Intro to Computer Science

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Reinforcement Week 1

Outline

- Temperatures
- ► Don't Repeat Yourself (DRY)
- ► More About Types
- ► More About Functions

Previously

Idea: We can combine variables with values to calculate new values.

Temperature Calculator

Celsius to Fahrenheit

$$Y=(X\times\frac{9}{5})+32$$

And this equation has 2 variables:

```
given_temp_in_c # X
calc_temp_in_f # Y
```

```
given_temp_in_c = 0
# we want calc_temp_in_f to be 32
calc_temp_in_f = 32
```

Convert an Equation to Python

$$(X \times \frac{9}{5}) + 32$$

Which in code is:

```
given_temp_in_c * 9 / 5 + 32
```

Clarify Order of Operations

```
(given_temp_in_c * (9 / 5)) + 32
```

Assign to a Variable

Put it together in a program

```
given_temp_in_c = 100
calc_temp_in_f = given_temp_in_c * 9/5 + 32
print(given_temp_in_c, "C is ", calc_temp_in_f,"F")
```

Test Values

| С | F |
|------|------|
| 0 | 32 |
| 100 | 212 |
| 20 | 68 |
| -20 | -4 |
| -100 | -148 |
| | |



What's the Problem?

This is kinda difficult to calculate all these values. Running all three lines of code each time, by hand, is a pain, and wouldn't it be nice if there was a better way?

The Better Way

Don't Repeat Yourself

AKA D.R.Y.

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Functions

```
You've already seen us use a few functions!!

type(123456)

type("This is a string")

print("Hello world!")

print("My name is Andey")
```

Or even this one:

codio@stormeternal-cornereverest:~/workspace\$ python3 Python 3.6.9 (default, Apr 18 2020, 01:56:04)

[GCC 8.4.0] on linux

Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more :

>>> quit()

codio@stormeternal-cornereverest:~/workspace\$

- ▶ type(...) is the function to get the type of a value
- print(...) is the function to display a value in the terminal
- quit() is a function in the interpreter to leave the interpreter

Anatomy of a Function Call

How do we invoke (or call) a function?

- ▶ Write the function's name
- An open parenthesis '('
- ► Any arguments the function may take
- A closing parenthesis ')'

i.e. type (1.414)

What is an Argument?

An **argument** is a value that is given to a function.

```
# the argument is the string "Hello World"
print("Hello world")
# the argument is the float 1.732
type(1.732)
# this function takes no arguments
quit()
```

What do we want?

We want to be able to call a function with the celsius value and return the fahrenheit conversion.

```
# something like this
given_temp_in_c = 100
calc_temp_in_f = convert_c_to_f(given_temp_in_c)
print(given_temp_in_c, "C is ", calc_temp_in_f,"F")
```

The Problem

The problem with the code on the previous slide: python doesn't have a function called convert_c_to_f.

The good news, is we can create a function!

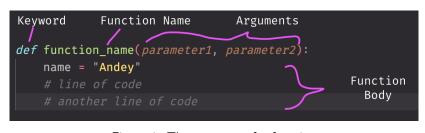


Figure 1: The anatomy of a function

- 1. The function begins with the keyword def
- 2. The name of the function comes next
- 3. Parentheses are placed
- 4. Provide the names of any arguments
- 5. End the line with a colon6. Indent the "body" of the function

```
def convert_c_to_f(temp_in_c):
    temp_in_f = temp_in_c * (9 / 5) + 32
```

What happens when we run our code?

```
# something like this
given_temp_in_c = 100
calc_temp_in_f = convert_c_to_f(given_temp_in_c)
print(given_temp_in_c, "C is ", calc_temp_in_f,"F")
100 C is None F
```

Why None?

After we call our function, the value of temp_in_f doesn't go anywhere! It only exists within our function.

