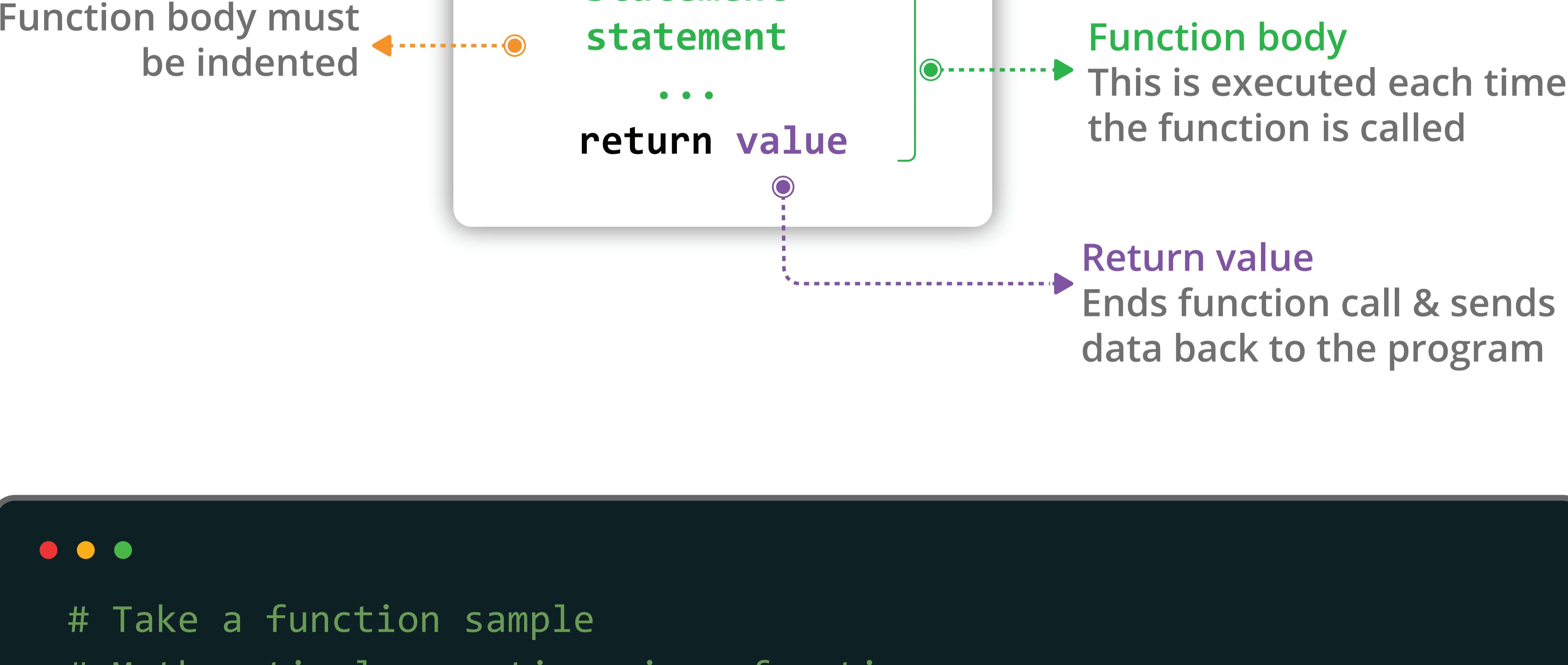


Functions in Python



- In Python, a function is a group of related statements that performs a specific task.
- Functions help break our program into smaller and modular chunks.
- As our program grows larger and larger, functions make it more organized and manageable.
- Furthermore, it avoids repetition and makes the code reusable.
- There are two types of functions :
- Pre-defined functions
- User defined functions
- In Python a function is defined using the def keyword followed by the function name and parentheses () .
- Keyword def that marks the start of the function header.
- A function name to uniquely identify the function.
- Function naming follows the same rules of writing identifiers in Python.
- Parameters (arguments) through which we pass values to a function. They are optional.
- A colon (:) to mark the end of the function header.
- Optional documentation string (docstring) to describe what the function does.
- One or more valid python statements that make up the function body.
- Statements must have the same indentation level (usually 4 spaces).
- An optional return statement to return a value from the function.



```

# Take a function sample
# Mathematical operations in a function
def process(x):
    y1 = x-8
    y2 = x+8
    y3 = x*8
    y4 = x/8
    y5 = x%8
    y6 = x//8
    print(f'If you make the above operations with {x}, the results
will be {y1}, {y2}, {y3}, {y4}, {y5}, {y6}.')
    return y1, y2, y3, y4, y5, y6
process(5)
  
