

\* **FUNCTIONS** - Function is a block of code or sub-program which performs a specific task multiple times when we call it.  
OR we can say it is a block of code that is linked to a well designed task.

When functions were not in use →

```
int main() {
    for (int i=0; i<2; i++) {
        cout << "one" << endl;
    }
    for (int i=0; i<2; i++) {
        cout << "two" << endl;
    }
    for (int i=0; i<2; i++) {
        cout << "three" << endl;
    }
}
```

Output → one

one

two

two

three

three

Here, we are using the same loop again and again. The difference is only in the string.

## Issues when functions were not in use →

- Lengthy and Bulky code
- Buggy
- Zero Readability
- Zero Reusability

Here, function comes in the picture. Suppose, we have to reuse a specific logic or set of operations, we will use function these instead of writing a bulky code.

For instance,

```
void printName (string Name){  
    for (int i=0; i<2; i++) {  
        cout << name << endl;  
    }  
}  
  
int main () {  
    printName ("Babbar");  
    printName ("Love");  
}
```

Output - Babbar

Babbar

love

love

## Syntax -

```
return_type function_name ()  
{  
    // function body  
}
```

Example - int main() {

//function body

The curly braces defines the scope of the function.

## # How things are working ?

```
int main() {  
    //function call  
    printA();  
    return 0;  
}  
  
void printA() {  
    cout<<"Hello world"<<endl;  
}
```

\* FUNCTION DECLARATION - Function declaration tells the return type, function name and input parameters.

for instance, void printA();  
int printSum(int a, int b);

No logic is defined during function declaration.

\* **FUNCTION DEFINITION** — When function is declared and logic is also defined with it, it is known as function definition.

for instance, int printsum(int a, int b){  
    int sum = a+b;  
    return sum;  
}

\* **FUNCTION CALL** — Whenever we have to use a function, we must have to call it.

for instance, function-name();  
printsum(2, 3);  
printmsg("Hello");

NOTE — We must define a function before calling it. If we want to define a function after calling it, then we must declare it above otherwise, it will give error.

Example — void printA();  
int main(){  
    printA();  
}  
void printA(){  
    cout << "Hello world" << endl;  
}

Output → Hello World

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## FUNCTIONS

which returns  
some value

which returns  
nothing

int  
char  
string  
bool  
array

## \* FUNCTION CALL STACK →

- = Tracks function call.
- = local variables → check upon input arguments.
- = Tracks which function is called by which another function.
- = Return value.

Stack - Stack works on last in first out i.e. LIFO principle. Just like the stack of plates in a marriage.

## # In function call stack →

- (1) The first entry in the function call stack must be for main function.
- (2) Whenever we get a function call, an entry should be added for that in function call stack.
- (3) Whenever the function body ends, that entry should be removed from the function call stack.

Eg → void printA() {

cout < "inside A" << endl;  
}

Function call stack

→ void printB() {

cout &lt; "inside B" &lt;&lt; endl;

printA();  
}

printA()

printB()

printC()

main()

→ void printC() {

cout &lt; "inside C" &lt;&lt; endl;

printB();  
}

These entries will be removed when function body of these function ends.

int main() {

printC();

return 0;  
}

Execution

Output - inside C

inside B

inside A

\* Program to print sum using function →

```
void printsum(int a, int b){
```

```
    cout << a+b << endl;
```

```
}
```

```
int main( ) {
```

```
    printsum(1, 3);
```

```
}
```

Output = 4

\* Program to return sum using functions →

```
int printSum(int a, int b){
```

```
    int ans = a+b;
```

```
    return ans;
```

```
}
```

```
int main( ) {
```

```
    int sum = printSum(3, 4);
```

```
    cout << sum << endl;
```

```
}
```

Output = 7

Note

max(a,b) is an in-built or pre-defined function used to find maximum value.

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Using return keyword in void datatype →

```
void printmsg() {  
    cout << "msg 1" << endl;  
    cout << "msg 2" << endl;  
    return;  
    cout << "msg 3" << endl;  
}  
  
int main() {  
    printmsg();  
}
```

Output = msg 1

msg 2

The statement after return will not be executed.

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Program to return maximum of three →

```
int printMax(int n1, int n2, int n3) {  
    int maximum = max(max(n1, n2), n3);  
    return maximum;  
}  
  
int main() {  
  
    int ans = printMax(2, 8, 6);  
    cout << "Maximum is : " << ans << endl;  
}
```

Output → Maximum is: 8