

Topics

- **Functions**
- **Positional argument**
- **Name space**
- **Advanced functions**
- **Error handling**

Functions

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6. One or more valid python statements that make up the function body. Statements must have same indentation level (**usually 4 spaces**).
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```
def Hello():  
    print('hello')
```

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    print(arg1+arg2)  
    return arg1+arg2
```

Return values

- return the summation of arg1 and arg2
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```
def my_add(arg1, arg2):  
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```

```
def my_add(arg1, arg2):
```

```
>>> my_add(3, 4)
```

```
>>>
```

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```

```
def my_add(arg1, arg2):  
    if arg1 == arg2:  
        return arg1+arg2, True  
    else:  
        return arg1+arg2, False
```

```
>>> my_add(3, 4)  
>>> a, b = my_add(3, 4)
```

Positional Arguments

- The most familiar types of arguments are *positional arguments*, whose values are copied to their corresponding parameters in order.

```
def my_print(str1, str2):  
    print(str2, str1)
```

```
>>> my_print('hello', 'student')  
...  
>>> my_print('hello', 'student', 'welcome')  
...
```

```
def my_print(str1, str2, str3 = ''):  
    print(str2, str1, str3)
```

Specify Default Parameter Values

The default is used if the caller does not provide a corresponding argument.

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```
def menu(arg1, arg2, arg3):  
    return {'wine': arg1, 'entree': arg2, 'dessert': arg3}
```

```
>>> menu('chardonnay', 'chicken', 'cake')  
{'wine': 'chardonnay', 'entree': 'chicken', 'dessert': 'cake'}
```

```
>>> menu('beef', 'bagel', 'bordeaux')  
{'wine': 'beef', 'entree': 'bagel', 'dessert': 'bordeaux'}
```

```
>>> menu(entree='beef', dessert='bagel', wine='bordeaux')  
{'wine': 'bordeaux', 'dessert': 'bagel', 'entree': 'beef'}
```

```
>>> menu('frontenac', dessert='flan', entree='fish')  
{'entree': 'fish', 'dessert': 'flan', 'wine': 'frontenac'}
```

Gather Positional Arguments with *

- An asterisk * groups variables into a tuple of parameter values

```
def print_args(*arguments):  
    print('Positional argument tuple:', arguments)
```

```
>>> print_args()  
Positional argument tuple: ()
```

```
def print_more(required1, required2, * arguments):  
    print(required1, required2, arguments)
```

```
>>> print_more('cap', 'gloves', 'scarf', 'monocle', 'mustache wax')  
cap gloves ('scarf', 'monocle', 'mustache wax')
```


Gather Positional Arguments with *

- An asterisk * is useful.

```
def my_add(arg1, arg2):  
    return arg1+arg2
```

```
>>> my_add(3, 4)  
7
```

```
>>> my_add(3, 4, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8, ...)  
...
```

```
def my_add(arg1, arg2, *arg3):  
    return ...
```

Docstrings

- You can attach documentation to a function definition by including a string at the beginning of the function body

```
def my_add(arg1, arg2):  
    return arg1+arg2
```

```
def my_add(arg1, arg2):  
    """  
    Adding two numbers  
    >>> my_add(4, 5)  
    """  
    return arg1+arg2
```

```
>>> help(my_add)
```

False, True, and None

- None is a special Python value that holds a place when there is nothing to say
- zero-valued integers or floats, empty strings (''), lists ([]), tuples ((,)), dictionaries ({}), and sets(set()) are all false

```
>>> def do_nothing():  
    pass
```

```
>>> a = do_nothing()  
>>> type(a)
```

```
>>> def aa(arg1):  
    if arg1 == True:  
        print('True')  
    elif arg1 == False:  
        print('False')  
    elif arg1 == None:  
        print('None')
```

Exercise

- write a code to merge four mathematic functions into one function by using third argument