```

If you make the above operations with 5, the results will be -3, 13, 40, 0.625, 5, 0. (-3, 13, 40, 0.625, 5, 0)

You can request help using `help()` function

```

help(process)

Help on function process in module __main__:
process(x)
    # Take a function sample
    # Mathematical operations in a function
  
```

Call the function again with the number 3.14

```

process(3.14)

If you make the above operations with 3.14, the results will be
-4.859999999999999, 11.14, 25.12, 0.3925, 3.14, 0.0.
(-4.859999999999999, 11.14, 25.12, 0.3925, 3.14, 0.0)
  
```

Functions with multiple parameters

```
•••  
# Define a function with multiple elements  
def mult(x, y):  
    z = 2*x + 5*y + 45  
    return z  
output = mult(3.14, 1.618) # You can yield the output by assigning  
to a variable  
print(output)  
print(mult(3.14, 1.618)) # You can obtain the result directly  
mult(3.14, 1.618) # This is also another version
```

59.370000000000005
59.370000000000005
59.370000000000005

```
•••  
# Call again the defined function with different arguments  
print(mult(25, 34))
```

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Variables

- The input to a function is called a formal parameter.
- A variable that is declared inside a function is called a local variable.
- The parameter only exists within the function (i.e. the point where the function starts and stops).
- A variable that is declared outside a function definition is a global variable, and its value is accessible and modifiable throughout the program.

```
•••  
# Define a function  
def function(x):  
    # Take a local variable  
    y = 3.14  
    z = 3*x + 1.618*y  
    print(f'If you make the above operations with {x}, the results  
will be {z}.')  
    return z  
with_golden_ratio = function(1.618)  
print(with_golden_ratio)
```

If you make the above operations with 1.618, the results will be 9.934520000000001.
9.934520000000001

```
•••  
# It starts the global variable  
a = 3.14  
# call function and return function  
y = function(a)  
print(y)
```

If you make the above operations with 3.14, the results will be 14.500520000000002.
14.500520000000002

```
•••  
# Enter a number directly as a parameter  
function(2.718)
```

If you make the above operations with 2.718, the results will be 13.23452.
13.23452

Without return statement, the function returns None

```
•••  
# Define a function with and without return statement  
def msg1():  
    print('Hello, Python!')  
def msg2():  
    print('Hello, World!')  
    return None  
msg1()  
msg2()
```

Hello, Python!
Hello, World!

```
•••  
# Printing the function after a call indicates a None is the default return statement.  
# See the following printings what functions returns are.  
print(msg1())  
print(msg2())
```

Hello, Python!
None
Hello, World!
None

Concatenation of two strings

```
● ● ●  
# Define a function  
def strings(x, y):  
    return x + y  
# Testing the function 'strings(x, y)'  
strings('Hello', ' ' 'Python')
```

'Hello Python'

Simplicity of functions

```
● ● ●  
# The following codes are not used again.  
x = 2.718  
y = 0.577  
equation = x*y + x+y - 37  
if equation>0:  
    equation = 6  
else:  
    equation = 37  
equation
```

37

```
● ● ●  
# The following codes are not used again.  
x = 0  
y = 0  
equation = x*y + x+y - 37  
if equation<0:  
    equation = 0  
else:  
    equation = 37  
equation
```

0

```
● ● ●  
# The following codes can be write as a function.  
def function(x, y):  
    equation = x*y + x+y - 37  
    if equation>0:  
        equation = 6  
    else:equation = 37  
    return equation  
x = 2.718  
y = 0.577  
function(x, y)
```

37

```
● ● ●  
# The following codes can be write as a function.  
def function(x, y):  
    equation = x*y + x+y - 37  
    if equation<0:  
        equation = 6  
    else:equation = 37  
    return equation  
x = 0  
y = 0  
function(x, y)
```

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Predefined functions like print(), sum(), len(), min(), max(), input()

```
● ● ●  
# print() is a built-in function  
special_numbers = [0.577, 2.718, 3.14, 1.618, 1729, 6, 28, 37]  
print(special_numbers)
```

[0.577, 2.718, 3.14, 1.618, 1729, 6, 28, 37]

```
● ● ●  
# The function sum() add all elements in a list or a tuple  
sum(special_numbers)
```

1808.053

```
● ● ●  
# The function len() gives us the length of the list or tuple  
len(special_numbers)
```

