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# FUNCTION



# Overview

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- What is function?
- Definition & Calling of function
- Parameter passing
- return statement
- Dynamic data typing
- Scoping rule



# What is function?

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- Collection of statements
- Repeating execution
- Encapsulation
- Generating new operation
- Separation of code into logical unit
- Design of hierarchical programming



# Definition & calling of func

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- Definition

```
def funcName(parameterList):  
    statements  
    return returnValue
```

```
>>> def add(a,b):  
        return a+b
```

- Calling

```
>>> add  
<function add at XXXXXX>  
>>> c = add(1,2)  
>>> c  
3  
>>> d = add  
>>> d(4,5)  
9
```



# Parameter passing

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```
>>> def myFunc(p):
```

```
    r = 100
```

```
>>> a = 200
```

```
>>> myFunc(a)
```

```
>>> print a
```

```
200
```



# return statement

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```
>>> def doNothing():  
    return  
>>> doNothing()  
>>> a = doNothing()  
>>> print a  
None
```

```
>>> def doSimple():  
    pass  
>>> doSimple()  
>>> print doSimple()  
None  
>>>
```



# return statement (cont.)

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- Return one value

```
>>> def myAbs(x)
    if x < 0: return -x
    return x
```
- Return multiple values

```
>>> def mySwap(x,y):
    return y,x

>>> a = 100
>>> b = 200
>>> a, b = mySwap(a, b)
>>> x = mySwap(a, b)
```



# Dynamic data typing

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- Operation of object is defined at execution time
- Dynamically determined

```
>>> def myAdd(a, b):  
    return a+ b
```

```
>>> c = myAdd(1, 2.3)  
>>> d = myAdd('data', 'type')  
>>> e = myAdd(['operation of object'],  
               ['is determined', 'at execution time'])
```





# Scoping rule

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- name space
  - Space where names (variables, functions, classes, instances, and so on) are defined
- Types of name spaces
  - local
    - In function
  - Global
    - In module (i.e., file)
  - Built-in



# Scoping rule (cont.)

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- LGB rule

- Built-in  $c=5, d=6, e=7$
- Global  $b=3, c=4$
- Local  $a=1, b=2$



# Scoping rule (cont.)

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```
>>> d = 4
```

```
>>> def func(a, b):
```

```
    c = a + b
```

```
    print a, b, c, d, __builtins__
```

```
>>> func(1, 2)
```

```
1 2 3 4 <module '__builtin__' (built-in)>
```

```
>>> abs
```

```
<built-in function abs>
```



# Scoping rule (cont.)

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- Variable is created in the name space where it is defined

```
a = 100
```

```
b = 200
```

```
def myFunc(c):  
    d = c + 100  
    e = c + b  
    return e
```



# Scoping rule (cont.)

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- Problem occurs when global variables are used in local name space
  - UnboundLocalError

```
a = 100
```

```
def myFunc():  
    b = a  
    a = 200  
    return b
```

```
myFunc()
```



# Scoping rule (cont.)

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- Use global to resolve unboundLocalError

```
def myFunc():  
    global a  
    b = a  
    a = 200  
    return b
```

- How to list built-ins  
    >>> dir(\_\_builtins\_\_)



# Function parameter

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- Default parameter value
  - NOTE: default parameters should be positioned after non-default parameters

```
>>> def myIncrease(a, step=1):  
    return a + step
```

```
>>> b = 1
```

```
>>> b = myIncrease(b)
```

```
>>> c = myIncrease(b, 100)
```

```
>>> b, c
```



# Function parameter (cont.)

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- Keyword parameter
  - Passing through parameter name

```
>>> def myArea(height, width):  
        return height * width  
  
>>> a = area(width=100, height=200)  
>>> b = area(height='height ', width=3)  
>>> c = area(300, width=400)
```





# Function parameter (cont.)

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- Variable length parameter list
  - First, fixed parameters are passed
  - After then, variable length parameters are passed in a tuple

```
>>> def myVLP(a, *vlp):  
    print a, vlp
```

```
>>> myVLP(100)  
100 ()
```

```
>>> myVLP(100, 200)  
100 (200, )
```

```
>>> myVLP(100, 200, 300, 400, 500)  
100 (200, 300, 400, 500)
```



# Function parameter (cont.)

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- Variable length parameter

- For example, printf() in C  
printf("I've spent %d days and %d nights  
to do this.", 2, 1)

- Let's make printf() in Python

```
def printf(format, *args):  
    print format % args
```



# Function parameter (cont.)

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- Undefined keyword parameter
  - Should be positioned at the end of parameter list with \*\*

```
>>> def myUKP(width, height, **ukp):  
        print width, height  
        print ukp
```

```
>>> myUKP(width=100, height=200,  
depth=300, dimension=400)  
100 200  
{'depth': 300, 'dimension': 400}
```



# Function parameter (cont.)

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- Order of function parameters
  - First, usual parameters are passed in order
  - Second, variable length parameters are passed in tuple
  - Third, keyword parameters are passed in dictionary

```
>>> def myParameter(a, b, *vlp, **ukp)
        print a, b
        print vlp
        print ukp
```

```
>>> myParameter(100, 200, 300, 400, 500, c=600, d=700)
100 200
(300, 400, 500)
{'c':500, 'd':700}
```



# Function parameters (cont.)

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```
>>> def myFunc(a,b,c)
      print a, b, c
```

- Calling a function using tuple

```
>>> targs = (100, 200, 300)
>>> myFunc(*targs)
100 200 300
```

- Calling a function using dictionary

```
>>> dargs = {'a':100, 'b':200, 'c':300}
>>> myFunc(**dargs)
100 200 300
```

- Calling a function using both tuple and dictionary

```
>>> targs = (100, 200, 300)
>>> dargs = {'a':100, 'b':200, 'c':300}
>>> functionName(*targs, **dargs)
```