

Reminder: Please keep the middle part of the classroom “device free”

If you wish to use a laptop, move to the sides or back.

Coming Up

- Friday: Built-in Functions
Intro to Functions
- Sunday @ 10: Fri Review, Weekly Exercises, Mon Prep due
- Monday: Booleans
- Tuesday @ 10: Mon Review and Wed Prep due
- ... expect AI to be posted soon!

Getting Help

- Office hour after every lecture
- Closed Labs (led by your TA)
- Online discussion boards
 - Find/build study groups
- Email
 - Please read announcements on the discussion board first
 - Use a good subject, such as “I08: AI question about pixels”
- Don't spin your wheels -- ask for help!



Discussion Board

- Please make sure you have discussion board access.
- Visit the discussion board (linked via the course webpage)
- Use your UTORID and password to log in
- If you are unable to log in, the mcs system administrator will help.
- Send me an email, and I will forward it.

Mea Culpa

- Apologies to those of you who attempted to access the pi.py file last night
- I posted it as a “.py” file, but our webserver tried to execute it, so you saw a “HTTP 500” error
- The system administrator is working on the issue. In the meantime, you can view the files now. Copy and past them into a python file on your machine.

Assignment vs Equality

- Python variables look like math variables.
- This could be Python or math:
 $p = 5$
 $q = p * 7$
- But “=” in math means equality
 (stating a fact)
 whereas “=” in Python means assignment
 (asking Python to *do* something)
- This makes a big difference!

Assignment Statement

Form:

variable = expression

How it's executed:

1. Evaluate the expression on the RHS.
(The value of the expression is a memory address.)
2. Store that memory address in the variable on the LHS.

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Remember
this!

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I. Mutability

- In math, this is inconsistent:

$$p = 5$$

$$q = p * 7$$

$$p = q + 10$$

- p can't be both 5 and 45!
- But in Python, it makes perfect sense. p starts out referring to 5, but then changes to refer to 45.
- You can change a variable's value as many times as you want. You can even change its type.

2. No linked variables

- # What does this do?

$x = 37$

$y = x + 2$

x refers to 37, y refers to 39

$x = 20$

Does y refer to 22? No

- You can't use assignment to link the values of two variables together permanently.
- Note: This is different from having two variables referring to the same value. More on this later ...

3. Assignment is not symmetric

In math

In Python

$\text{sum} = a + b$

fine

they mean the
same thing

$a + b = \text{sum}$

illegal

Rules for the format of names

- There are a few rules about names of variables (and other things we'll see later):

- Must start with a letter (or underscore).
- Can include letters, digits, and underscores, but nothing else.
- And case matters, by the way.

age = 11

aGe # Error! This is not defined.

- Valid: `_moo_cow`, `cep3`, `I_LIKE_TRASH`
- Invalid: `49ers`, `@home`

Conventions for the format of names

- thEre'S a GoOD rEasON wHy WorDs haVE A StaNDaRd caPItAlizAtIon sCHemE
- Python convention: `pothole_case`
- `CamelCase` is sometimes seen, but *not for functions and variables*
- Rarely, single-letter names are capitalized: `L`, `X`, `Y`
- When in doubt, use `lowercase_pothole`

Producing Output

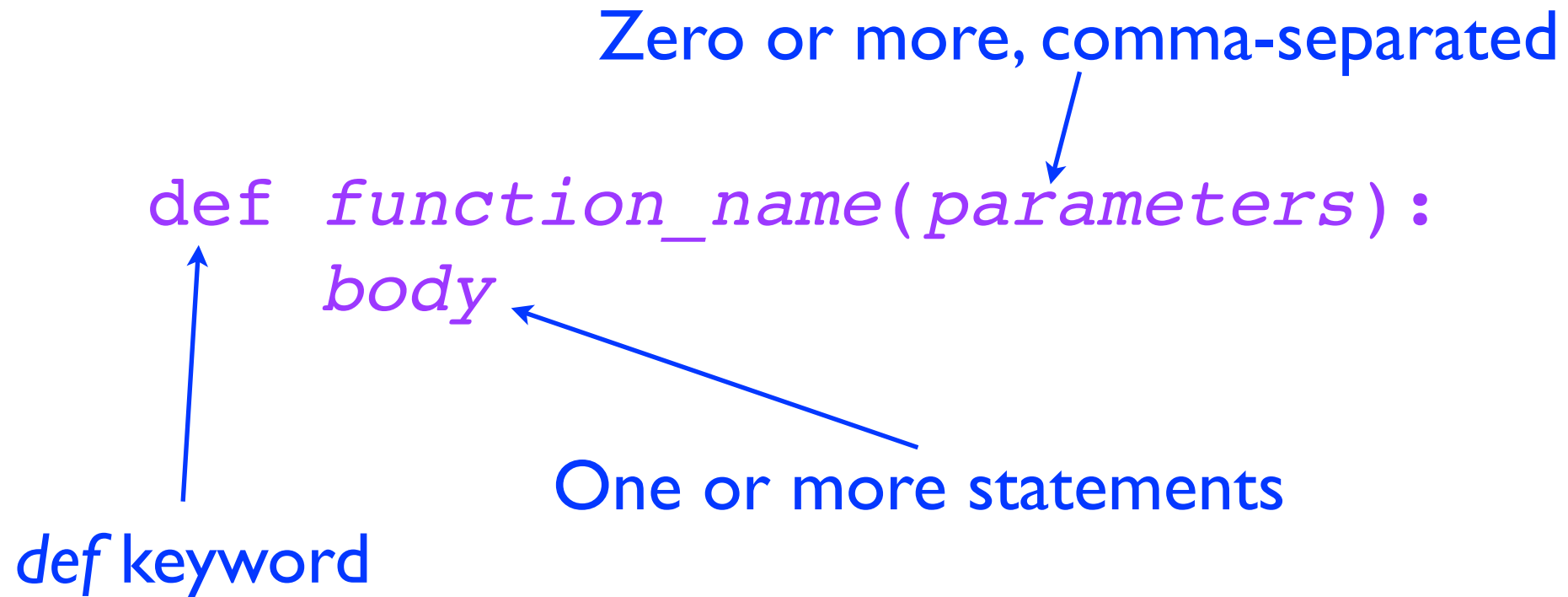
- In Python, you normally make full statements, eg:
 - assignment statements
 - def statements
 - if statements
- But the shell lets you provide just an expression, and it then shows you the value of the expression.
- So to show output in the shell, you can just give an expression.

- To show output in the editor, use print. Example:

```
print "Hello!"  
mark1 = raw_input("First mark: ")  
mark2 = raw_input("Second mark: ")  
print("The average is", average(mark1, mark2))
```
- Comma is for printing multiple items separated by blanks.

**Any burning questions
before we start?**

Function Definition



Function Call

Form: zero or more, comma-separated

function_name(arguments)



How it's executed:

1. Each argument is an expression. Evaluate these expressions, in order. (The value of each expression is a memory address.)
2. Store those memory addresses in the corresponding parameters.
3. Execute the body of the function.

Return Statement

Form:

`return expression`

How it's executed:

1. Evaluate the expression. (The value of the expression is a memory address.)
2. Exit the function, using that memory address as the value of the function call.

NB: The function ends *immediately*. Any remaining statements in it are not executed.

Reminder: NO TUTORIAL TODAY

Remember: We're in
DV2072 on Monday!