

FUNCTIONS

If a group of statements is repeatedly required then it is not recommended to write these statements everytime separately. We have to define these statements as a single unit and we can call that unit any number of times based on our requirement without rewriting. This unit is nothing but function.

Python supports 2 types of functions

- 1. Built in Functions**
- 2. User Defined Functions**

Built in Functions:

Ex: id(),type(),input(), etc

User Defined Functions:

The functions which are developed by programmer explicitly according to business requirements, are called user defined functions.

Syntax: to create user defined function

```
def function_name(parameters) :
```

```
----  
----
```

```
return value
```

Parameters

Parameters are inputs to the function. If a function contains parameters, then at the time of calling, compulsory we should provide values otherwise, otherwise we will get error.

Eg:

```
def f1(name):
```

```
    Print("hello",name)
```

```
f1("sumayya")
```

```
f1("nahid")
```

*****Output*****

hello sumayya

hello nahid

Eg 2: Write a function to take number as input and print its square value

```
def square(number):
```

```
    print("the square of",number,"is",number* number)
```

```
square(10)
```

```
square(5)
```

o/p:

the square of 10 is 100

the square of 5 is 25

Return Statement:

Function can take input values as parameters and executes business logic, and returns output to the caller with return statement.

Ex:

```
def func(x):
```

```
    return x
```

```
r=func(10)
```

```
print(r)
```

```
*****Output*****
```

```
10
```

Note:If we are not writing return statement then default return value is None

```
def f1():
```

```
    print("hello")
```

```
f1()
```

```
print(f1())
```

```
*****output*****
```

```
hello
```

```
hello
```

```
None
```

Types of arguments

```
def f1(a,b)
```

```
----
```

```
----
```

```
f1(10,20)
```

a,b are formal arguments where 10,20 are actual arguments

There are 4 types are actual arguments are allowed in Python.

- 1. positional arguments**
- 2. keyword arguments**
- 3. default arguments**
- 4. Variable length arguments**

positional arguments:

__These are the arguments passed to function in correct positional order.

Ex:

```
def sub(a,b)
```

```
    print(a-b)
```

```
    sub(100,200)
```

```
    sub(200,100)
```

*******Output*******

-100

100

Note:

The number of arguments and position of arguments must be matched. If we change the order then result may be changed.

If we change the number of arguments then we will get error.

keyword arguments:

We can pass argument values by keyword i.e by parameter name.

Eg:

```
def f1(name,msg):  
    print("hello",name,msg)
```

```
f1(name="sumayya",msg="how are you")
```

```
f1(msg="good morning",name="nahid")
```

*****Output*****

```
hello sumayya how are you
```

```
hello nahid good morning
```

Here the order of arguments is not important but number of arguments must be matched.

Important Notes:

We can use both positional and keyword arguments simultaneously. But first we have to

take positional arguments and then keyword arguments,otherwise we will get **syntaxerror.**

```
def f1(name,msg):  
    print("hello",name,msg)
```

```
f1("sumayya","how are you") # valid
```

```
f1("nahid", msg="good morning") # valid
```

```
f1(name="sumayya","how are you") # invalid
```

Default Arguments:

Sometimes we can provide default values for our positional arguments.

Eg:

```
def wish(name="Guest"):
    print("Hello",name,"Good Morning")

wish("sumaa")
wish()
```

*****Output*****

```
Hello sumaa good morning
Hello Guest Good Morning
```

If we are not passing any name then only default value will be considered.

Important Notes

After default arguments we should not take non default arguments

```
def wish(name="Guest",msg="Good Morning"): ==>Valid
def wish(name,msg="Good Morning"): ==>Valid
def wish(name="Guest",msg): ==>Invalid
```

Variable length arguments:

Sometimes we can pass variable number of arguments to our function, such type of arguments are called variable length arguments.

We can declare a variable length argument with * symbol as follows

```
def f1(*n):
```

We can call this function by passing any number of arguments including zero number. Internally all these values are represented in the form of tuple.

Eg:

```
def sum(*n):
    total=0
    for n1 in n:
        total=total+n1
    print("The Sum=",total)
```

```
sum()
sum(10)
sum(10,20)
sum(10,20,30,40)
```

*****Output*****

```
The Sum= 0
The Sum= 10
The Sum= 30
The Sum= 100
```

Note:

We can mix variable length arguments with positional arguments.

