

# **Intro to Programming (No Prior Experience)**

## **Class 14 – Functions Cont'd + Midterm Review**

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# Agenda

- Functions (continued)
- Midterm Survey
- Midterm Review Game

# Functions pt. 2

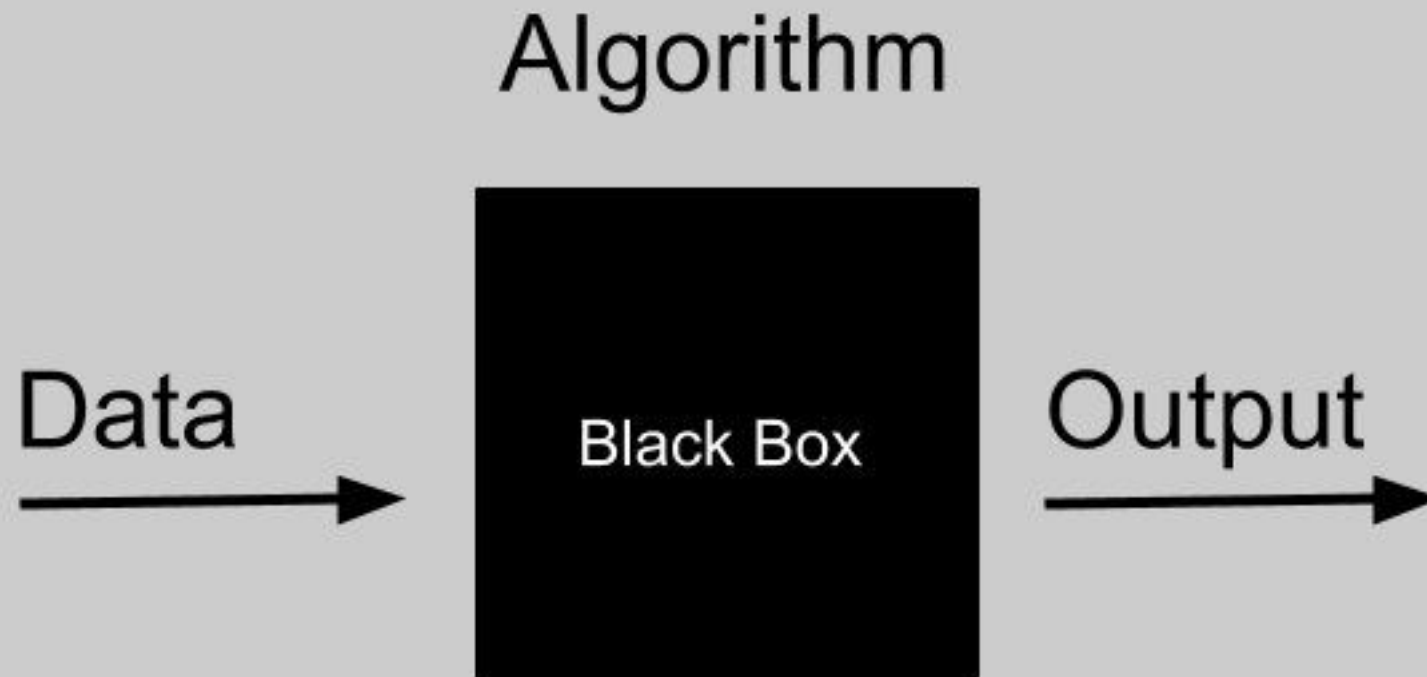
# Modules

- All programming languages come pre-packaged with a standard library of functions that are designed to make your job as a programmer easier
- Some of these functions are built right into the “core” of Python (print, input, range, etc)
- Other more specialized functions are stored in a series of files called “modules” that Python can access upon request by using the “import” statement
  - `import random`
  - `import time`

# Modules

- The import statement tells Python to load the functions that exist within a specific module into memory and make them available in your code
- Because you don't see the inner workings of a function inside a module we sometimes call them "black boxes"
- A "black box" describes a mechanism that accepts input, performs an operation that can't be seen using that input, and produces some kind of output

## “Black Box” model



## **More information about a module**

- To see information about a module, you can do the following in IDLE:
  - `help("modulename")`
- The `help()` function takes one argument (a string that represents the name of the module) and returns the user manual for that module

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def sayHello(name):  
    return "Hello, " + name
```

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Hello, Emily  
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```

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```
import myfunctions  
  
print(myfunctions.sayHello("Emily"))
```



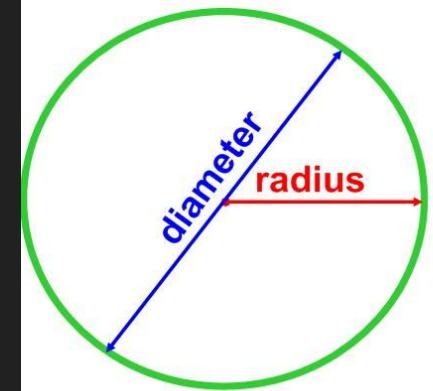
## Programming Challenge

Create a module called “geometry\_helper”

Write two functions in this module:

- Area of circle
- Perimeter of circle

Each of these functions will accept one argument (a radius) and will print out the result to the user.



