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

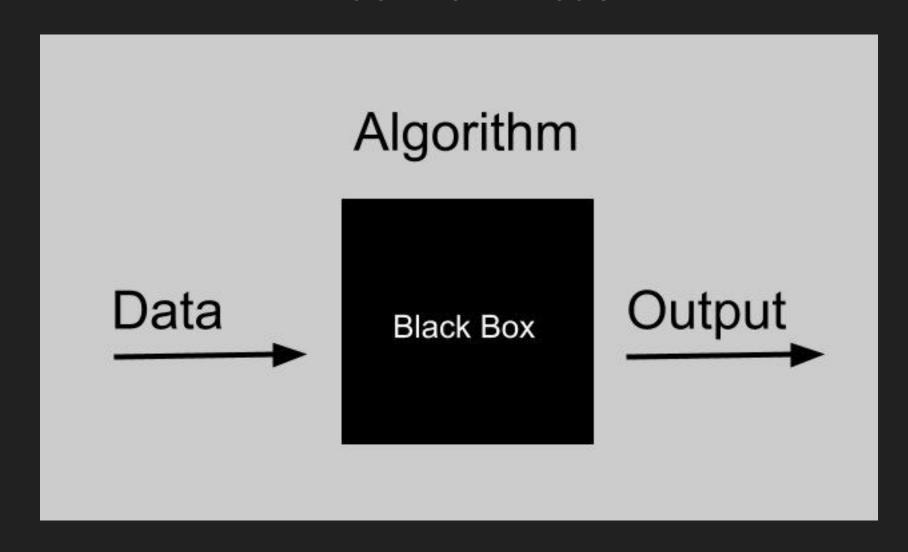
Modules

- 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

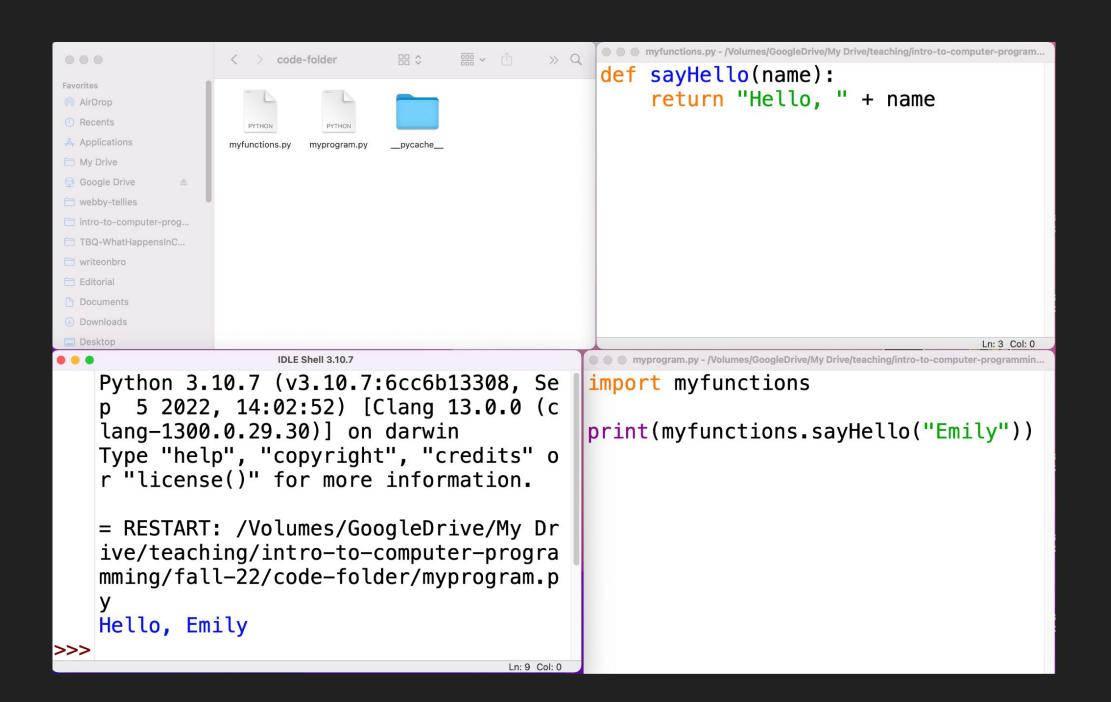
- The import statement tells Python to load the functions that exist within a specific module into memory and make them available in your code
- Because you don't see the inner workings of a function inside a module we sometimes call them "black boxes"
- A "black box" describes a mechanism that accepts 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



