Functions

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Functions

- Nothing new!
- type()
- Piece of reusable code
- Solves particular task
- Call function instead of writing code yourself

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1.89
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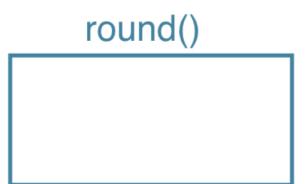
```
round(1.68, 1)
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help(round) # Open up documentation
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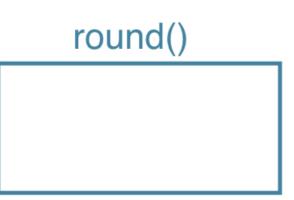


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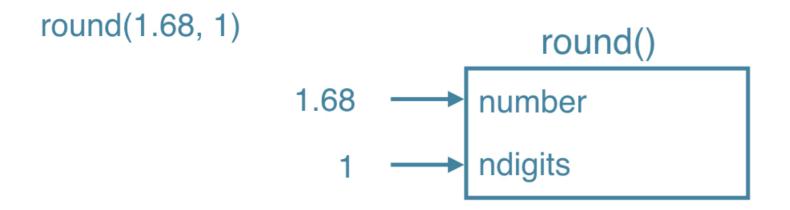




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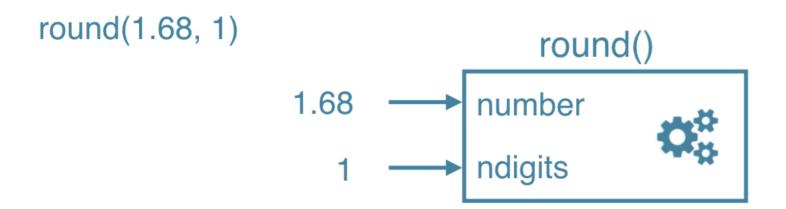
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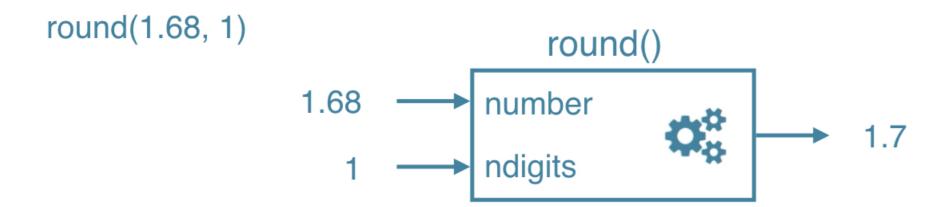




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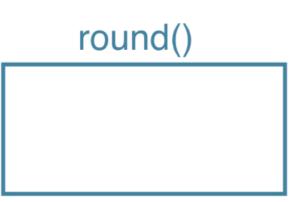
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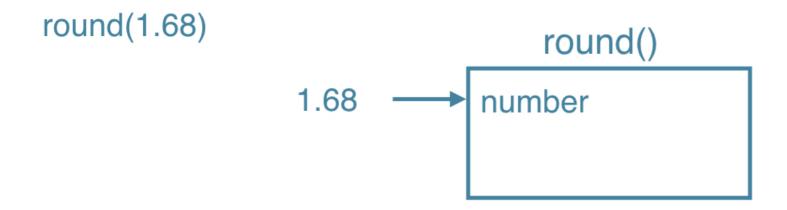
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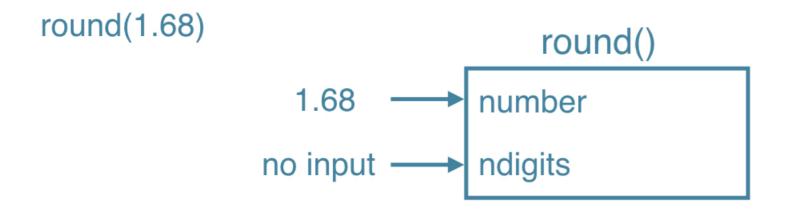




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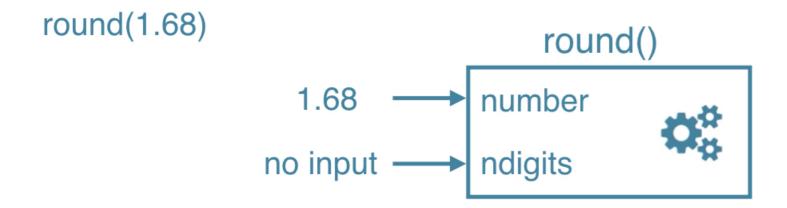




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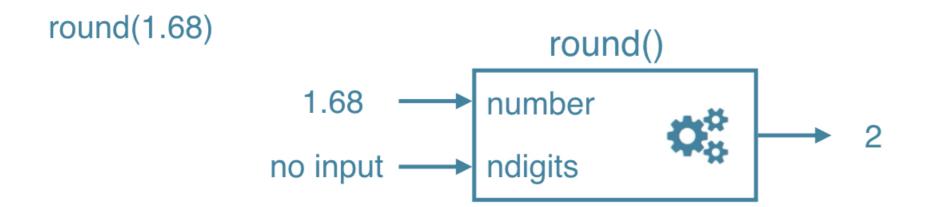




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- round(number)
- round(number, ndigits)

Find functions

- How to know?
- Standard task -> probably function exists!
- The internet is your friend

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Methods

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Built-in Functions

- Maximum of list: max()
- Length of list or string: len()
- Get index in list:?
- Reversing a list:?

Back 2 Basics

