Python Function Arguments

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- An argument is the **value that are sent to the function** when it is called.

```
def greet(name, msg):
    print("Hello", name + ', ' + msg)

greet("Anoop", "Good morning")
```

Output

```
Hello Anoop, Good morning
```

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- An argument is the **value that are sent to the function** when it is called.
- Four types of arguments:-
  - Positional Arguments
  - Default Arguments
  - Keyword Arguments
  - Arbitrary Arguments

Positional Arguments

- Positional arguments are the arguments passed to a function **in correct positional order**.
- Also called as **required arguments.**
- Here, the **number of arguments in the function call should match exactly with the function definition**.

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Output

```
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```

Default Arguments

- A default argument is an argument **that assumes a default value** if a **value is not provided in the function call** for that argument.

```
def greet(name, msg = 'Good morning'):
    print("Hello", name + ', ' + msg)

greet("Anoop")
greet("Amal", "How do you do?")
```

Output

```
Hello Anoop, Good morning
Hello Amal, How do you do?
```

Keyword Arguments

- Python allows functions to be called using keyword arguments.
- In this way, the **order (position) of the arguments can be changed**.

```
def greet(name, msg):
    print("Hello", name + ', ' + msg)

greet(msg = "Good morning", name = "Anoop")
```

Output

```
Hello Anoop, Good morning
```

Arbitrary Arguments

- Argument numbers are **unknown**.
- Precede the parameter with an **asterisk (*)**.

```
def greet(*names):
    # names is a tuple with arguments
    for name in names:
        print("Hello", name)

greet("Anoop", "Amal", "Anjali", "Akhil")
```

Output

```
Hello Anoop
Hello Amal
Hello Anjali
Hello Akhil
```