

```
def function_a():  
    print "Hello from A"  
    function_c(5)  
  
def function_b():  
    print "Hello from B"  
    function_a()  
  
def function_c(m):  
    if m < 2:  
        print "We're at C now"  
    else:  
        print "C is " + str(m) + " times cooler than B"  
  
def abc():  
    function_b()  
    print "Hello from xyz"  
    function_c(1)  
  
abc()
```

What is the return
value of abc()?

Today's lesson:

Variable scope!

(local + global)

Example #1

```
def cat_twice(part1, part2):  
    cat = part1 + part2  
    print cat  
    print cat  
  
line1 = 'February 2 '  
line2 = 'is Groundhog day.'  
  
cat_twice(line1, line2)
```

What is the return value of
`cat_twice(line1, line 2)`?

```
def cat_twice(part1, part2):  
    cat = part1 + part2  
    print cat  
    print cat
```

```
line1 = 'February 2 '  
line2 = 'is Groundhog day.'  
  
cat_twice(line1, line2)
```

```
February 2 is Groundhog day.  
February 2 is Groundhog day.
```

```
def cat_twice(part1, part2):  
    cat = part1 + part2  
    print cat  
    print cat
```

← Local variable

```
line1 = 'February 2 '  
line2 = 'is Groundhog day.'  
  
cat_twice(line1, line2)
```

When you create a variable inside a function, it is local.

```
def cat_twice(part1, part2):  
    cat = part1 + part2  
    print cat  
    print cat
```

← Local variable

```
line1 = 'February 2 '  
line2 = 'is Groundhog day.'  
  
cat_twice(line1, line2)
```

It does not exist
outside of this function.

```
def cat_twice(part1, part2):  
    cat = part1 + part2  
    print cat  
    print cat
```

```
line1 = 'February 2 '  
line2 = 'is Groundhog day.'
```

```
cat_twice(line1, line2)
```

```
print cat
```



```
print cat
```

```
NameError: name 'cat' is not defined
```



We can't print it because it is a **local variable**. It only exists in **cat_twice()**.

```
def cat_twice(part1, part2):  
    cat = part1 + part2  
    print cat  
    print cat
```

```
line1 = 'February 2 '  
line2 = 'is Groundhog day.'  
  
cat_twice(line1, line2)
```

← Global
variable

We can print **line1** and **line2** because they are global variables. They live outside of `cat_twice()`.

Example #2

```
global_var = 'ground'
def example():
    local_var = 'hog'
    print global_var
    print local_var

example()
print global_var
print local_var # this gives an error
```

```
ground
Traceback (most recent call last):
hog
  File "/Users/christinajenkins/PycharmProjects
ground
    print local_var # this gives an error
NameError: name 'local_var' is not defined
```



Your turn:

Finished with Breakfast?

Variable scope exercises online.

Not finished with Breakfast?

Breakfast.

Quiz on functions on Friday, February 6.

- Functions without parameters
- Functions with parameters
- Local and Global scope

Your turn!