

Intro to programming 4

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Terminal cheat sheet reminder

- Bash commands to navigate directories
 - Print Working Directory. Print the path of the current directory

```
pwd
```

- List all files of the current directory

```
ls folder
```

- Moving into folder1 and subfolder2 at once.

```
cd folder1/subfolder2
```

- Moving out of a directory

```
cd ..
```

- Going back and forth in the directory tree

```
cd ../../folder1/subfolder1
```

- Going back to the root directory

```
cd ~
```

- **"Tab"** to use the auto-completion
- **Ctrl + C** to stop a program execution
- Many more bash commands to use...

- Python
- Data types:
 - integer
 - float
 - string
 - boolean
- **If, For and While** loops:
 - syntax
 - indentation
- Data collections:
 - list
 - tuple
 - set
 - dictionary
- Python Standard library
 - Python modules
 - Python built-in functions

Today

- Functions:
 - Pure functions
 - Procedures
- Exercises

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```

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```
## 2
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 - As a convention, all functions definitions must be at the beginning of the script.

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- Note: the variable `name` is created only during the execution of the function `hello()` (it is local to `hello()`)

Multiple arguments

- If you can pass one

```
def print_if_divisible(n, div):  
    if (n % div == 0):  
        print(n, ' is a divisible by ', div)  
  
print_if_divisible(10, 5)
```

```
## 10  is a divisible by  5
```

```
print_if_divisible(11, 5)
```

-> Exercise: using the above function, find the divisors of 10, 15, 27, 33, 64, 100

Return values

The functions we have seen so far executed actions.

A function can also return the result(s) of a computation

```
def func(x):  
    y = 2 * x + 1  
    return y  
  
print(func(0.0))  
print(func(1.0))  
print(func(2.5))  
  
# compute the values of func for x in [-10, -9, -8, ..., 8, 9, 10]  
xs = range(-10, 11)  
values = []  
for x in xs:  
    values.append(func(x))  
  
# display them on a graphics  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
plt.plot(xs, values)  
plt.show()
```

Boolean Functions

Boolean functions return True or False

```
def is_divisible(x, y):  
    if (x % y == 0):  
        result = True  
    else:  
        result = False  
  
    return result  
  
print(is_divisible(10, 5))
```

True

-> Question: how could one “simplify” (shorten) the function is_divisible ?

Returning “complex” objets

A function can return a t-uple, a list, a dictionary, ...

```
def f(x):  
    y1 = x + 1  
    y2 = x * 3  
    y3 = x ** 2 + 3  
    return (y1, y2, y3)
```

```
f(2.0)
```

```
## (3.0, 6.0, 7.0)
```

Default values for arguments

It is possible to provide defaults values for arguments.

```
def message(name, msg='Hello'):  
    print(msg + ' ' + name + '!')
```

```
message("Anna")
```

```
## Hello Anna!
```

```
message("Anna", "Goodbye")
```

Use of position or keyword

- In a function call, parameters are typically assigned to arguments based either on the position or on their names.

```
def f(a, b):  
    print('a=', a)  
    print('b=', b)
```

```
f(1, 2)
```

```
## a= 1  
## b= 2
```

```
f(2, 1)
```

```
## a= 2  
## b= 1
```

```
f(b=2, a=1)    # but one can also use the names of arguments
```

```
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Scope of variables 1/2

-> Try the following code in <http://pythontutor.com/>

```
name = 'chris'
```

```
def hello(name):  
    print('Hello, ' + name)  
  
print(name)
```

```
## chris
```

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```

```
print(name)
```

```
## chris
```

Scope of variables 2/2

local variables

Arguments or variables defined inside the body of a function only exist while the function is executed. They are destroyed and the associated memory is freed.

non-local variables

Variables that have been created in the environment where the variable was called. functions can access them (if they are not shadowed)

Yet, this is bad practice and must be avoided except in a few cases.

Why ? Because one should be able to understand what a function is going to do only based on its call.

Read section ““Local and Global Scope”” in Automate the Boring stuff

<https://automatetheboringstuff.com/chapter3/>

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Note that functions can call each other.

```
def func1():  
    print(1)  
  
def func2():  
    func1()  
    print(2)  
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```

-> Predict the output of this script.

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```
## 1  
## 2  
## 1
```

Recursive functions

Recursive functions are function that contains calls to themselves:

For example:

```
def fact(n):  
    if n == 0:  
        return 1  
    else:  
        return n * fact(n - 1)
```

Modules

Functions defined in a file myfunc.py in the current folder can be called from another python script.