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Using conditions and loops in functions

```
•••  
# Define a function including conditions if/else  
def fermentation(microorganism, substrate, product, activity):  
    print(microorganism, substrate, product, activity)  
    if activity < 1000:  
        return f'The fermentation process was unsuccessful with the {product} activity of {activity} U/mL from {substrate}'  
    else:  
        return f'The fermentation process was successful with the {product} activity of {activity} U/mL from {substrate}'  
result1 = fermentation('Aspergillus niger', 'molasses', 'inulinase', 1800)  
print(result1)  
print()  
result2 = fermentation('Aspergillus niger', 'molasses', 'inulinase', 785)  
print(result2)
```

Aspergillus niger molasses inulinase 1800
The fermentation process was successful with the inulinase activity of 1800 U/mL from molasses

Aspergillus niger molasses inulinase 785
The fermentation process was unsuccessful with the inulinase activity of 785 U/mL from molasses

```
•••  
# Define a function using the loop 'for'  
def fermentation(content):  
    for parameters in content:  
        print(parameters)  
content = ['Stirred-tank bioreactor', '30°C temperature', '200 rpm agitation speed', '1 vvm aeration', '1% (v/v) inoculum', 'pH control at 5.0']  
fermentation(content)`
```

Stirred-tank bioreactor
30°C temperature
200 rpm agitation speed
1 vvm aeration
1% (v/v) inoculum
pH control at 5.0

Adjusting default values of independent variables in functions

```
•••  
# Define a function adjusting the default value of the variable  
def rating_value(rating = 5.5):  
    if rating < 8:  
        return f'You should not watch this film with the rating value of {rating}'  
    else:  
        return f'You should watch this film with the rating value of {rating}'  
print(rating_value())  
print(rating_value(8.6))
```

You should not watch this film with the rating value of 5.5
You should watch this film with the rating value of 8.6

Global Variables

- Variables that are created outside of a function (as in all of the examples above) are known as global variables.

- Global variables can be used by everyone, both inside of functions and outside.

```
•••  
# Define a function for a global variable  
language = 'Python'  
def lang(language):  
    global_var = language  
    print(f'{language} is a program language.')  
lang(language)  
lang(global_var)
```

"""
The output gives a NameError, since all variables in the function are local variables,

so variable assignment is not persistent outside the function.

Python is a program language.

```
NameError Traceback (most recent call last)  
Input In [23], in <cell line: 7>()  
      5     print(f'{language} is a program language.')  
      6 lang(language)  
----> 7 lang(global_var)  
      9 """  
10 The output gives a NameError, since all variables in the function  
11 are local variables,  
12 so variable assignment is not persistent outside the function.  
13 """
```

NameError: name 'global_var' is not defined

```
● ● ●  
# Define a function for a global variable  
language = 'JavaScript'  
def lang(language):  
    global global_var  
    global_var = 'Python'  
    print(f'{language} is a programming language.')lang(language)  
lang(global_var)
```

JavaScript is a programming language.

Python is a programming language.

Variables in functions

- The scope of a variable is the part of the program to which that variable is accessible.
- Variables declared outside of all function definitions can be accessed from anywhere in the program.
- Consequently, such variables are said to have global scope and are known as global variables.

```
● ● ●  
process = 'Continuous fermentation'  
def fermentation(process_name):  
    if process_name == process:  
        return '0.5 g/L/h.'  
    else:  
        return '0.25 g/L/h.'  
print('The productivity in continuous fermentation is', fermentation('Continuous fermentation'))  
print('The productivity in batch fermentation is', fermentation('Batch fermentation'))  
print('Continuous fermentation has many advantages over batch fermentation.')  
print(f'My favourite process is {process}.')
```

The productivity in continuous fermentation is 0.5 g/L/h.

The productivity in batch fermentation is 0.25 g/L/h.

Continuous fermentation has many advantages over batch fermentation.

My favourite process is Continuous fermentation.

```
● ● ●  
# If the variable 'process' is deleted, it returns a NameError as follows  
del process  
# Since the variable 'process' is deleted, the following function is an example of local variable  
def fermentation(process_name):  
    process = 'Continuous fermentation'  
    if process_name == process:  
        return '0.5 g/L/h.'  
    else:  
        return '0.25 g/L/h.'  
print('The productivity in continuous fermentation is', fermentation('Continuous fermentation'))  
print('The productivity in batch fermentation is', fermentation('Batch fermentation'))  
print('Continuous fermentation has many advantages over batch fermentation.')  
print(f'My favourite process is {process}.')
```

The productivity in continuous fermentation is 0.5 g/L/h.