Eg:

```
def f1(n1,*s):
    print(n1)
    for s1 in s:
        print(s1)
```

```
f1(10)
f1(10,20,30,40)
f1(10,"A",30,"B")
```

*****Output*****

```
10
10
20
30
40
10
A
30
B
```

Note: After variable length argument,if we are taking any other arguments then we should provide values as keyword arguments.

Eg:

```
def f1(*s,n1):  
    for s1 in s:  
        print(s1)  
    print(n1)  
  
f1("A","B",n1=10)
```

*****Output*****

```
A  
B  
10
```

f1("A","B",10) ==>Invalid

**Note: We can declare key word variable length arguments also.
For this we have to use **.**

```
def f1(**n):
```

We can call this function by passing any number of keyword arguments.
Internally these keyword arguments will be stored inside a dictionary.

Eg:

```
def display(**kwargs):  
    for k,v in kwargs.items():  
        print(k,"=",v)  
display(n1=10,n2=20,n3=30)  
display(rno=100,name="sumayya ",marks=70,subject="python ")
```

*****Output*****

```
n1 = 10  
n2 = 20  
n3 = 30  
rno = 100  
name = sumayya  
marks = 70  
subject = python
```


Important Points

Case Study:

```
def f(arg1,arg2,arg3=4,arg4=8):  
    print(arg1,arg2,arg3,arg4)
```

f(3,2) ==> 3 2 4 8

f(10,20,30,40) ==>10 20 30 40

f(25,50,arg4=100) ==>25 50 4 100

f(arg4=2,arg1=3,arg2=4)===>3 4 4 2

f()===>Invalid

f(arg3=10,arg4=20,30,40) ==>Invalid

f(4,5,arg2=6)==>Invalid

f(4,5,arg3=5,arg5=6)==>Invalid

Types of Variables

Python supports 2 types of variables.

1. Global Variables
2. Local Variables

Global Variables

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Eg:

```
a=10 # global variable
def f1():
    print(a)

def f2():
    print(a)

f1()
f2()
```

```
*****Output*****
10
10
```

Local Variables:

The variables which are declared inside a function are called local variables. Local variables are available only for the function in which we declared it.i.e from outside of function we cannot access.

Eg:

```
def f1():  
    a=10  
    print(a) # valid  
  
def f2():  
    print(a) #invalid  
  
f1()  
f2()
```

global keyword:

We can use global keyword for the following 2 purposes:

1. To declare global variable inside function
2. To make global variable available to the function so that we can perform required modifications

```
a=10  
  
def f1():  
    a=777  
    print(a)  
  
def f2():  
    print(a)  
  
f1()  
f2()
```

```
*****Output*****  
777  
10
```

Eg 2:

```
a=10
```

```
def f1():  
    global a  
    a=777  
    print(a)
```

```
def f2():  
    print(a)
```

```
f1()  
f2()
```

```
*****Output*****  
777  
777
```

Eg 3:

```
def f1():  
    a=10  
    print(a)
```

```
def f2():  
    print(a)
```

```
f1()  
f2()
```

```
*****output*****  
NameError: name 'a' is not defined
```

Eg 4:

```
def f1():  
    global a  
    a=10  
    print(a)
```

```
def f2():  
    print(a)
```

```
f1()  
f2()
```

```
*****Output*****  
10  
10
```

Function Aliasing

For the existing function we can give another name, which is nothing but function aliasing.

Eg:

```
def wish(name):  
    print("Good Morning:",name)
```

```
greeting=wish  
print(id(wish))  
print(id(greeting))
```

```
greeting('sumayya')  
wish('sumayya')
```

*****Output*****

```
4429336  
4429336  
Good Morning: sumayya  
Good Morning: sumayya
```

Note: In the above example only one function is available but we can call that function by using either wish name or greeting name.

If we delete one name still we can access that function by using alias name

Eg:

```
def wish(name):  
    print("Good Morning:",name)
```

```
greeting=wish
```

```
greeting('sumayya')  
wish('sumayya')
```

```
del wish
```

```
#wish("nahid")→Name error :name wish is not defined
```

greeting('Arshad')

*******Output*******

Good Morning Sumayya

Good Morning sumayya

Goodd Morning Arshad