

Example

The following function takes a string as input parameter and prints it on standard screen.

```
def printme( str ):  
    "This prints a passed string into this function"  
    print str  
    return
```

Calling a Function

Defining a function only gives it a name, specifies the parameters that are to be included in the function and structures the blocks of code.

Once the basic structure of a function is finalized, you can execute it by calling it from another function or directly from the Python prompt. Following is the example to call printme() function:

```
#!/usr/bin/python  
  
# Function definition is here  
def printme( str ):  
    "This prints a passed string into this function"  
    print str;  
    return;  
  
# Now you can call printme function  
printme("I'm first call to user defined function!");  
printme("Again second call to the same function");
```

When the above code is executed, it produces the following result:

```
I'm first call to user defined function!  
Again second call to the same function
```