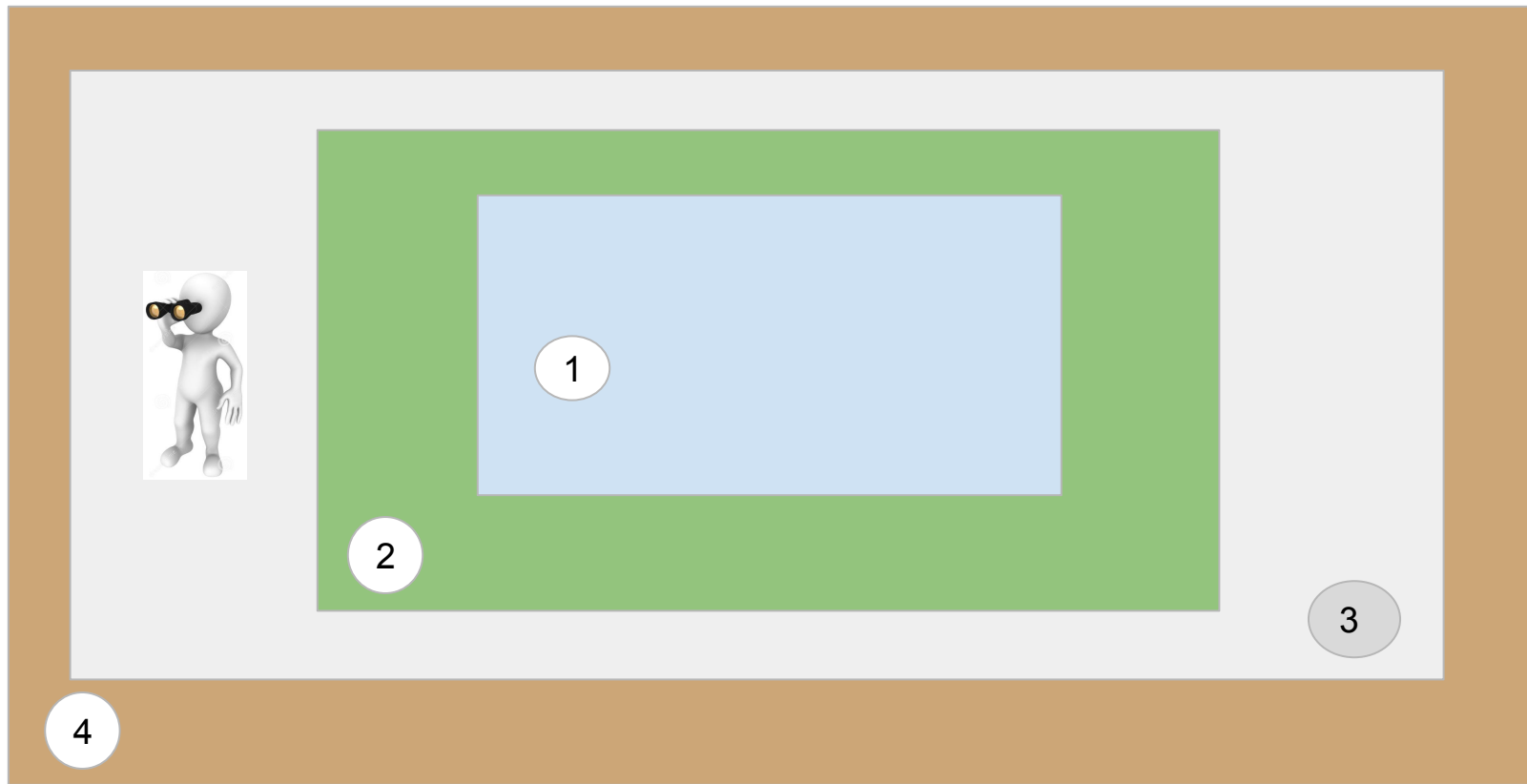




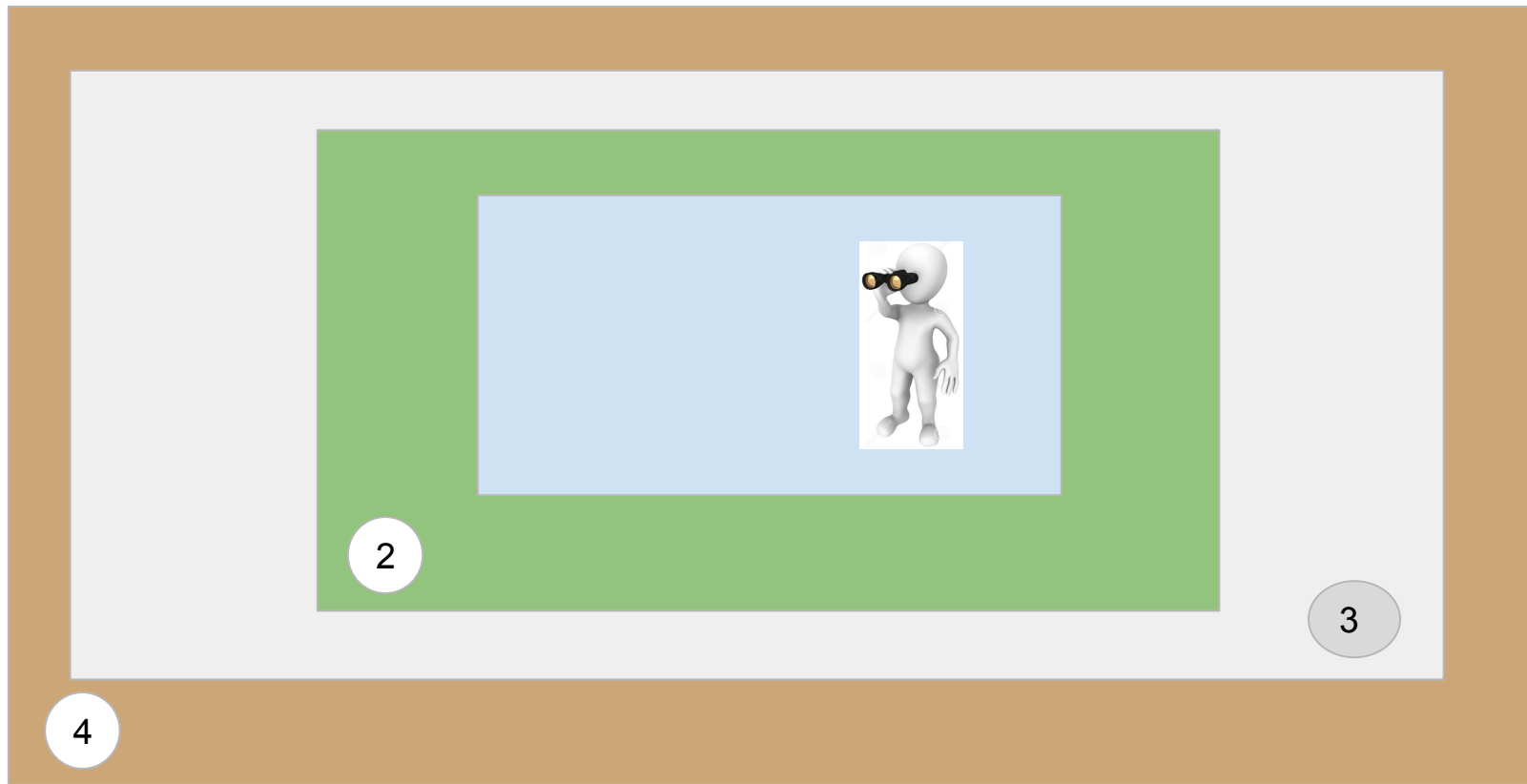
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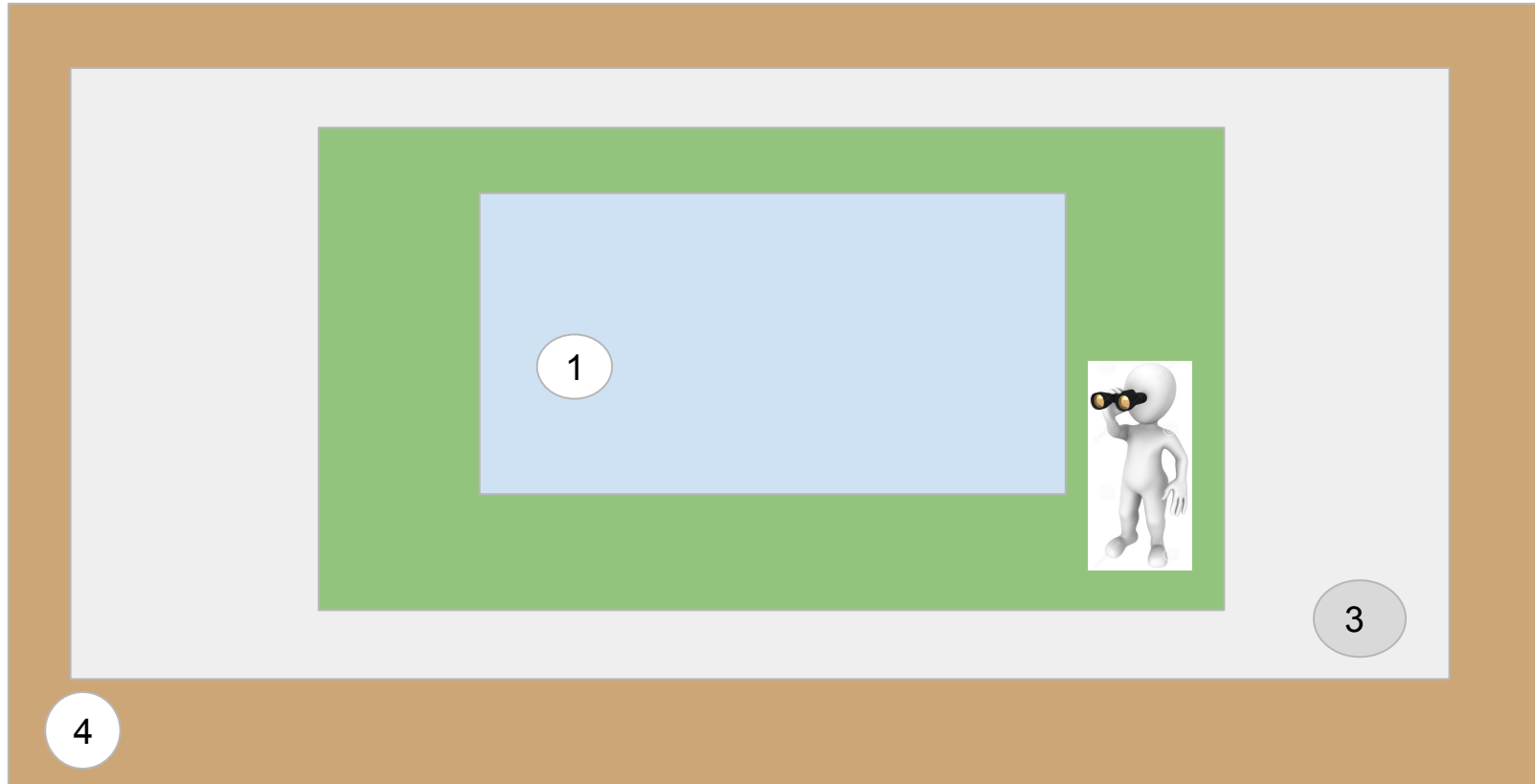
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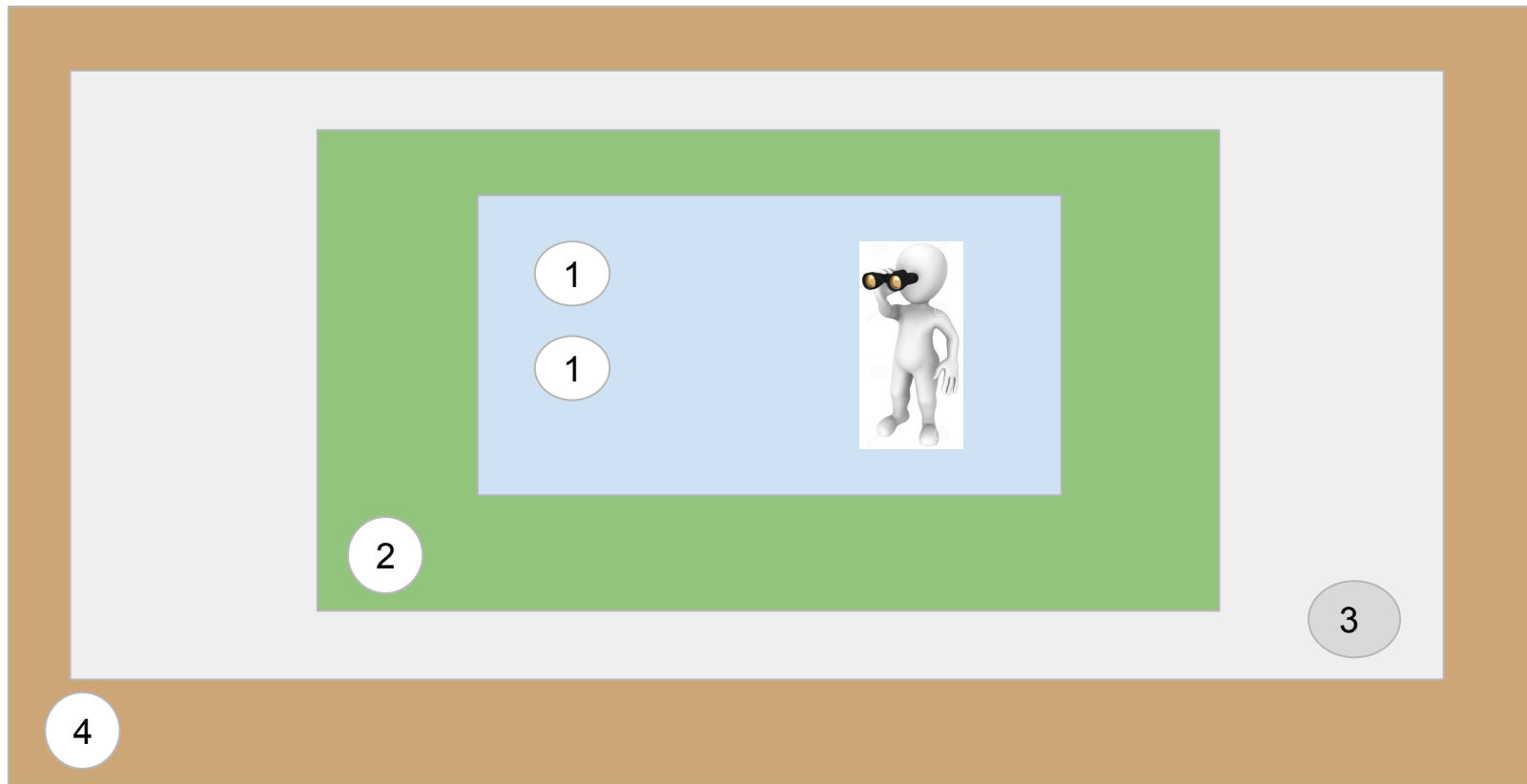
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# Looking Up Names In Environments

- Every expression is evaluated in the context of an environment.
- *Environments* are the memory that keeps track of the correspondence between names and values.
- So far, the *current* environment is either:
  - The **global frame** alone, or
  - A **local frame**, followed by the global frame.
- *Frame is a binding between names and values.*



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**Example:** look up the name in the `discriminant` function:

- Look for that name in the local frame
- Look for it in the global frame



# Question



```
def number (number):
 return number ** number + number
```

number(3)

**What will be a result of the function call?**

A: 12

B: 30

C: Unpredicted value

D: Error

E: Nothing will be printed (None)



(Demo)