```
### file "mymodule.py"
def hello(name):
    print("Hello ", name, "!")
```

```
### file "myscript.py"
import mymodule

mymodule.hello("Chris")
```

- modules (aka libraries) allow to reuse functions.
- Python comes with many modules, e.g. random, math, os.
- Anaconda adds scientific libraries numpy, scipy

```
if name == 'main'
```

Many scripts will contain a series of functions and then the line

```
if __name__ == '__main__':
```

The condition is true only if the script is executed as a python script.

The functions in it can be reused with import script

Exercices:

- 1- Define a function with two arguments — a string `msg` and a number `nrepetitions` — that prints `msg`, `nrepetition` times.
- 2- Read <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fahrenheit> and write a function that converts from Fahrenheit to Celsius, and another one that converts from Celsius to Fahrenheit
- 3- Define a function `is_prime(x)` which returns `True` if `x` is a prime number, else `False`. Use it to list all prime numbers below 1000.
- 4- Two taxi companies propose different pricing schemes: Company A charges 4.80€ plus 1.15€ by km travelled. Company B charges 3.20€ plus 1.20€ by km travelled. Write a first function which, given a distance, returns the costs of both companies, and a second function that returns 'company A' and 'company B', the cheapest company for a given distance.
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 - a string msg and a number nrepetitions
 - that prints msg, nrepetition times.

```
def print_n_times(msg, n):  
    for x in range(n):  
        print(msg)
```

```
print_n_times("test0", 0)  
print_n_times("test1", 1)
```

```
## test1
```

```
print_n_times("test4", 4)
```

```
## test4  
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```

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```
def Fahrenheit_to_Celsius(f):  
    return (f - 32) * 5.0/9.0
```

```
def Celsius_to_Fahrenheit(c):  
    return (c * 9.0/5.0) + 32
```

```
Fahrenheit_to_Celsius(15)
```

```
## -9.4444444444444445
```

```
Celsius_to_Fahrenheit(15)
```

```
## 59.0
```

```
Fahrenheit_to_Celsius(-40)
```

```
## -40.0
```

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```
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```
def is_prime(n):  
    if n < 3:  
        return True  
    for i in range(2, n):  
        if (n % i) == 0:  
            return False  
    return True  
  
print([x for x in range(1, 1000) if is_prime(x)])
```

```
## [1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47, 53, 59, 61, 67, 71, 73, 79, 83, 89, 97, 101, 103, 107, 109, 113, 127, 131, 137, 139, 149, 151, 157, 163, 167, 173, 179, 181, 187, 191, 193, 197, 199, 211, 223, 227, 229, 233, 239, 241, 251, 257, 263, 269, 271, 277, 281, 283, 293, 307, 311, 313, 317, 331, 337, 347, 349, 353, 359, 367, 373, 379, 383, 389, 397, 401, 409, 419, 421, 431, 433, 439, 443, 449, 457, 461, 463, 467, 473, 479, 487, 491, 499, 503, 509, 521, 523, 527, 539, 541, 547, 557, 563, 569, 571, 577, 587, 593, 599, 601, 607, 613, 617, 619, 631, 637, 641, 643, 647, 653, 659, 661, 673, 677, 683, 687, 691, 697, 701, 709, 713, 719, 727, 733, 739, 743, 751, 757, 761, 769, 773, 787, 791, 797, 809, 811, 821, 823, 827, 833, 839, 847, 853, 857, 859, 863, 877, 881, 883, 887, 893, 897, 901, 907, 911, 913, 919, 929, 937, 941, 947, 953, 967, 971, 977, 983, 991, 997]
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def costs(distance):
    price_A = 4.8 + 1.15 * distance
    price_B = 3.2 + 1.20 * distance
    return (price_A, price_B)

def cheapest_company(distance):
    a, b = costs(distance)
    if a < b:
        return 'Company A'
    else:
        return 'Company B'

for d in range(1, 50):
    print(f"{d} km -> " + cheapest_company(d))
```

```
## 1 km -> Company B
## 2 km -> Company B
## 3 km -> Company B
## 4 km -> Company B
```

Exercie 5:

- Write a function `are_anagrams(word1, word2)` that tests if two words are anagrams, that is contain the same letters in different orders.

```
def are_anagrams(w1, w2):  
    return sorted(w1) == sorted(w2)  
  
print(are_anagrams('listen', 'silent'))
```

```
## True
```

```
print(are_anagrams('listen', 'speak'))
```

```
## False
```

Even more exercices:

See

- <https://pcbs.readthedocs.io/en/latest/representing-numbers-images-text.html>
- https://pcbs.readthedocs.io/en/latest/building_abstractions_with_functions.html