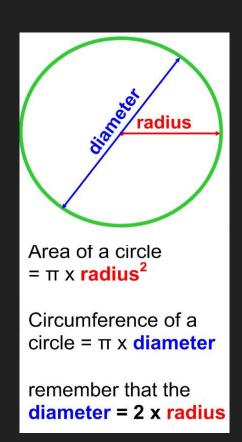
Programming Challenge

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.



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myfunctions.py - /Volumes/GoogleDrive/My Drive/teaching/intro-to-computer-program...
import math
                                                       show -
def getArea(r):
      return math.pi * (r**2)
def getPerimeter(r):
      return math.pi * 2 * r
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  myprogram.py - /Volumes/GoogleDrive/My Drive/teaching/intro-to-computer-programming/fall-22/...
import myfunctions as m
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 $(\langle , \rangle, ==, !=, \rangle =, \langle =)$
- 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))

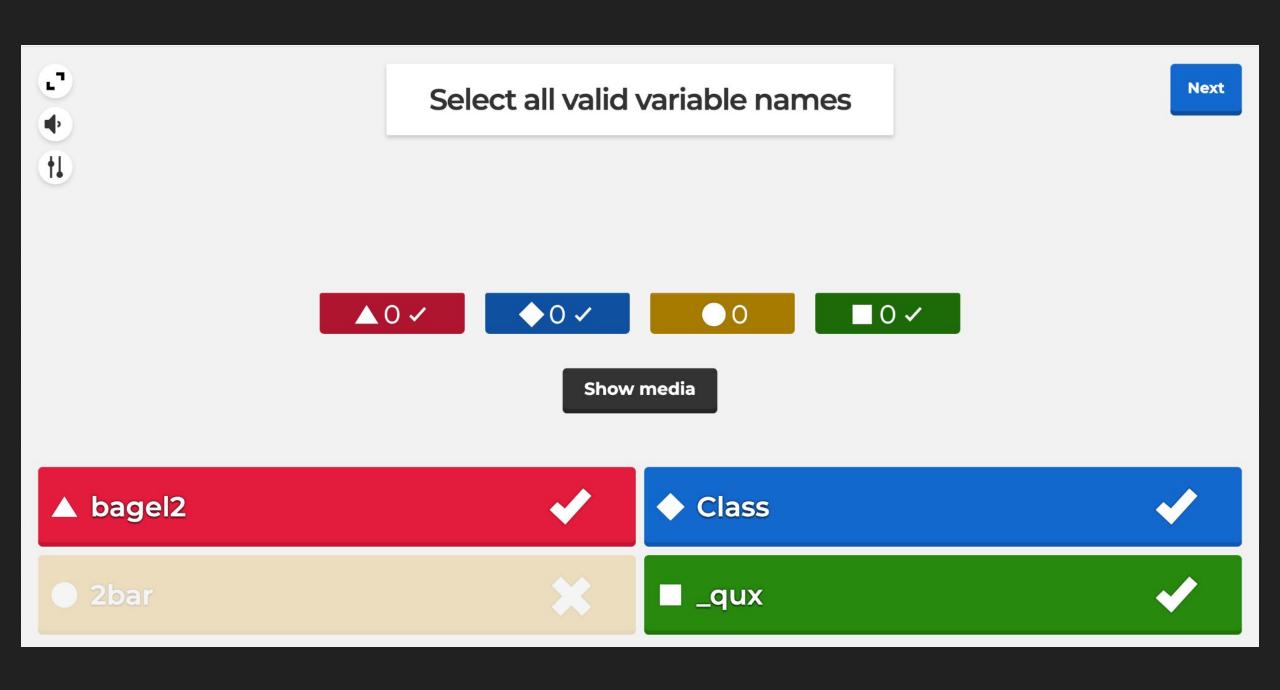
Functions

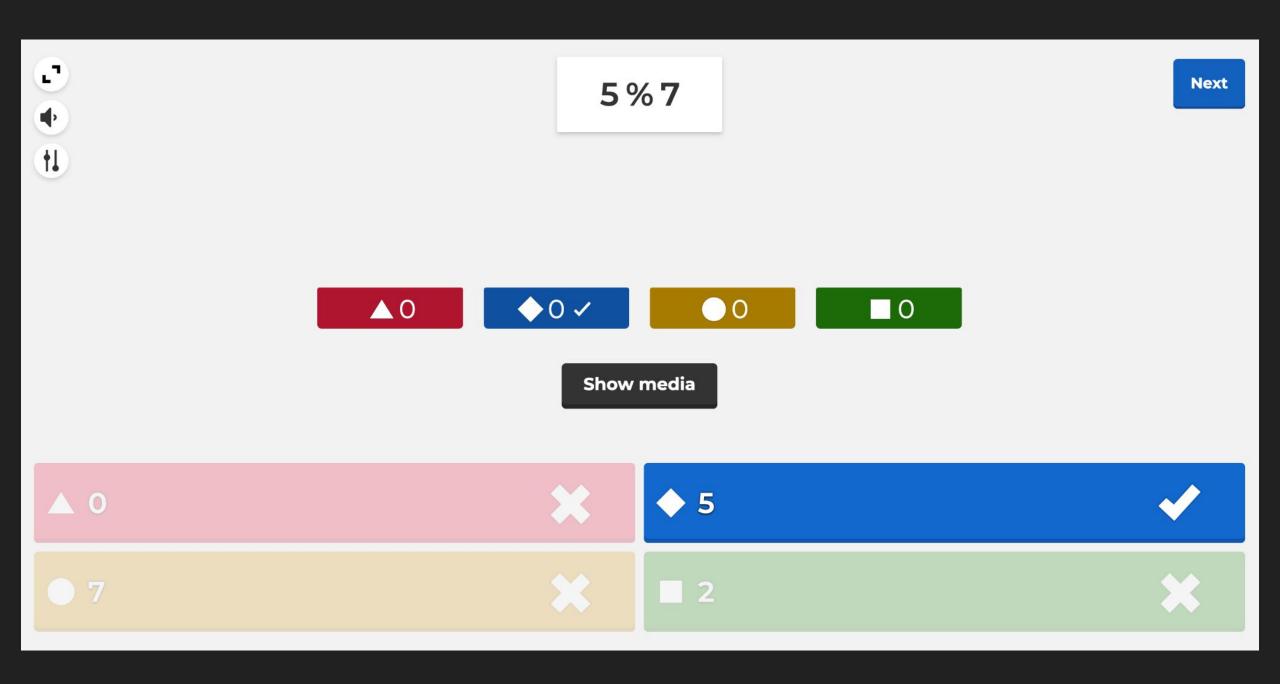
- mechanics and how functions work
- function definitions
- arguments
- return values
- calling a function
- local variables (variables that are defined inside a function and can only be accessed inside that function)
- passing arguments to your own functions
- passing multiple arguments to your own 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











