

# 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  
    """  
    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):  
    """  
        Returns the circumference of circle  
    """  
    return 2*3.14*r  
  
print(circle.__doc__)  
  
        Returns the circumference of circle  
  
circle(7)  
43.96  
x = 5  
circle(x)  
31.400000000000002
```

```
def circle(r):  
    area = 3.14 * r **2  
    circumference = 2 * 3.14 * r  
    return area, circumference
```

```
circle(5)  
(78.5, 31.400000000000002)
```

```
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 = 31.400000000000002
```

# 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.

### Built-in (Python)

Names pre-assigned in the built-in names model: open, range, SyntaxError...

### Global (module)

Names assigned at the top-level of module file or declared global in a def within the file

### Enclosing function locals

Names in the local scope of any and all enclosing functions, from inner to outer

### Local (function)

Names defined in any way within a function and not declared global in that function

## Local

```
def my_function():  
    local_var = 4          # This is local variable  
    print(local_var)
```

```
my_function()  
4
```

## 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)  
19
```

## 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:

- Indicates the stopping condition
- Could be more than one

#### Recursive Call

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

```
def factorial(n):  
    """  
        Compute the factorial of non-negative number using recursion  
    """  
    if n>0:  
        result = n * factorial(n-1)  
    else:  
        result = 1  
    return result  
  
factorial(5)  
120  
factorial(9)  
362880  
factorial(0)  
1  
,
```