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Python Functions
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Functions in Python

A function is a set of statements that take inputs, do some specific computation and produces output.

The idea is to put some commonly or repeatedly done task together and make a function, so that instead of writing the same code again and again for different inputs, we can call the function.

Python provides built-in functions like print(),etc. but we can also create your own functions.

These functions are called user-defined functions.

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Defining a Function

You can define functions to provide the required functionality. Here are simple rules to define a function in Python.

- Function blocks begin with the keyword `def` followed by the function name and parentheses `(())`.

- Any input parameters or arguments should be placed within these parentheses. You can also define parameters inside these parentheses.

- The code block within every function starts with a colon `(:)` and is indented.

- The statement `return [expression]` exits a function, optionally passing back an expression to the caller. A return statement with no arguments is the same as `return None`.

Syntax

```
def functionname( parameters ):
    "function_docstring"
    function_suite
    return [expression]
```

By default, parameters have a positional behavior and you need to inform them in the same order that they were defined.
Example

The following function takes a string as input parameter and prints it on standard screen.

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# Function definition is here
def printme( str ):
    "This prints a passed string into this function"
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    print(str)
    return
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Calling a Function

Defining a function only gives it a name, specifies the parameters that are to be included in the function and structures the blocks of code.

Now you can call printme function

#Way 1

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s="Hello Function!"
printme(s)

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#Way 2

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printme("I'm first call to user defined function!")
printme("Again second call to the same function")

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A simple Python function to check

whether x is even or odd

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def evenOdd( x ):
    if (x % 2 == 0):
        print("even")
    else:
        print("odd")

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Driver code

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evenOdd(2)
evenOdd(3)

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Pass by Reference or pass by value?

One important thing to note is, in Python every variable name is a reference. When we pass a variable to a function, a new reference to the object is created.

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Here x is a new reference to same list lst

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def myFun(x):
    x[0] = 20

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Driver Code (Note that lst is modified

after function call.

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lst = [10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
myFun(lst);
print(lst)

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When we pass a reference and change the received reference to something else, the connection between passed and received parameter is broken. For example, consider below program.

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def myFun(x):

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    # After below line link of x with previous
    # object gets broken. A new object is assigned
    # to x.
    x = [20, 30, 40]

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    print("Inside myFun =",x)

# Driver Code (Note that lst is not modified
# after function call.
lst = [10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
print("Original Copy =",lst)
myFun(lst);
print("Outside myFun =",lst)

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Another example to demonstrate that reference link is broken
if we assign a new value (inside the function).
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def myFun(x):

    # After below line link of x with previous
    # object gets broken. A new object is assigned
    # to x.
    x = 20
    print("Inside myFun =",x)

# Driver Code (Note that lst is not modified
# after function call.
x = 10
print("Original Copy =",x)
myFun(x);
print("Inside myFun =",x)

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Exercise: Try to guess the output of following code.

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def swap(x, y):
    temp = x;
    x = y;
    y = temp;
    print("Inside Swap Function")
    print("x",x)
    print("y",y)

# Driver code
x = 2
y = 3
print("Original Copies x= ",x," y= ",y)

swap(x, y)
print("Outside Swap Function")
print("x",x)
print("y",y)

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Default arguments:
A default argument is a parameter that assumes a default value if a value is not provided in the function call for that argument. The following example illustrates Default arguments.

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# Python program to demonstrate
# default arguments
def myFun(x, y=50):
    print("x: ", x)

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    print("y: ", y)

# Driver code (We call myFun() with only
# argument)
myFun(10)

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Like C++ default arguments,
any number of arguments in a function
can have a default value.
But once we have a default argument,
all the arguments to its right must also have default values.
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def myFun(x, y=50):
    print("x: ", x)
    print("y: ", y)

myFun(10,20)

def myFun(x, y,z):
    print("x: ", x)
    print("y: ", y)
    print("z: ", z)

myFun(10,20,30)

def myFun(x, y,z=100):
    print("x: ", x)
    print("y: ", y)
    print("z: ", z)

myFun(10,20)

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Keyword arguments:
The idea is to allow caller to specify argument name
with values so that caller does not need to remember
order of parameters.
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# Python program to demonstrate Keyword Arguments
def student(firstname, lastname):
    print(firstname, lastname)

# Keyword arguments
student(firstname='Python', lastname='Programmar')
student(lastname='VIT', firstname='Scholar')

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Variable length arguments:
We can have both normal and keyword variable number of arguments.
Please see this for details.
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# Python program to illustrate
# *args for variable number of arguments
def myFun(*argv):
    for arg in argv:
        print (arg)

myFun('Hello', 'Welcome', 'to', 'VITPune')

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# Python program to illustrate
# *kwargs for variable number of keyword arguments
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def myFun(**kwargs):
    for key, value in kwargs.items():
        print ("%s == %s" %(key, value))
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# Driver code
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myFun(first='Geeks', mid='for', last='Geeks')
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Anonymous functions:

In Python, anonymous function means that a function is without a name.

As we already know that def keyword is used

to define the normal functions and

the lambda keyword is used to create anonymous functions.

Please see this for details.

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# Python code to illustrate cube of a number
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# using lambda function
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cube = lambda x: x*x*x
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print(cube(7))
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# Function definition is here
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sum = lambda arg1, arg2: arg1 + arg2;
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# Now you can call sum as a function
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print("Value of total : ", sum( 10, 20 ))
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print("Value of total : ", sum( 20, 20 ))
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The return Statement

The statement return [expression] exits a function, optionally passing back an expression to the caller.

A return statement with no arguments is the same as return None.

All the above examples are not returning any value.

You can return a value from a function as follows -

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# Function definition is here
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def sum( arg1, arg2 ):
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    # Add both the parameters and return them."
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    total = arg1 + arg2
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    print("Inside the function : ", total)
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    return total;
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# Now you can call sum function
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total = sum( 10, 20 );
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print("Outside the function : ", total)
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Scope of Variables

All variables in a program may not be accessible at all locations in that program.

This depends on where you have declared a variable.

The scope of a variable determines the portion of the program where you can access a particular identifier. There are two basic scopes of variables in Python -

- Global variables
- Local variables

Global vs. Local variables

Local variables defined inside a function body have a local scope, This means that local variables can be accessed only inside the function in which they are declared

Global variables defined outside of a function body have a global scope. global variables can be accessed throughout the program body by all functions.

When you call a function, the variables declared inside it are brought into scope. Following is a simple example -

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total = 0; # This is global variable.
# Function definition is here
def sum( arg1, arg2 ):
    # Add both the parameters and return them."
    total = arg1 + arg2; # Here total is local variable.
    print("Inside the function local total : ", total)
    return total;

# Now you can call sum function
sum( 10, 20 );
print("Outside the function global total : ", total)
print("Sum returned value = ",sum(50,40))
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