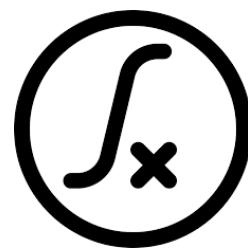




Functions

Concepts & Introduction



Context : Functions

- Functions → reusable code
 - Transform inputs into outputs
 - 2 functions cannot have the same name
 - Document your functions

Built-in vs Custom Functions

- `str(x)`
- `len(x)`
- `type(x)`
- ~~`os.isfile(x)`~~

- `print_my_stuff(x)`
- `count_this(x)`
- `is_really(x)`

In Python 3.6 (latest version), there are 68 built-in functions.
Check: <https://www.programiz.com/python-programming/methods/built-in>

Functions basics

A function is a set of statements that take inputs, do some specific computation and produces output. The idea is to put some commonly or repeatedly done task together and make a function, so that instead of writing the same code again and again for different inputs, we can call the function.

```
# A simple Python function to check
# whether x is even or odd
def evenOdd( x ):
    if (x % 2 == 0):
        print "even"
    else:
        print "odd"

# Driver code
evenOdd(2)
evenOdd(3)
```

Output:

```
even
odd
```

```
def myFun(x):

    # After below line link of x with previous
    # object gets broken. A new object is assigned
    # to x.
    x = [20, 30, 40]

# Driver Code (Note that lst is not modified
# after function call.
lst = [10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
myFun(lst);
print(lst)
```

Output:

```
[20, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
```

Functions (docstrings)

- Docstring → Get info about the function definition & role

A **docstring** is a string literal that occurs as the first statement in a module, function, class, or method definition. Such a **docstring** becomes the `__doc__` special attribute of that object. All modules should normally have **docstrings**, and all functions and classes exported by a module should also have **docstrings**.

BUILD FUNCTIONS (TOY EXAMPLES)

```
In [330]: def my_first_method():  
         """  
         this is the docstring info... for an useless function  
         """  
         print("hello world from python")
```

```
In [331]: print(my_first_method.__doc__)
```

```
this is the docstring info... for an useless function
```

```
In [332]: def my_third_function(x="Assan"):  
         """  
         :param my_parameter_1: this is your first param  
         :param my_parameter_2: this is your second param  
         :returns: customized greeting  
         """  
  
         print("Hi!" + " " + str(x) + "this is a classy hello world" )
```

```
In [333]: print(my_third_function.__doc__)
```

```
:param my_parameter_1: this is a first param  
:param my_parameter_2: this is a second param  
:returns: customized greeting
```

Functions (*args,**kwargs)

```
In [335]: def print_some_stuff(x):  
         """  
         take an unique argument and print it  
         """  
         print(x)
```

```
In [337]: # in the case of 1 argument , we do respect the function signature ->it is going to work  
print_some_stuff("datajam is legit")  
  
datajam is legit
```

```
In [338]: # in the case of 2 arguments , we don't respect the function signature ->it is going to fail  
print_some_stuff("datajam is legit", "dsti is too")  
  
-----  
TypeError                                 Traceback (most recent call last)  
<ipython-input-338-0da82d94f044> in <module>  
----> 1 print_some_stuff("datajam is legit", "dsti is too")  
  
TypeError: print_some_stuff() takes 1 positional argument but 2 were given
```

```
In [379]: def print_some_stuff_plus(*args):  
         """  
         take an iterable of all the arguments supplied (whatever number of arguments supplied)  
         """  
  
         my_string= []  
         for el in args:  
             my_string.append(el)  
         print( " and ".join(my_string))
```

```
In [380]: # in the case of 2 arguments - because of the iterable -> it is going to work  
print_some_stuff_plus("datajam is legit","dsti is too")  
  
datajam is legit and dsti is too
```

```
In [381]: # in the case of k arguments - because of the iterable -> it is going to work  
print_some_stuff_plus("datajam is legit","dsti is too", "you are legit as well")  
  
datajam is legit and dsti is too and you are legit as well
```

The single asterisk (*) is used to unpack iterables (list or strings for ex)

The two asterisks (**) is used to unpack dictionaries

Read more @: <https://realpython.com/python-kwargs-and-args/>

Functions (*args,**kwargs)

```
In [374]: def concatenate_stuff(x="truc", y="muche"):
          return(x + "," + y)
```

```
In [375]: concatenate_stuff(x="machin",y="bidule")
```

```
Out[375]: 'machin,bidule'
```

```
In [376]: concatenate_stuff(x="machin",y="bidule",z="truc")
```

```
-----
TypeError                                 Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-376-4babc5cb84de> in <module>
----> 1 concatenate_stuff(x="machin",y="bidule",z="truc")

TypeError: concatenate_stuff() got an unexpected keyword argument 'z'
```

```
In [377]: def concatenate_stuff_plus(**kwargs):
          my_returned_value = []
          for val in kwargs.values():
              my_returned_value.append(str(val))
          return(",".join(my_returned_value))
```

```
In [378]: concatenate_stuff_plus(x="machin",y="bidule",z="truc")
```

```
Out[378]: 'machin,bidule,truc'
```

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