



# Python Programming

Session 3: (Functions)



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# Defining and Using Functions

## Defining and Using Functions

Functions are blocks of reusable code that perform a specific task. They help organize code into smaller, manageable pieces and can be used multiple times throughout a program.

## Defining and Using Functions

### Basic Function Definition and Call

```
▶ def greet():
    print("Hello, world!")

greet()
→ Hello, world!
```

A function named `greet()` is defined with no parameters.  
When `greet()` is called, it prints "Hello, world!".

## Defining and Using Functions

### Function with Parameters

```
▶ def add(a, b):  
    return a + b  
  
    result = add(5, 3)  
print("Sum:", result)
```

→ Sum: 8

This function `add(a, b)` takes two parameters and returns their sum. Calling `add(5, 3)` results in 8 being printed.

## Defining and Using Functions

### Function with Default Parameter Values

```
▶ def greet(name="Guest"):
    print(f"Hello, {name}!")

greet("Alice")
greet()
```

→ Hello, Alice!
Hello, Guest!

The function `greet(name="Guest")` has a default parameter value. If no argument is provided, it defaults to "Guest".

## Defining and Using Functions

### Function Returning Multiple Values

```
▶ def divide(a, b):
    quotient = a // b
    remainder = a % b
    return quotient, remainder

q, r = divide(10, 3)
print("Quotient:", q)
print("Remainder:", r)
```

```
→ Quotient: 3
      Remainder: 1
```

The `divide(a, b)` function returns both the quotient and remainder. These values are unpacked into `q` and `r`.

## Defining and Using Functions

### Using Docstrings for Function Documentation

```
▶ def multiply(a, b):
    """
    Multiplies two numbers and returns the result.
    """
    return a * b

print(multiply(4, 5))
print(multiply.__doc__)
```

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Multiplies two numbers and returns the result.

This function `multiply(a, b)` includes a docstring to describe what the function does. The `__doc__` attribute prints the docstring.



# Advanced Function Concepts

## Lambda Functions

Lambda functions are small, anonymous functions defined using the `lambda` keyword. They are used for short, simple operations.



## Lambda Functions

### Basic Lambda Function

```
▶ square = lambda x: x ** 2
   print(square(5))

→ 25
```

A lambda function is defined to square a number. The output is 25.



## Lambda Functions

### Lambda Function with Multiple Arguments

```
▶ multiply = lambda x, y: x * y  
      print(multiply(3, 4))
```

```
⇨ 12
```

This lambda function takes two arguments and multiplies them. The output is 12.



## Lambda Functions

### Using Lambda in map() Function

```
▶ numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
  squares = list(map(lambda x: x ** 2, numbers))
  print(squares)

→ [1, 4, 9, 16, 25]
```

The map() function applies the lambda function to each element of the list. The result is [1, 4, 9, 16, 25].



## Lambda Functions

### Using Lambda in filter() Function

```
▶ numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
even_numbers = list(filter(lambda x: x % 2 == 0, numbers))
print(even_numbers)
```

```
⇨ [2, 4, 6]
```

The filter() function uses the lambda to keep only even numbers. The output is [2, 4, 6].



## Recursive Functions

Recursive functions are functions that call themselves to solve a problem by breaking it down into smaller subproblems.



## Recursive Functions

### Calculating Factorial Using Recursion

```
▶ def factorial(n):
    if n == 0:
        return 1
    else:
        return n * factorial(n - 1)

print(factorial(5))
```

→ 120

The `factorial(n)` function calls itself with decremented values of `n`. It calculates  $5! = 5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1 = 120$ .



## Recursive Functions

### Fibonacci Sequence Using Recursion

```
▶ def fibonacci(n):
    if n <= 1:
        return n
    else:
        return fibonacci(n - 1) + fibonacci(n - 2)

print(fibonacci(6))
```

→ 8

This function calculates the Fibonacci number at position n by summing the previous two Fibonacci numbers. The output is 8.

## Higher-Order Functions

Higher-order functions are functions that can take other functions as arguments or return them as results.



## Higher-Order Functions

### Using a Function as an Argument

```
▶ def apply_operation(a, b, operation):
    return operation(a, b)

    def add(x, y):
        return x + y

    print(apply_operation(5, 3, add))
```

```
→ 8
```

The `apply_operation(a, b, operation)` function takes another function (`add`) as an argument and applies it. The output is 8.



## Higher-Order Functions

### Returning a Function from Another Function

```
▶ def outer_function(message):
    def inner_function():
        print(message)
    return inner_function

greet = outer_function("Hello!")
greet()
```

→ Hello!

The outer\_function() returns an inner\_function that prints a message. When greet() is called, it prints "Hello!".



# Practical Examples



## Calculating Average of Numbers Using Functions

### Calculating Average of Numbers Using Functions

```
▶ def calculate_average(numbers):
    return sum(numbers) / len(numbers)

numbers = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]
print("Average:", calculate_average(numbers))

→ Average: 30.0
```

This function calculates the average of a list of numbers. The output is 30.0.