```
sister = "liz"
```

Object

Object

$$height = 1.73$$

Object

Back 2 Basics

 Methods: Functions that belong to objects

Back 2 Basics

```
examples of
                                                     type
                                                             methods
                                             Object
                                                     str
                                                             capitalize()
sister = "liz"
                                                             replace()
                                             Object
                                                     float
                                                             bit_length()
height = 1.73
                                                             conjugate()
fam = ["liz", 1.73, "emma", 1.68
                                             Object
                                                     list
                                                             index()
                                                             count()
        "mom", 1.71, "dad", 1.89]
```

 Methods: Functions that belong to objects

list methods

```
fam
['liz', 1.73, 'emma', 1.68, 'mom', 1.71, 'dad', 1.89]
fam.index("mom") # "Call method index() on fam"
fam.count(1.73)
```

str methods

```
sister
'liz'
sister.capitalize()
'Liz'
sister.replace("z", "sa")
'lisa'
```

Methods

- Everything = object
- Object have methods associated, depending on type

```
sister.replace("z", "sa")
'lisa'
```

```
fam.replace("mom", "mommy")
```

AttributeError: 'list' object has no attribute 'replace'

Methods

```
sister.index("z")

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fam.index("mom")
```

Methods (2)

```
fam
['liz', 1.73, 'emma', 1.68, 'mom', 1.71, 'dad', 1.89]
fam.append("me")
fam
['liz', 1.73, 'emma', 1.68, 'mom', 1.71, 'dad', 1.89, 'me']
fam.append(1.79)
fam
 'liz', 1.73, 'emma', 1.68, 'mom', 1.71, 'dad', 1.89, 'me', 1.79]
```



Summary

Functions

type(fam)

list

Methods: call functions on objects

fam.index("dad")

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Packages

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Motivation

- Functions and methods are powerful
- All code in Python distribution?
 - Huge code base: messy
 - Lots of code you won't use
 - Maintenance problem

Packages

- Directory of Python Scripts
- Each script = module
- Specify functions, methods, types
- Thousands of packages available
 - Numpy
 - Matplotlib
 - Scikit-learn

```
pkg/
mod1.py
mod2.py
```

Install package

- http://pip.readthedocs.org/en/stable/installing/
- Download get-pip.py
- Terminal:
 - o python3 get-pip.py
 - o pip3 install numpy

Import package

```
import numpy
array([1, 2, 3])

NameError: name 'array' is not defined

numpy.array([1, 2, 3])

from numpy import array
array([1, 2, 3])

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```

from numpy import array

my_script.py

```
from numpy import array
fam = ["liz", 1.73, "emma", 1.68,
    "mom", 1.71, "dad", 1.89]
fam_ext = fam + ["me", 1.79]
print(str(len(fam_ext)) + " elements in fam_ext")
np_fam = array(fam_ext)
```

Using Numpy, but not very clear

import numpy

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np_fam = np.array(fam_ext) # Clearly using Numpy
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