Area of a circle  
 $= \pi \times \text{radius}^2$

Circumference of a  
circle  $= \pi \times \text{diameter}$

remember that the  
 $\text{diameter} = 2 \times \text{radius}$

```
import math

def getArea(r):
    return math.pi * (r**2)

def getPerimeter(r):
    return math.pi * 2 * r
```

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```
import myfunctions as m

r = 5
print("Area:", m.getArea(r))
print("Perimeter", m.getPerimeter(r))
```

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# Midterm Survey



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## Topics Covered:

# Basic Programming Mechanics

- Functions
  - What is a function?
  - How to call a function
  - Arguments
  - Return Values
- Commenting your code
- Variables
  - What is a variable?
  - Creating variables
  - Using variables in expressions
  - Naming rules
- Reading input from the keyboard with the `input()` function

# Math Expressions

- Math operators (+, -, /, //, \*)
- Writing math expressions
- Evaluating math expressions
- Storing & printing the results of math expressions
- Difference between the two division operators (/ and //)
- Order of operations in math expressions
- The exponent operator (\*\*)
- The modulo operator (%)

# Data Types

- What is a data type?
- Strings
- Numeric data types
  - Integers (int)
  - Floating point numbers (float)
- Mixed type expressions
- Data type conversion
  - Using the float() and int() function to convert strings into numbers
  - User input & data types (converting strings to floats / ints for calculation purposes)
- The Boolean data type
- Boolean variables

# Output with the print() function

- General use of the print function and its default behavior
  - Unlimited arguments
  - Spaces inserted between arguments
  - Line break after each call to the function
- Customizing line endings (end=)
- Customizing argument separators (sep=)
- Escape characters (\n, \t, etc.)



# Basic String Manipulation

- Combining two strings (concatenation) – "+" operator
- Multiplying a string (repetition) – "\*" operator
- Formatting numbers using the format() function
  - Formatting Strings – width, left align, right align, center align
  - Formatting Integers – width, left align, right align, center align
  - Formatting Floats – width, left align, right align, center align, # of decimal places, "." separator
- Case manipulation using str.lower() and str.upper()
- Calculating string length using the len() function

# Selection Statements

- The structure of an IF statement (IF keyword, condition, colon, indentation)
- Writing a condition for an IF statement
- Boolean operators (<, >, ==, !=, >=, <=)
- Comparing numeric values using Boolean expressions
- Comparing string values using Boolean expressions
- Using the IF-ELSE statement
- Nesting decision structures (IF statements inside other IF statements)
- The IF-ELIF-ELSE statement
- Logical operators (and, or, not)

## Condition Controlled Loops

- The structure of a "while" loop
- Mechanics & how they work
- Setting up conditions for a while loop
- Infinite loops and how to work with them
- Sentinels (defining a value that the user enters that causes the loop to end)
- Input validation loops (asking the user to continually enter a value until that value matches some condition)
- Setting up and using accumulator variables
- Self referential assignment statements (i.e. `counter = counter + 1`)
- Augmented assignment operators (i.e. `counter += 1`)

## The Range Function

- mechanics and how the function works
- creating simple ranges (i.e. `range(5)`)
- creating ranges with defined start and end points (i.e. `range(3,10)`)
- creating ranges with a step value (i.e. `range(5,50,5)`)
- creating ranges that count backwards (i.e. `range(50,5,-5)`)
- user controlled ranges (i.e. `range(1, somevariable)`)

# Functions

- mechanics and how functions work
- function definitions
- arguments
- return values
- calling a function
- local variables (variables that are defined inside a function and can only be accessed inside that function)
- passing arguments to your own functions
- passing multiple arguments to your own functions
- global variables (variables created outside a function that can be accessed by any part of your program)
- making changes to global variables inside a function using the 'global' keyword
- writing a value returning function (i.e. using the 'return' keyword to send a result from your function to the part of your program that called that function)
- returning multiple values from a function
- Input, Processing & Output notation

# Miscellaneous Concepts

- Generating random numbers
- Errors & error types
- Debugging strategies
- Pseudocoding

# Midterm Review Game

## Homework

- Midterm next Thursday
- Assignment #6 (due next Thursday)