# 6.6 Notable Built-In Functions in Python

When you install Python on your computer, you are also installing some of its **built-in functions.** This means you won't need to type their code every time you use them – these functions are already on your computer and can be applied directly.

| Function | Description |
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| **type()** | obtains the type of variable you use as an argument |
| **int()** | transforms its argument in an integer data type |
| **float()** | transforms its argument in a float data type |
| **str()** | transforms its argument in a string data type |
| **max()** | Returns the highest value from a sequence of numbers |
| **min()** | Returns the lowest value from a sequence of numbers |
| **abs()** | Allows you to obtain the absolute value of its argument |
| **sum()** | Calculates the sum of all the elements in a list designated as an argument |
| **round(x,y)** | returns the float of its argument (x), rounded to a specified number of digits (y) after the decimal point |
| **pow(x,y)** | returns x to the power of y |
| **len()** | returns the number of elements in an object |