



Function in Python



Introduction to Function

- Function is a group of statements that exists within a program for performing a specific task.
- A function accepts input arguments and produce an output by executing valid commands present in the function.
- Function name and file names need not be the same.
- Functions can be categorized into the following three types:
 - **>** Built-in
 - **≻**Modules
 - **>** User-defined





Why use function?

Create Linked List Display the linked list

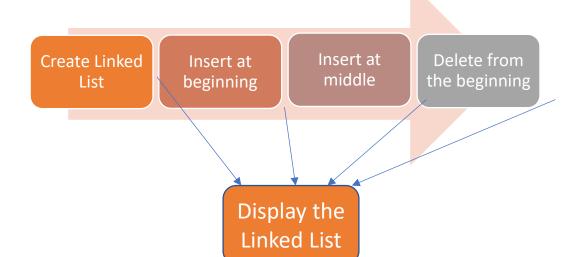
Insert at beginning

Display the linked list

Insert at middle

Display the linked list Delete from the beginning

Display the linked list





Built-in Functions

- Pre-defined functions are already available in Python
- It makes programming easier, faster and more powerful.
- Input functions
- Type conversion functions
- Eval function
- Abs function
- Round function
- Len function
- Type function



Modules

- A module is a file containing functions and variables
- It make easier to reuse the code.
- Commonly used modules are called libraries.

```
In [7]:
          1 import math
          2 | a = pow(5,3)
             print(a)
         125
In [8]:
             b=sqrt(24)
             print(b)
                                                     Traceback (most recent call last)
         <ipython-input-8-6f2e4c758ae9> in <module>
         ---> 1 b=sqrt(24)
               2 print(b)
         NameError: name 'sqrt' is not defined
In [9]:
             b=math.sqrt(24)
             print(b)
         4.898979485566356
```



User Defined Function

- A user defined function is created or defined by the def statement followed by function name.
- Function name is followed by a pair of parenthesis and a colon with the statements to be executed indented as a block.
- Syntax: def function name(parameters): Statements
- An optional return statement to return a value from the function.



Exercise

- Write a program to check whether a number even or odd.
- Write a program to check whether a number prime or not.
- Write a program to check whether the inputted year is leap year or not.



- Default values can be set for function parameters.
- Function can return multiple values.

```
In [26]:
             def example1():
                  return 10,20
In [27]:
           1 x,y=example1()
           2 print('x={} and y={}'.format(x,y))
         x=10 and y=20
In [28]:
             def example2():
                  a='Python'
                  b='Programming'
                  return [a,b]
In [29]:
           1 x,y=example2()
           print('x={} and y={}'.format(x,y))
         x=Python and y=Programming
```



def execute at runtime

- Function can be assigned to different name and can be called through the new name.
- Functions are just objects, they are recorded explicitly in memory at program execution time.
- Functions allow arbitrary attributes to be attached to record information for later use:

```
In [10]: 1 multiple.date='today'
2 print(multiple.date)

today
```

```
In [5]:
            def times(x,y):
                return x*y
In [6]:
           x=times(4,5)
            print(x)
        20
          1 x=times('Python',4)
In [7]:
          2 print(x)
        PythonPythonPython
In [8]:
            multiple=times
         2 a=multiple('Class',4)
           print(a)
        ClassClassClass
```



def execute at runtime

- The Python def is a true executable statement: when it runs, it creates a new function object and assigns it to a name.
- a def can appear anywhere a statement can—even nested in other statements.
- it's also completely legal to nest a function def inside an if statement to select between alternative definitions

```
In [13]: 1 flag=0
2 if flag:
    def show():
        print('This function defines for flag set')
5 else:
    def show():
        print('this is for flag reset')
8
9 show()
```

this is for flag reset

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Execution modes in Python

- Python code can be executed in two ways:
- 1. Can execute the Python file as a script using the command line.

 python filename.py
- 2. Can import the code from one Python file into another file or into the interactive interpreter

import filename

```
print('this is my python class')
print('the value __name__ is:',repr(__name__))
```

Executes the above code using two methods.



main function

- The Python interpreter executes scripts starting at the top of the file, and there is no specific function that Python automatically executes.
- having a defined starting point for the execution of a program is useful for understanding how a program works.

```
def main():
    print('This is Python Programming Class')
    print(repr(__name__))

'''

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main() '''

main()

>>>
==== RESTART: C:/Users/Tumpa/AppData/Local/Programs/Pyth
This is Python Programming Class
'__main__'
>>> |
```



Best Practice for Writing Code

- Put most code into a function or class.
- Use __name__ to control execution of your code.
- Create a function called main() to contain the code you want to run.
- Call other functions from main().



Python Scope

- Where a name is assigned in source code determines the namespace it will live in, and hence its scope of visibility.
- all names assigned inside a function are associated with that function's namespace.
- Names defined inside a def can only be seen by the code within that def. You cannot even refer to such names from outside the function.
- Names defined inside a def do not clash with variables outside the def, even if the same names are used elsewhere.
- If a variable is assigned outside all defs, it is global to the entire file.



Scope Rules

- The enclosing module is a global scope.
- Each call to a function creates a new local scope.
- Assigned names are local unless declared global or nonlocal.
- All other names are enclosing function locals, globals, or built-ins.



Name Resolution: The LEGB Rule

- Name references search at most four scopes: local, then enclosing functions (if any), then global, then built-in.
- Name assignments create or change local names by default.
- global and nonlocal declarations map assigned names to enclosing module and function scopes.



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```
x = 10
def fun1():
      {\tt global} \ {\tt x}
                                  test2.py - C:\Users\Tumpa\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python38\test2.py (3.8.6rc1)
      x = 20
                                  File Edit Format Run Options Window Help
      print(x)
                                  x = 10
fun1()
                                  def outer():
                                       x = 20
                                       def inner():
                                           nonlocal x
                                           x = 30
                                           print(x)
                                       inner()
                                       print(x)
                                  outer()
                                  print(x)
```