

Functions

A fn is a reusable code that performs a specific task.

Instead of writing the same code again & again, you put it inside a fn & call it whenever needed.

Why do we use functions?

- to avoid repeating code
- to reduce error & to reuse logic
- to make debugging easier.
- increase code reusability.

Types

Built-in - already present in python

eg: input(), print(), len(), etc.

User-Defined - fn which are created by programmer using def keyword.

lambda fn - anonymous, single line fns.

created with lambda keyword.

eg: `sq = lambda a: a*a`
`print(sq(5))`

eg: `add = lambda a, b: a+b`
`print(add(1, 2))`

Syntax: `lambda argument: expression`

parameter — variable in parenthesis inside fn definition
arguments — the actual value that is sent to fn when it is called.

Default parameter value.

if a fn called without an argument, it uses the default value.

eg: `def greet(name="munnai"):`

`print("hello", name)`

`greet()`

`greet("theertha")`

→ o/p hello munnai

hello theertha

keyword arguments (kwargs) (kwargs)

You can send arguments with key=value syntax.

eg: `def fn(name, animal):`

`print(name, "of my animal is ", animal)`

`fn(name="buddy", animal="cat")`

Positional args → when you call a fn with args without using keywords, they are called positional arguments.

eg: `def add(a,b):`

`return a+b`

`add(1,2)`

→ positional args must be in correct order.

Functions as Parameters.

in python fn is first class object

we can pass them to variable.

we can pass them as parameters to another fn.

we can return them from fns.

eg: `def square(x):`

`return x*x`

`def apply_fn(fn_name, num):`

`return fn_name(num)`

`apply_fn(square, 5)`