What's the output?

```
input = 2
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while True:
    x = int(input("Enter a number (1 - 10): "))
    if x < 0 or x > 10:
        print("Invalid", end=" ")
        continue
else:
        print("Thank you!", end=" ")
        break
print("All done.", end=" ")
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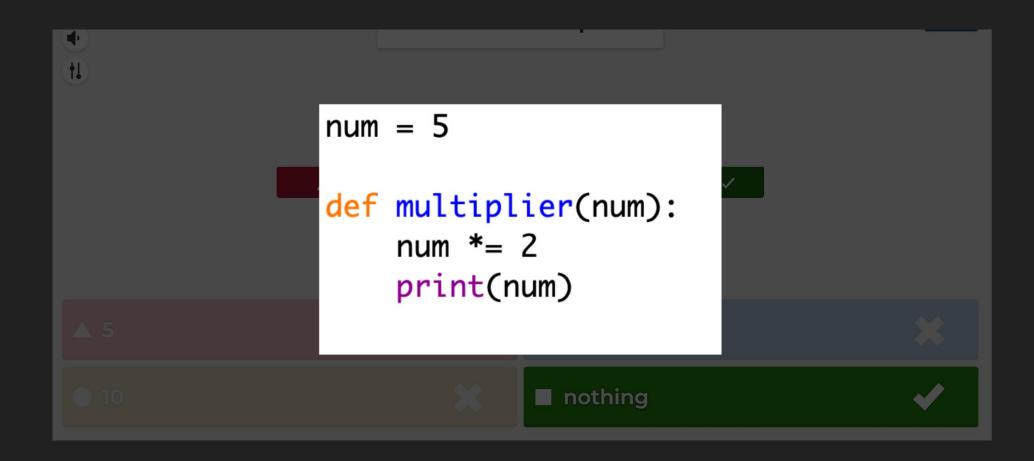




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num = 2
                if num == 3 or 4:
                     print("case 1")
                else:
                     print("case 2")
▲ case 1
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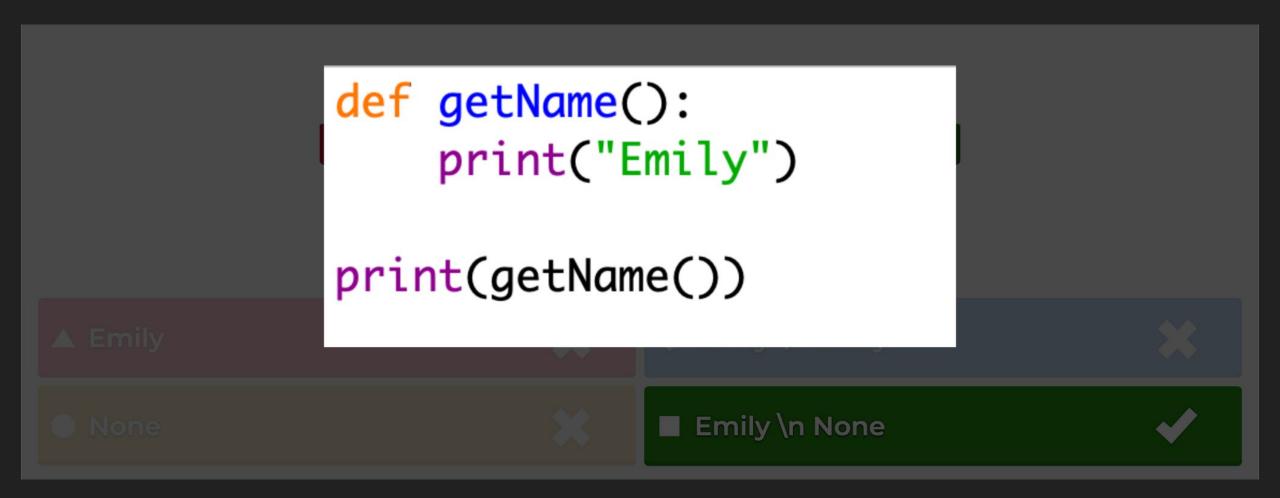
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for a in "HELLOTHERE":
    print(a, sep="*")
    if a == "E":
         break
              ■ none of the above
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for a in "SM":
   for b in "EA":
        print(a, b, sep="", end="")
                   SESAMEMA
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```
z = 23
q = -2
if a < q:
    print('lion', end='_')
   if q >= z:
        print('eagle', end=' ')
    elif z >= q:
        print('tuna', end='_')
    else:
        print('spider', end='_')
elif a < z:
   print('pear', end='_')
   if q < a:
        print('tomato', end='_')
    elif a < q:
        print('purple', end='_')
    else:
        print('dog', end=' ')
else:
   print('potato', end=' ')
   if z >= q:
        print('hyena', end='_')
    elif q >= z:
        print('cat', end=' ')
    else:
        print('red', end='_')
print('aardvark')
```

pear_tomato_aardvark



Homework

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