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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max()

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tallest = max(fam)
tallest
```

1.89



```
round(1.68, 1)
1.7
round(1.68)
help(round) # Open up documentation
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round()	





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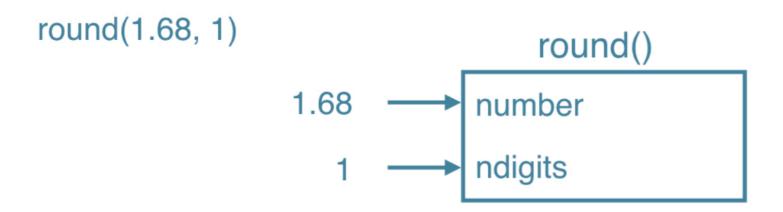
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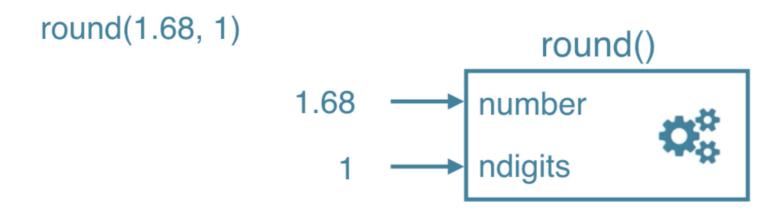
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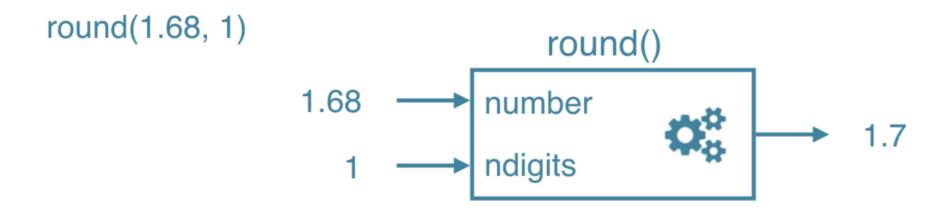
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round(1.68)

round()



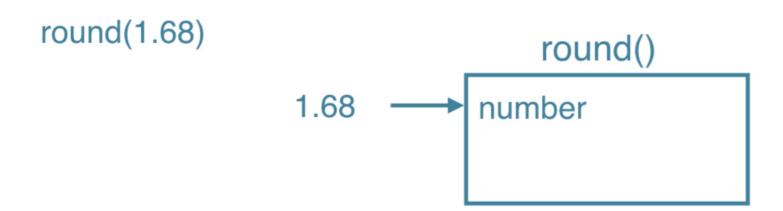
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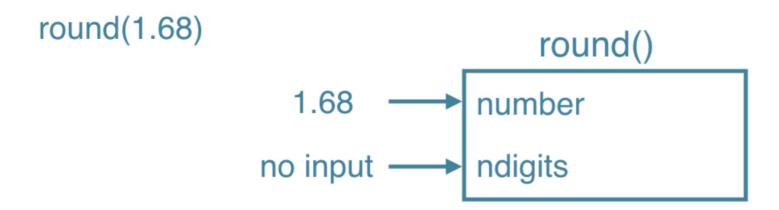
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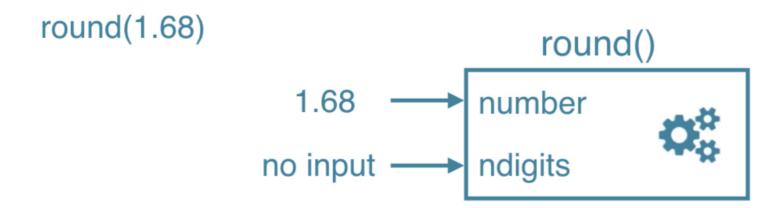
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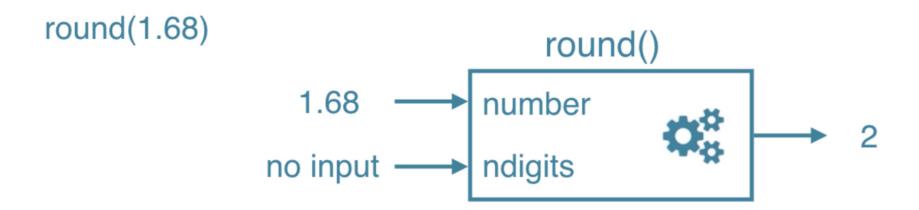
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round()

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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

height =
$$1.73$$

Object

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
                                                                index()
                                                        list
       "mom", 1.71, "dad", 1.89]
                                                                count()
```

 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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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

- https://pip.pypa.io/en/stable/installation/
- 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

array([1, 2, 3])

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

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

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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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import numpy as np
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    "mom", 1.71, "dad", 1.89]
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print(str(len(fam_ext)) + " elements in fam_ext")
np_fam = np.array(fam_ext) # Clearly using NumPy
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