

Introduction to Coding

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What are Functions?

- Functions are used to organize code
- Functions are used to make code reusable
- Functions are used to make code easier to read

Defining Functions

- Functions are defined using the `def` keyword
- Functions can take arguments
- Functions can return values

```
def my_function(x):  
    return x
```

Calling Functions

- Functions are called using the function name
- Functions can be called with or without arguments
- Functions can be called multiple times

```
def my_function(x):  
    return x  
print(my_function(10))
```


Pseudocode

- Pseudocode is used to plan out code
- Pseudocode is used to break down complex problems
- Pseudocode is used to make code easier to write

```
# Pseudocode  
# Define a function that takes a list of numbers as  
    an argument  
# Iterate over the list of numbers  
# If the number is even, add it to a new list  
# Return the new list
```

Debugging

- Debugging is the process of finding and fixing errors in code
- Debugging is an important skill for programmers
- It may be frustrating to get an error message, but sometimes not getting one can be worse
- When we get an error message, we can use it to help us find the problem
- When the program runs without errors, but the output is not what we expect, have to use debugging techniques to find the problem

Read Error Messages

- Syntax Errors: Errors in the code structure
- Logic Errors: Errors in the code logic
- Runtime Errors: Errors that occur while the code is running

Rubber Duck Debugging

- Explaining the code to someone else
- Explaining the code to an inanimate object
- Explaining the code to yourself