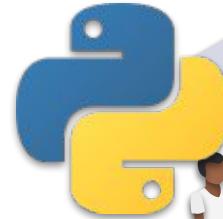




# The Matter of Arguments





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# Arguments vs Parameters

“

What is the parameters?”



“

What is the arguments?”



Students, write your response!

# Arguments vs Parameters

- ▶ In fact, **arguments** are some kind of variable. So you can think of them as aliases for variables. This is exactly what we call the **parameters**. That is, the values you assign to the parameters defined in a function are arguments.
- ▶ If you look at the Python documentation on this topic, you will notice that the terms parameters and arguments are used almost the same way. But they are slightly different things.

# Arguments vs Parameters (review)

- Let's take a look at this pre-class example :

```
1 def who(first, last) : # 'first' and 'last' are the parameters(or variables)
2     print('Your first name is :', first)
3     print('Your last name is :', last)
4
5 who('Guido', 'van Rossum') # 'Guido' and 'van Rossum' are the arguments
6 print()
7 who('Marry', 'Bold') # 'Marry' and 'Bold' are also the arguments
```

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- You will better understand this topic through an example

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```

*first and last are the parameters*

```
1 Your first name is : Guido
2 Your last name is : van Rossum
3
4 Your first name is : Marry
5 Your last name is : Bold
```

*the names passed into the function are the arguments*

# Arguments vs Parameters (review)

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```
1 Traceback (most recent call last):
2   File "code.py", line 5, in <module>
3     who('Joseph')
4 TypeError: who() missing 1 required positional argument: 'last'
```



# Correct Use of Arguments

2

- ▶ Positional Arguments
- ▶ Keyword Arguments

Summarize what you've just learned about the usage and the differences of these parameters.

-Write in two sentences.



Students, write your response!



# Positional Arguments (review)

- When calling a function with **positional arguments**, they **must** be passed **in order from left to right**.

```
1 def pos_args(a, b):  
2     print(a, 'is the first argument')  
3     print(b, 'is the second argument')  
4  
5 pos_args(3,4)  
6 print()  
7 pos_args(4,3)
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```
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2 4 is the second argument  
3  
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5 3 is the second argument  
6
```

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```

```
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2 second is the second argument
3
4 second is the first argument
5 first is the second argument
6
```

# Positional Arguments



## ▶ Task :

- ▶ Define a function named **texter** to print the following output in accordance with input .

```
a = "i"  
b = "love"  
c = "you"
```

```
texter(c, a, b)
```

## Output

```
i love you
```

# Positional Arguments

- ▶ The function definition can be like :

```
1 def texter(text1, text2, text3):  
2     print(f"{text2} {text3} {text1}")  
3  
4  
5
```

# Keyword Arguments (review)

- ▶ If you do not want to allow the sequences/positions of the arguments to restrict you when you call a function, you can also call these arguments by keywords.
- ▶ Commonly and traditionally, **kwargs** is used as an abbreviation of **keyword arguments**.

The formula syntax is : **kwargs=values**.

# Keyword Arguments (review)



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```
1 Your first name is : Guido
2 Your last name is : van Rossum
3
```

# Keyword Arguments

## ▶ Task :

- ▷ Call the `texter` function using keyword arguments in order to get the same output as the previous one.

```
1 def texter(text1, text2, text3):  
2     print(f"{text2} {text3} {text1}")  
3  
4  
5
```



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# Keyword Arguments

- ▶ The calling syntax can be like :

```
1 def texter(text1, text2, text3):  
2     print(f"{text2} {text3} {text1}")  
3  
4 texter(text1="you", text2="i", text3="love")  
5 texter(text2="i", text3="love", text1="you")  
6 |
```

kwargs saves us from positional restrictions.