```
def my_add(arg1, arg2):  
    return arg1+arg2
```

```
def my_mul(arg1, arg2):  
    return arg1*arg2
```

```
def my_pow(arg1, arg2):  
    return arg1**arg2
```

```
def my_div(arg1, arg2):  
    return arg1/arg2
```



```
def my_cal(arg1, arg2, arg3):  
    if arg3 == '+':
```

Exercise

- takes a variable (string, list, or tuple) and eliminate duplicated elements in the variable
- returns the variable as the same type of input variable

```
def mydup(c):  
    tm = []  
    for num in c:  
        if num not in tm:  
            tm.append(num)  
    return tm
```

```
>>> mydup('ekeieislslkejjeite222')  
ekislkjt2  
>>> mydup(['a', 'a', 'b', '1', '1'])  
['a', 'b', '1']  
>>> mydup({'a', 'a', 'b', '1', '1'})  
{ 'a', 'b', '1' }
```

Functions can be argument

- In Python, parentheses () mean *call this function*
- With no parentheses, Python just treats the function like any other object.

```
def my_add(arg1, arg2):  
    return arg1+arg2
```

```
def my_mul(arg1, arg2):  
    return arg1*arg2
```

```
def run_this_functions(some_fun, arg1, arg2):  
    some_fun(arg1, arg2)
```

```
>>> type(my_add)  
>>> run_this_functions(my_add, 5, 6)  
>>> run_this_functions(my_mul, 5, 6)
```

Inner functions

- You can define a function within another function
- An inner function can be useful when performing some complex task more than once within another function

```
def outer(a, b):  
    def inner(c, d):  
        return c + d  
    return inner(a, b)
```

```
>>> outer(4, 7)  
11  
>>> inner(4,5) # ??
```

```
def knights(saying):  
    def inner(quote):  
        return "We are the knights who say: '%s'" % quote  
    return inner(saying)
```

```
>>> knights('Ni!')  
"We are the knights who say: 'Ni!'"
```

Closure

- This is a function that is dynamically generated by another function
- Remember the values of variables that were created outside the function

```
def knights2(saying):  
    def inner2():  
        return "My country is: '%s'" % saying  
    return inner2
```

```
>>> a = knights2('Kazakhstan')  
>>> type(a)  
<function __main__.knights2.<locals>.inner2>  
>>> b = knights2('Korea')  
>>> a()  
"My country: 'Kazakhstan'"  
>>> b()  
"My country: 'Korea'"
```


Global variable : 'global' keyword

- Share a global variable across all Python Modules

```
c = 1 # global variable
def add():
    print(c)
```

```
c = 1 # global variable
def add():
    c = c + 2 # or c = 4
    print(c)
```

```
c = 0 # global variable
def add():
    global c
    c = c + 2
    print("Inside add():", c)
```

```
add()
print("In main:", c)
```

```
c = 1 # global variable
def add():
    c = 4
    print(c)
```

Anonymous Functions: lambda() Function

- An anonymous function expressed as a single statement. You can use it instead of a normal tiny function.
- The lambda takes one argument. Everything between the colon and the terminating parenthesis is the definition of the function.
- Temporal function/remove, no **return** keyword

```
stairs = ['thud', 'meow', 'thud', 'hiss']
```

```
def edit_story(words, func):
```

```
    for word in words:  
        print(func(word))
```

```
def enliven(word): # give that prose more punch  
    return word.capitalize() + '!'
```

```
>>> edit_story(stairs, enliven)
```

```
>>> edit_story(stairs, lambda word: word.capitalize() + '!')
```

Anonymous Functions: lambda() Function

- Often, using real functions such as `enliven()` is much clearer than using lambdas
- Lambdas are useful for cases in which you would otherwise need to define many tiny functions and remember what you called them all

```
g = lambda x: x**2
f = lambda x, y: x + y

def inc(n):
    return lambda x: x + n
```

```
>>> g(8)
>>> f(4, 4)
>>> f = inc(2)
>>> g = inc(4)
>>> f(12)
>>> g(12)
>>> inc(2)((12))
```

```
n = 10
def inc2(x, *arg):
    print(len(arg))
    if not arg:
        global n
        return x + n
    else:
        n = arg[0]
        print(n)
        return x + n
```

```
>>> inc2(3)
>>> inc2(3, 5)
```

Decorator

- Sometimes, you want to modify an existing function without changing its source code
- Example is adding a debugging statement to see what arguments were passed in.

