

# FUNCTIONS

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Functions:- A block of code that is linked to a well-designed task. Try to make it re-usable.

Need of Functions:-

- If we don't use functions, and perform same task multiple times, then our code becomes bulky/lengthy.
- Less readability of code.
- chances of bugs are high if we just copy-paste it multiple times.
- Less reusability.

Syntax:-

```
return type    function-name ( parameters )  
{  
    _____  
    _____ } body of function  
    _____  
}
```

Ex:- `int main ()`  
`{`

```
    _____  
    _____  
    _____  
    return 0;  
}
```

→ It represents the successful execution of our program executed by Operating System.

\* To access any function, we have to call it with its name and required parameters (if any).



Ex:-

(A)

```
int main()
```

{

(B) → function call

```
    printValue();
```

(F)

```
    return 0;
```

}

```
void printValue() {  
    (D) →  
    for (int i=0; i<3; i++)  
    {  
        cout << i;  
    }  
    (E) → after execution  
           of loop  
}
```

Flow of execution :-

(A) - Execution of main function begins.

(B) - Enters inside main and get a function call.

(C) - Reached at the function definition.

(D) - Enters inside 'printValue' function and executes the loop.

(E) - Completes the execution of 'printValue' and reached at the closing bracket.

Then flow of execution return back exactly below the function call.

(F) - Reached at return 0 and terminates the program.



## # Function declaration:-

- \* It will let to know about declaration of a function, when program gets executed by compiler.

Ex:- (i) void printMessage();

(ii) int addNumbers (int a, int b);

- Compiler have information about a function named 'addNumbers' with integer datatype which get two integer values as input parameters.

## # function definition:-

- \* It means we are defining a complete logic of a program inside curly brackets.

Ex:-

```
int addNumbers (int a, int b) {
```

```
    int sum = a + b;
```

```
    return sum;
```

```
}
```

} complete logic  
inside function body

## # function call:-

- \* It is mandatory to make a function call to execute the specific function and access its logic written inside.

Syntax:- functionName (arguments);

Ex:-

```
addNumbers (4, 6);
```

- \* In C++, we have to define the function before/above the function call, otherwise it produce error.

- \* If we want to define a function after/below the function call, then we must declare the function before/above the function call.



Ex:-

// function declaration

void printName();

int main() {

// function call

printName();

return 0;

}

// function definition

void printName() {

cout &lt;&lt; "My Name is Diti Tanwar";

}

## # Function Call Stack :-

↳ We get information about function like about its name, local variables, function parameters, which function called which other functions, what the value is returning from a function.

- \* Stack is a datastructure which follows LIFO ordering i.e (Last In First Out).
- \* Inside function call stack, first entry is of main function. Bcz its the entry point of a program.
- \* Whenever a function call appears, create its entry in the stack.
- \* When execution of any function is completed, remove its entry.



Ex:-

```

    (A)
    int main()
    {
        (B) cout << "inside main";
        (C) printA();
        cout << "Back in main"; (F)
        return 0; (G)
    }

    void printA() {
        cout << "inside A"; (D)
        cout << "going back to main"; (E)
    }
  
```

Output:-

inside main

inside A

going back to main

Back in main

printA()

Main()

Flow of execution:-

- (A) → Entry of main() is created in call stack.
- (B) → Execution starts & 'inside main' is printed.
- (C) → Function call appears, entry of printA() is created in stack.
- (D) → Reached at function definition & start execution & printed 'inside A' in output.
- (E) → Next statement executed & printed 'going back to main'.
- (F) → Execution of function completed & reached at closing bracket, so its time to remove 'printA()' from call stack. Flow of execution returned back to the parent function.
- (G) → Now, code below the function call will execute & print 'Back in main'. Received 'return 0', means main is successfully executed so, remove its entry from call stack.



★ \* If we want to use return keyword inside a void function, then we have to write return and do not send any data with it.

Ex:-

```
void messagePrint() {  
    cout << "Msg 1" << endl;  
    cout << "Msg 2" << endl;  
    return;  
}
```

⇒ Function which do not return any value, we can make them as void datatype.