The productivity in batch fermentation is 0.25 g/L/h.

Continuous fermentation has many advantages over batch fermentation.

```
NameError Traceback (most recent call last)  
Input In [26], in <cell line: 13>()  
      11 print('The productivity in batch fermentation is', fermentation('Batch fermentation'))  
      12 print('Continuous fermentation has many advantages over batch fer-  
      13 print(f'My favourite process is {process}.')mentation.  
--->
```

```
      13 print(f'My favourite process is {process}.')  
  
NameError: name 'process' is not defined
```

```
● ● ●  
# When the global variable and local variable have the same name:  
process = 'Continuous fermentation'  
def fermentation(process_name):  
    process = 'Batch fermentation'  
    if process_name == process:  
        return '0.5 g/L/h.'  
    else:  
        return '0.25 g/L/h.'  
print('The productivity in continuous fermentation is', fermentation('Continuous fermentation'))  
print('The productivity in batch fermentation is', fermentation('Batch fermentation'))  
print(f'My favourite process is {process}.')
```

The productivity in continuous fermentation is 0.25 g/L/h.

The productivity in batch fermentation is 0.5 g/L/h.

My favourite process is Continuous fermentation.

(args) and/or (*args) and Functions

When the number of arguments are unknown for a function, then the arguments can be packed into a tuple or a dictionary

```
● ● ●  
# Define a function regarding a tuple example  
def function(*args):  
    print('Number of elements is', len(args))  
    for element in args:  
        print(element)  
function('Aspergillus niger', 'inulinase', 'batch', '1800 U/mL activity')  
print()  
function('Saccharomyces cerevisiae', 'ethanol', 'continuous', '45% yield', 'carob')
```

Number of elements is 4

Aspergillus niger

inulinase

batch

1800 U/mL activity

Number of elements is 5

Saccharomyces cerevisiae

ethanol

continuous

45% yield

Carob

```
● ● ●  
# Another example regarding 'args'  
def total(*args):  
    total = 0  
    for i in args:  
        total += i  
    return total  
print('The total of the numbers is', total(0.577, 2.718, 3.14,  
1.618, 1729, 6, 37))
```

The total of the numbers is 1780.053

```
● ● ●  
# Define a function regarding a dictionary example  
def function(**args):  
    for key in args:  
        print(key, ':', args[key])  
function(Microorganism='Aspergillus niger', Substrate='Molasses',  
Product='Inulinase', Fermentation_mode='Batch', Activity ='1800 U/ml')
```

Microorganism : Aspergillus niger

Substrate : Molasses

Product : Inulinase

Fermentation_mode : Batch

Activity : 1800 U/ml

```
● ● ●  
# Define a function regarding the addition of elements into a list  
def addition(nlist):  
    nlist.append(3.14)  
    nlist.append(1.618)  
    nlist.append(1729)  
    nlist.append(6)  
    nlist.append(37)  
    my_list= [0.577, 2.718]  
    addition(my_list)  
    print(my_list)  
    print(sum(my_list))  
    print(min(my_list))  
    print(max(my_list))  
    print(len(my_list))
```

[0.577, 2.718, 3.14, 1.618, 1729, 6, 37]

1780.053

0.577

1729

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Docstring in Functions

```
● ● ●  
# Define a function  
def addition(x, y):  
    """The following function returns the sum of two parameters."""  
    z = x+y  
    return z  
print(addition.__doc__)  
print(addition(3.14, 2.718))
```

The following function returns the sum of two parameters.

5.8580000000000005

Recursive functions

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```
# Calculating the factorial of a certain number.  
def factorial(number):  
    if number == 0:  
        return 1  
    else:  
        return number*factorial(number-1)  
print('The value is', factorial(6))
```

The value is 720

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```
# Define a function that gives the total of the first ten numbers  
def total_numbers(number, sum):  
    if number == 11:  
        return sum  
    else:  
        return total_numbers(number+1, sum+number)  
print('The total of first ten numbers is', total_numbers(1, 0))
```

The total of first ten numbers is 55

Nested functions

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```
# Define a function that add a number to another number  
def added_num(num1):  
    def incremented_num(num1):  
        num1 = num1 + 1  
        return num1  
    num2 = incremented_num(num1)  
    print(num1, '----->>', num2)  
added_num(25)
```

25 ----->> 26