Functions

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Function

A function is a block of code.

It runs when it is called with pair of parenthesis at the end.

There are some functions which are built-in like: print(), input(), type(), len(), list(), etc.

There are also functions which are user defined.

We can pass data to function through parameter. Parameters are separated by commas.

We can pass any number of arguments into a function.

And a function can return data as result.

Parameters or Arguments?

Both term's are used for the Information passed into a function

First Function

A function is defined using the "def" keyword. A function has a name and a body. It may or may not have parameters (or arguments).

def my_function():
 print("Hello from a function")

Name: my_function Arguments: no args

Body: print()

Problem

Create a function that takes an integer as input and tells whether it is divisible by 7.

```
def div_by_7(x):
    if x % 7 == 0:
        print("yes, it is divisible by ")
    else:
        print("no, not divisible by 7")

x = int(input("Enter a natural number: "))
div_by_7(x)
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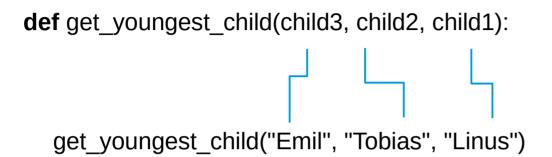
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Problem: Passing of Arguments (With Name and Without Name)

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# Passing arguments with keywords i.e (bind arguments with parameters name)
# Ordering of parameter has no mean in this case
# define a function with three parameter
def get youngest child(child3, child2, child1):
 print("The youngest child is " + child3)
# What will be output?
get_youngest_child("Emil", "Tobias", "Linus")
# Calling of function by passing key value pairs, order does not matter
get youngest child(child1 = "Emil", child2 = "Tobias", child3 = "Linus")
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Argument Passing With / Without Names



Argument passing by positions:

First argument goes to the first variable, second argument goes to the second variable, so on, so forth.

def get_youngest_child(child3, child2, child1):



Argument passing by name

get_youngest_child(child1 = "Emil", child2 = "Tobias", child3 = "Linus")