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- C++ functions
- C++ Function Types
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C++ Functions

A function is a block of code that performs a specific task.

Suppose we need to create a program to create a circle & color it. We can create two functions to solve this problem.

- A function to draw the circle.
- A function to color the circle.

Dividing a complex problem into smaller chunks makes our problem easy to understand & feasible.

There are two types of function.

1. Standard Library function :
predefine in C++
2. User-define function:
created by users.

C++ User-define Function

C++ allows the programmer to define their own function.

A user-define function group code to perform a specific task & that group of code is given a name (identifier).

When the function is invoked from any part of the program, it will execute the codes define in the body of the function.

C++ function Declaration

The syntax of function declaration is

```
returntype functionName (parameter1, parameter2, ...)  
{  
    // function body  
}
```


Here, Example of function declaration.

```
void greet() {  
    cout << "Hello Teyas";  
}
```

- The name of function is `greet()`
- The return type of the function is `void`.
- The empty parameter means it doesn't any parameters.
- The function body is written inside `{}`.

Note:

Will learn about return type & parameters later.

Calling a function

In the above program, we have declared a function named `greet()`. To use the `greet()` function, we need to call it.

Call the above `greet` function.

```
int main() {  
    // Calling a function  
    greet  
}
```

We can pass a value parameter while calling the function.

```
int num;  
int n = 7;
```

```
// Calling the function  
// n is passed to the function as argument  
printNum(n);  
return 0;  
}
```

Quick Quiz:

Demonstrate the function with parameter.

Return statement

This means a function is not returning any value.

It's also possible to return a value from a function. For this, we need to specify the return type of the function during function declaration.

Then, the return statement can be used to return value.

For Example,

```
int add(int a, int b){  
    return (a+b);  
}
```

Here, we have data type int inside of void. This means that the function return an int value.

The code `return (a+b);` returns the sum of two parameters as the function value.

The `return` statement denotes that the function has ended. Any code after `return` inside the function is not executed.

Function prototype :

In C++ code, the function declaration should be ~~after~~ before the function call. However, if we want to define a function after the function call, we need to use the function prototype. for example.

```
void add(int, int);
```

```
ReturnType functionName (dataType1, dataType2);
```

C++ Library Function

Library function are the build-in-function in c++ programming.

programmers can use library function by invoking the functions directly; they don't need to write function themselves.

Some common library function in c++ function are `sqrt()`, `abs()`, `isdigit()`, etc.

In order to use library function, we usually need to include the header file in which these library function are defined.

for instance, in order to use mathematical function such as `sqrt()` & `abs()`, we need to include the header file `cmath`.

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C++ Function Types

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C++ User-defined function Types.

In this tutorial, you will learn about different approaches you can take to solve a single problem using function.

For better understanding of arguments & returns in functions, user-defined functions can be categorised as:

- Function with no argument & no return value.
- Function with no argument but return value.
- Function with argument but no return value.
- Function with arguments & return value.

Consider a situation in which you have to check the prime numbers. This problem is solved below by making user-defined function in 4 different ways as follows.