## Calculating Average of Numbers Using Functions

### Finding the Longest Word in a List

```
▶ def find_longest_word(words):
    longest = ""
    for word in words:
        if len(word) > len(longest):
            longest = word
    return longest

words = ["apple", "banana", "cherry", "date"]
print("Longest word:", find_longest_word(words))
```

➡ Longest word: banana

This function iterates over a list of words and returns the longest one. The output is "banana".

## Calculating Average of Numbers Using Functions

### Checking if a Number is Prime

```
▶ def is_prime(n):
    if n < 2:
        return False
    for i in range(2, int(n ** 0.5) + 1):
        if n % i == 0:
            return False
    return True

print("Is 17 prime?", is_prime(17))
```

→ Is 17 prime? True

The `is_prime(n)` function checks if a number is prime by testing divisibility up to its square root. The output is `True`.

## Calculating Average of Numbers Using Functions

### Converting Temperature Units

```
▶ def celsius_to_fahrenheit(celsius):
    return (celsius * 9/5) + 32

def fahrenheit_to_celsius(fahrenheit):
    return (fahrenheit - 32) * 5/9

print("25°C to Fahrenheit:", celsius_to_fahrenheit(25))
print("77°F to Celsius:", fahrenheit_to_celsius(77))
```

```
→ 25°C to Fahrenheit: 77.0
77°F to Celsius: 25.0
```

Two functions convert temperatures between Celsius and Fahrenheit. The output is 77.0 and 25.0.

## Calculating Average of Numbers Using Functions

### Generating a List of Squares Using List Comprehension and Functions

```
▶ def square_list(numbers):
    return [x ** 2 for x in numbers]

numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
print("List of squares:", square_list(numbers))

→ List of squares: [1, 4, 9, 16, 25]
```

The function `square_list(numbers)` uses list comprehension to generate a list of squares for the given input list. It iterates over each number, squares it, and creates a new list with these squared values. The output is `[1, 4, 9, 16, 25]`.

## Calculating Average of Numbers Using Functions

### Converting a List of Strings to Uppercase

```
▶ def convert_to_uppercase(words):
    return [word.upper() for word in words]

words = ["hello", "world", "python", "functions"]
print("Uppercase words:", convert_to_uppercase(words))
```

→ Uppercase words: ['HELLO', 'WORLD', 'PYTHON', 'FUNCTIONS']

The function `convert_to_uppercase(words)` uses list comprehension to iterate over each word in the input list, converting each word to uppercase. The output is `['HELLO', 'WORLD', 'PYTHON', 'FUNCTIONS']`.

## Calculating Average of Numbers Using Functions

### Calculating the Total Price Including Tax

```
▶ def calculate_total_price(prices, tax_rate):
    total = sum(prices)
    total_with_tax = total * (1 + tax_rate)
    return total_with_tax

prices = [100, 200, 300]
tax_rate = 0.1
print("Total price with tax:", calculate_total_price(prices, tax_rate))
```

⇒ Total price with tax: 660.0

The function `calculate_total_price(prices, tax_rate)` calculates the total price of items in the list and then applies the tax rate. The output is 660.0.

## Calculating Average of Numbers Using Functions

### Finding the Minimum and Maximum Values in a List

```
▶ def find_min_max(numbers):
    return min(numbers), max(numbers)

numbers = [3, 7, 2, 9, 4]
min_value, max_value = find_min_max(numbers)
print("Minimum value:", min_value)
print("Maximum value:", max_value)

→ Minimum value: 2
    Maximum value: 9
```

The function `find_min_max(numbers)` uses the built-in `min()` and `max()` functions to find the smallest and largest numbers in the input list. The output is 2 (minimum) and 9 (maximum).

## Calculating Average of Numbers Using Functions

### Checking if a String is a Valid Email Address

```
▶ def is_valid_email(email):
    return "@" in email and "." in email.split("@")[-1]

email = "example@example.com"
print("Is valid email:", is_valid_email(email))
```

```
⇨ Is valid email: True
```

The function `is_valid_email(email)` checks if a given string contains "@" and a ":" after the "@", which are basic checks for a valid email format. The output is True.

## Calculating Average of Numbers Using Functions

### Counting the Frequency of Each Character in a String

```
▶ def count_character_frequency(text):
    frequency = {}
    for char in text:
        if char in frequency:
            frequency[char] += 1
        else:
            frequency[char] = 1
    return frequency

text = "hello world"
print("Character frequency:", count_character_frequency(text))

⇨ Character frequency: {'h': 1, 'e': 1, 'l': 3, 'o': 2, ' ': 1, 'w': 1, 'r': 1, 'd': 1}
```

The function `count_character_frequency(text)` counts the occurrences of each character in the input string and returns a dictionary with characters as keys and their frequencies as values. The output is `{'h': 1, 'e': 1, 'l': 3, 'o': 2, ' ': 1, 'w': 1, 'r': 1, 'd': 1}`.