## Output

```
i love you  
i love you
```

# Keyword Arguments (review)



- Let's call the `parrot` function in several ways below one by one:

```
1 def parrot(voltage, state='a stiff', action='voom', type='Norwegian Blue'):  
2     print("-- This parrot wouldn't", action, end=' ')  
3     print("if you put", voltage, "volts through it.")  
4     print("-- Lovely plumage, the", type)  
5     print("-- It's", state, "!")  
6
```

1	parrot(1000) argument	# 1 positional
2	parrot(voltage=1000)	# 1 keyword argument
3	parrot(voltage=1000000, action='Vooooooooom')	# 2 keyword arguments
4	parrot(action='Vooooooooom', voltage=1000000)	# 2 keyword arguments
5	parrot('a million', 'bereft of life', 'jump') arguments	# 3 positional
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## Output

```
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-- It's a stiff !
```

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Discuss in class! Try to figure out the output in your mind...



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8
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## Output

```
-- This parrot wouldn't V00000M if you put 1000000 volts through it.  
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```

## Output

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-- It's bereft of life !
```

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```

# Keyword Arguments (review)

- ▶ Considering the defined functions, all the following calls would be invalid:

```
1 parrot()                      # required argument missing
2 parrot(voltage=5.0, 'dead')    # non-keyword argument after a keyword argument
3 parrot(110, voltage=220)       # duplicate value for the same argument
4 parrot(actor='John Cleese')    # unknown keyword argument
5
```

- ▶ In a function call, **keyword arguments must** follow **positional arguments**.
- ▶ All the keyword arguments passed **must** match one of the arguments accepted by the function (e.g. **actor** is not a valid argument for the **parrot** function), and their **order is not important**.

# Keyword Arguments

- ▶ No argument may receive a value more than once.
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5
```

```
1 Traceback (most recent call last):  
2   File "code.py", line 4, in  
3     function(0, a=0)  
4   TypeError: function() got multiple values for argument 'a'
```



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# Arbitrary Number of Arguments

# Default Arguments

- When calling a function defined by parameters with default values, there is no obligation to pass any arguments into the function.
- Let's see how it works in an example :

```
1 def city(capital, continent='Europe'):  
2     print(capital, 'in', continent)  
3  
4 city('Athens') # we don't have to pass any arguments into 'continent'  
5 city('Ulaanbaatar', continent='Asia') # we can change the default value by kwargs  
6 city('Cape Town', 'Africa') # we can change the default value by positional args.
```

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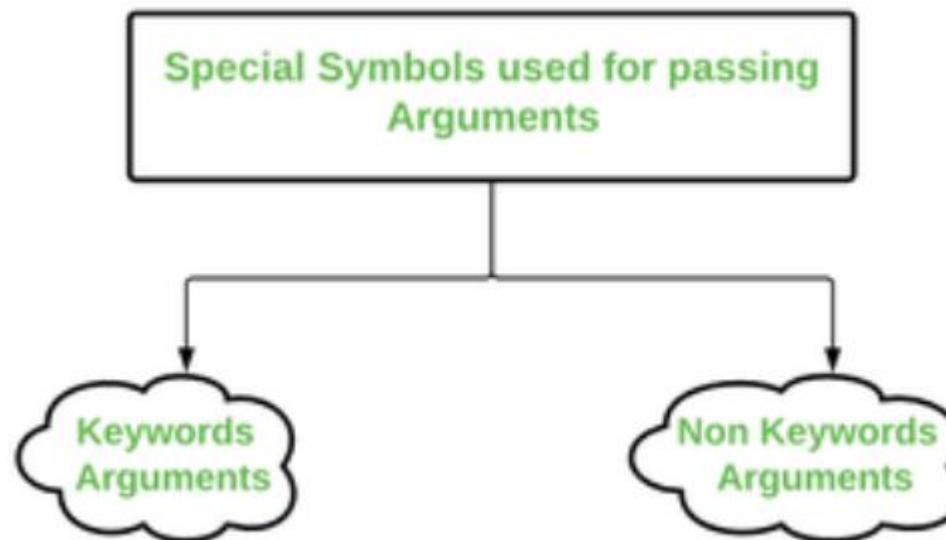
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```

