# **Functions:**

- A function is a group of statements made to execute them more than once in a program. A function has a name.
- Functions can compute a result value and can have parameters that serves as function inputs which may differ each time when function is executed.
- Functions are used to reduce the size of code as it increases the code reusability and split a complex problem into multiple modules (functions) to improve manageability.
- Sequential codes are easy for small scale programs. It becomes harder to keep track of details when code size exceeds.

# Advantages:

- → Modularity
- → Abstraction
- → Code reusability

# Functions: Modularity, Abstraction & Reusability

## **Modularity**

Breaking program into smaller, self-contained parts

#### **Abstraction**

Hiding the complex details, showing only what is necessary

### **Code Reusability**

Using the same code multiple times without rewriting

- A function is a block of code which only runs when it is called.
- You can pass data, known as parameters, into a function.
- A function can or cannot return data as result.

# **Function Components:**

Function signature

**Function Name** 

Function Arguments (optional)

- Doc string
- Function Body
- Function return statement (optional)

## Syntax:

def function\_name(arguments):

doc string

body

return statement

```
def my function (fname, lname):
       function to print the first and last name
    11 11 11
   print(fname + ' ' + lname)
my function('Red', 'apple')
Red apple
my function('Green', 'chilli')
Green chilli
def my function(country = "Pakistan"):
    print ("I am from " + country)
my function()
I am from Pakistan
my function ("Karachi")
I am from Karachi
```

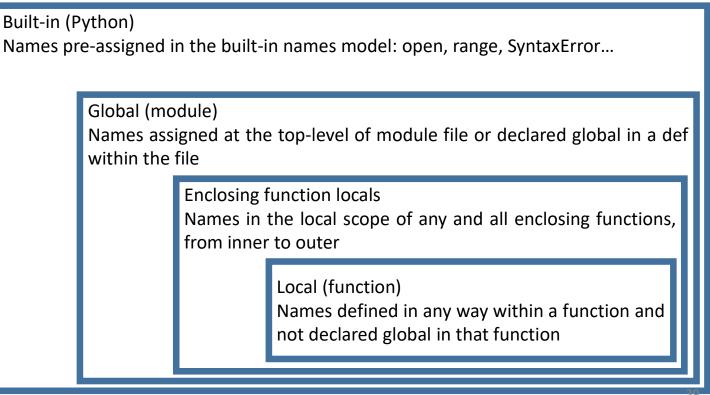
```
def circle(r):
    area = 3.14 * r **2
    circumference = 2 * 3.14 * r
    return area, circumference
circle(5)
(78.5, 31.4000000000000000)
x = 7
circle(x)
(153.86, 43.96)
r = 3
circle(r)
(28.26, 18.84)
result = circle(5)
print("area = ", result[0], "and circumference = ", result[1])
area = 78.5 and circumference = 31.4000000000000000
```

# Scope of Variables:

Scope of variable defines the region of program where a variable is recognized and accessible.

### **LEGB Rule:**

When Python looks for a variable, it search in this order: Local, then Enclosing, then Global and then Built-in. If variable is not found in these scopes, a *NameError* is raised.



### Local

```
def my function():
   local_var = 4
                      # THis is local variable
   print (local var)
my function()
Global
global var = 30
def modify global():
    global global var
    global var = 19
    print (global var)
print(global var)
30
modify_global()
19
print (global var)
```

## **Enclosing**

```
def outer_function():
    enclosing_var = 23
    def inner_function():
        print(enclosing_var)
    inner_function()

outer_function()
23
```

```
def outer():
   x = 5
    def inner():
       x = 3
       print("Inner x: ", x)
    print ("Outer x: ", x)
    inner()
x = 10
outer()
Outer x: 5
Inner x: 3
print("Global x:", x)
Global x: 10
```

```
def func(a,b,c):
    print(a, b, c)

# Positional mapping
func(1,2,3)
1 2 3

# keyword mapping
func(c=3, b=2, a=1)
1 2 3

# Hybird mapping
func(1, c=3, b=2)
1 2 3
```

# **Recursive Functions:**

- Python also excepts function recursion, which means a defined function can call itself.
- Recursion is a common mathematical and programming concept. It means that a function calls itself. This has the benefit of meaning that you can loop through data to reach a result.

# **Components of a recursive function:**

### Base Case:

- o Indicates the stopping condition
- o Could be more than one

### Recursive Call

- o Moves the execution towards the base case
- o Could be more than one