This is something called *scope* and we will cover it in more detail in the future. For now, we just need to tell our code to return the value of temp_in_f to where we called our function.

```
def convert_c_to_f(temp_in_c):
    temp_in_f = temp_in_c * (9 / 5) + 32
    return temp_in_f
```

We can even apply the idea of DRY to refactor out the temp_in_f variable.

def convert_c_to_f(temp_in_c):
 return temp_in_c * (9 / 5) + 32

```
Now let's rewrite some of our earlier work using our new function!
givenTempinC = 0
convertedTempinF = convert_c_to_f(givenTempinC)
print(givenTempinC, "C is ", convertedTempinF, "F")
givenTempinC = 100
convertedTempinF = convert c to f(givenTempinC)
print(givenTempinC, "C is ", convertedTempinF."F")
givenTempinC = 20
convertedTempinF = convert_c_to_f(givenTempinC)
```

print(givenTempinC, "C is ", convertedTempinF, "F")

```
And even apply DRY principles. . .
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print(givenTempinC, "C is ",
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print(givenTempinC, "C is ",
        convert_c_to_f(givenTempinC),"F")
```





More about Types

```
>>> type(1.23)
<class 'float'>
>>> type('hi!')
<class 'str'>
>>> type(1 + 2)
<class 'int'>
```

How can we combine different types?

All of these examples use the '+' (plus) operator

- ▶ What does a 'string' + 'string' give us?
- How about 'int' + 'float'?
- 'string' + 'int'?
- 'int' + 'string'?

- ▶ 'string'
- 'float'
- ► TypeError: can only concatenate str (not "int") to str
- TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for +: 'int' and 'str'

Can you subtract types?

- **▶** 1.3 2
- **▶** 1.1 1
- **2** 1
- 'asdf' 'f'
- ▶ 'asdf' 17

- ► 'float'
- ▶ 'float'
- ► 'int'
- ▶ ???
- **▶** ???

- 'float'
- ▶ 'float'
- 'int'
- ► TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for -: 'str' and 'str' ► TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for -: 'str' and 'str'

Can you multiply types?

Let's assume that any combination of numbers continues to work (i.e. float & int, int & int, etc.)

```
▶ 'a' * 'a'
   <str> * <str>
```

- ▶ 'a' * 3 <str> * <int>

- ► TypeError: can't multiply sequence by non-int of type 'str'
- 'aaa'

<str>

How do you know what type an action has?

```
>>> type('a' * 3)
<class 'str'>
```

Think Types are Cool?

I do! And there's lots of other people who think so too! (like at least 7 of us)

There's a whole field of study about types and how they relate to programming languages called *Type Theory*, and it's something I use in my research. Don't worry, there's plenty of interesting things to continue learning about types as we go along in the course!



More about Functions

More About Functions

- Types of Functions
 - ► Fruitful functions
 - ► Fruitless functions
- ► Turtles!

Two Types of Functions

"Fruitful Functions" are functions that come back with a value.

"Fruitless Functions" are functions that don't.

In other words, fruitful functions have a return and fruitless ones don't.

Fruitful Function

```
def distance(x1, y1, x2, y2):
    dy = y2 - y1
    dx = x2 - x1
    return ((dy ** 2) + (dx ** 2)) ** 0.5

print(distance(0, 0, 4, 3))
# 5.0
```

Fruitless Function

Fruitless Function with return

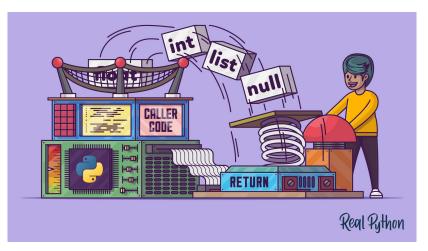


Figure 2: return is the statement that gives the output of a function



Turtles

```
import turtle
alex = turtle.Turtle()
alex.fd(100)
```

Right Angles

```
alex.fd(100)
alex.rt(90)
alex.fd(100)
```

Square

```
length = 100
angle = 90
sam.fd(length)
sam.rt(angle)
sam.fd(length)
sam.rt(angle)
sam.fd(length)
sam.rt(angle)
sam.fd(length)
sam.rt(angle)
```

Square Function

```
def square():
    ######
    # text from the last slide here
    ######
```

def main():
 square()

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main()

Add An Argument

```
def square(length):
    angle = 90
    sam.fd(length)
    sam.rt(angle)
    sam.fd(length)
    sam.rt(angle)
    sam.fd(length)
    sam.rt(angle)
    sam.rt(angle)
    sam.rt(angle)
    sam.rt(angle)
```