```
1 Athens in Europe
2 Ulaanbaatar in Asia
3 Cape Town in Africa
4
```

# \*args and \*\*kwargs (review)

- In Python, we can pass a variable number of arguments to a function using special symbols.



# \*args and \*\*kwargs (review)

- ▶ *Special Symbols Used for passing arguments:*
- ▶
- ▶ 1.) *\*args (Non-Keyword Arguments)*
- ▶ 2.) *\*\*kwargs (Keyword Arguments)*



# \*args and \*\*kwargs

- ▶ The logic of \*args and \*\*kwargs

```
def name(*args)
```

name(multiple arguments)

```
def name(**kwargs )
```

name(multiple key=value arguments)

# \*args and \*\*kwargs (review)

The formula syntax is : \*args

- ▶ Normally, these **variadic** arguments will be last in the list of formal parameters because they scoop up all remaining input arguments that are passed into the function.
- ▶ Any formal parameters which occur after the **\*args** parameter are '**keyword-only**' arguments, meaning that they can only be used as keywords rather than positional arguments.

# \*args and \*\*kwargs (review)

- ▶ For example, let's define a function which takes two kinds of fruit and prints them.

```
1 def fruiterer(fruit1, fruit2) :  
2     print('I want to get', fruit1, 'and', fruit2)  
3  
4 fruiterer('orange', 'banana')  
5
```

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```

```
1 I want to get orange and banana
```

# \*args and \*\*kwargs (review)

- What if the user wants to get more than two kinds of fruit? Since we don't know how many kinds of fruit each user will enter, using '**arbitrary numbers of arguments**' is the most intelligent method. Consider the following example :

```
1 def fruiterer(*fruit) :  
2     print('I want to get :')  
3     for i in fruit :  
4         print('-', i)  
5  
6 fruiterer('orange', 'banana', 'melon', 'ananas')  
7
```

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```
1 I want to get :  
2 - orange  
3 - banana  
4 - melon  
5 - ananas
```

# \*args and \*\*kwargs



## ▶ Task :

- ▷ Define a function named `slicer` to collect even numbers into the list `evens`, odd numbers into the list `odds` from the given numbers by using `*args`.

```
1 | 
2 | slicer(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)
3 | 
```

## Output

```
even list : [2, 4, 6, 8]
odd list : [1, 3, 5, 7, 9]
```



# \*args and \*\*kwargs

- ▶ The defining of that function can be like :

```
1 def slicer(*num) :  
2     evens = []  
3     odds = []  
4     for i in num :  
5         if i%2 == 0 :  
6             evens.append(i)  
7         else :  
8             odds.append(i)  
9     print("even list : ", evens)  
10    print("odd list : ", odds)
```

# \*args and \*\*kwargs (review)

- ▶ As you can see above, we passed a list of fruits (arguments) into one parameter (**fruit**). Isn't it very useful?
- ▶ If you need to prefer to use arbitrary keyword arguments (\*\*kwargs), you can use it in the same way.

The formula syntax is : **\*\*kwargs**

the **\*\*kwargs** works in accordance with the format of the **dicts**





# \*args and \*\*kwargs (review)

- You can examine the following example :

```
1 def animals(**kwargs):  
2     for key, value in kwargs.items():  
3         print(value, "are", key)  
4  
5 animals(Carnivores="Lions", Omnivores="Bears", Herbivores  
       ="Deers", Nomnivores="Human")  
6
```

-Pay attention to  
the **key-value** pairs

What is the output? Try to  
figure out in your mind...





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```
1 Lions are Carnivores  
2 Bears are Omnivores  
3 Deers are Herbivores  
4 Human are Nomnivores  
5
```

# \*args and \*\*kwargs

## ▶ Task :

- ▷ Define a function named `organizer` to collect the given names into the `list names`, ages into the `list ages` by using `*kwargs`.

```
1
2 organizer(Beth=26, Oscar=42, Justin=18, Frank=33)
3
```

## Output

```
['Beth', 'Oscar', 'Justin', 'Frank']
[26, 42, 18, 33]
```



# \*args and \*\*kwargs

- ▶ The defining of that function can be like :

```
1 def organizer(**people):  
2     names = []  
3     ages = []  
4     for key, value in people.items():  
5         names.append(key)  
6         ages.append(value)  
7     print(names, ages, sep="\n")  
8
```

# \*args and \*\*kwargs (review)

- ▶ As you can see in the example, in this type of argument (**\*\*kwargs**), we can determine the number of the arguments and their assigned value pairs by ourselves.
- ▶ In the next call of this function, we can use different arguments both in number and value from the above argument pairs.



## Tips:

- Traditionally, people in the world of computer programming use **\*args** for the arbitrary number of positional arguments and **\*\*kwargs** for the arbitrary number of keyword arguments.

# \*args and \*\*kwargs (review)

- ▶ When **calling a function** defined by multiple positional parameters, using `*arg` syntax in parentheses, we can pass all arguments into the function with a single variable.
- ▶ Likewise; When **calling a function** defined by multiple keyword arguments, using `**kwargs` syntax in parentheses, we can pass all arguments which are in a dictionary form into the function with a single variable.

# \*args and \*\*kwargs

- ▶ This time it is used `reverse` but it **works** as the **same** logic.

```
def name(multiple parameters)
```

```
    name(*variable)
```

```
def name(multiple parameters)
```

```
    name(**variable)
```



# \*args and \*\*kwargs (review)

- Carefully examine the following examples :

```
1 def brothers(bro1, bro2, bro3):  
2     print('Here are the names of brothers :')  
3     print(bro1, bro2, bro3, sep='\n')  
4  
5 family = ['tom', 'sue', 'tim']  
6 brothers(*family)  
7
```

Calling a function  
using \*args

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```
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2 tom  
3 sue  
4 tim  
5
```

# \*args and \*\*kwargs

## ► Task :

- ▷ Define a function named `merger` to print the following output from the given tuple `genius`.
- ▷ Call the function using variable `genius` as `*args`.

```
genius = ('Bill', 'Rossum', 'Guido van', "Gates")
```

## Output

```
For me, Bill Gates and Guido van Rossum are geniuses
```



# \*args and \*\*kwargs

- ▶ The defined function and calling it can look like :

```
1 def merger(arg1, arg2, arg3, arg4):  
2     print(f"For me, {arg1} {arg4} and {arg3} {arg2} are geniuses.")  
3  
4 genius = ('Bill', 'Rossum', 'Guido van', "Gates")  
5  
6 merger(*genius)  
7
```



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4  
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-Calling a function using  
\*\* kwargs

-Pay attention to the  
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What is the output? Try to  
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3
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# \*args and \*\*kwargs



## ▶ Task :

- ▷ Create a dictionary named `friends` with the names (as keys) and ages (as values) of your three friends.
- ▷ Define a function named `meaner` to prints the average of your friends ages.
- ▷ Call the function using variable `friends` as `**kwargs`.



# \*args and \*\*kwargs

- ▶ The defined function and calling it can look like :

```
1 def meaner(Alfred, Joseph, Eric):  
2     avg = (Alfred + Joseph + Eric) / 3  
3     print("The average of their ages is :", avg)  
4  
5 friends = {'Alfred': 44, 'Joseph': 39, 'Eric': 55}  
6  
7 meaner(**friends)
```

Output

```
The average of their ages is : 46.0
```



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3

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- ▶ According to the official related Python documents:  
By default, arguments may be passed to a Python function either by position or explicitly by keyword.

by position

by position  
or keyword

by keyword

```
def a_function(pos1, pos2, /, pos_or_kwd, *, kwd1, kwd2) :
```

Positional only

Positional or keyword

Keyword only

# Special Arguments



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03

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- To mark parameters as keyword-only, indicating the parameters must be passed by keyword argument, place an `*` in the arguments list just before the first keyword-only parameter.



# THANKS!

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