```
def add_ints(a, b):  
    return a + b
```

```
def add_ints(a, b):  
    print('Running....')  
    print('Positional....')  
    print('Positional....')  
    print('Positional....')  
    return a + b
```

```
>>> add_ints(4,5)  
9
```

```
>>> add_ints(4,5)  
Running function: add_ints  
Positional arguments: (4, 5)  
Keyword arguments: {}  
Result: 9
```

Decorator

- A *decorator* is a function that takes one function as input and returns another function
 - `*args` and `**kwargs`
 - Inner functions
 - Functions as arguments

```
def document_it(func):  
    def new_function(*args, **kwargs):  
        print('Running function:', func.__name__)  
        print('Positional arguments:', args)  
        print('Keyword arguments:', kwargs)  
        result = func(*args, **kwargs)  
        print('Result:', result)  
        return result  
    return new_function
```

```
>>> better_add_ints = document_it(add_ints)  
>>> better_add_ints(4, 5)
```

Decorator

```
def document_it(func):
    def new_function(*args, **kwargs):
        print('Running function:', func.__name__)
        print('Positional arguments:', args)
        print('Keyword arguments:', kwargs)
        result = func(*args, **kwargs)
        print('Result:', result)
    return result
return new_function
```

decorator

```
def add_ints(a, b):
    return a + b
```

```
def mul_ints(a, b):
    return a * b
```

```
@document_it
def add_ints(a, b):
    return a + b
```

```
@document_it
def mul_ints(a, b):
    return a + b
```

```
>>> add_ints(4, 5)
```

```
>>> mul_ints(4, 5)
```

Decorator

▪ Tracking the changes of arguments

```
def print_it(func):  
    def new_function(*args, **kwargs):  
        result = func(*args, **kwargs)  
        print('Result:', args)  
        return result  
    return new_function  
  
@print_it  
def add_ints(a, b):  
    return a + b  
  
a = 3; b = 6  
for i in range(1, 10):  
    a, b = add_ints(a, b), add_ints(b, a)/2
```

Global variable : 'global' keyword

- Each function defines its own namespace
- If you define a variable called x in a main program and another variable called x in a function, they refer to different things
- The main part of a program defines the *global* namespace

```
x = 4
y = 6
def adding():
    return x+y
>>> adding()

def adding():
    x = 10; y = 15
    return x+y
>>> adding()
>>> print(x, y)
```


Name space

- The main part of a program defines the *global* namespace; thus, the variables in that namespace are *global variables*
- You can get the value of a global variable from within a function:

```
animal = 'fruitbat'
```

```
def print_global():  
    print('inside print_global:', animal)
```

```
def change_and_print_global():  
    print('inside change_and_print_global:', animal)  
    animal = 'wombat'  
    print('after the change:', animal)
```

If you try to get the value of the global variable and change it within the function, you get an error:

Name space

- The `change_local()` function also has a variable named `animal`, but that's in its local namespace
- To access the global variable rather than the local one within a function, you need to be explicit and use the `global` keyword
- Local variable goes away (removed from the memory) after the function completes (no return value)

```
animal = 'fruitbat'
```

```
def change_local():  
    animal = 'wombat'  
    print('inside change_local:', animal, id(animal))
```

```
>>> change_local()  
1651386275800  
>>> id(animal)  
1651386174128
```

Name space

- Python provides two functions to access the contents of your namespaces:
 - ✓ `locals()` returns a dictionary of the contents of the local namespace.
 - ✓ `globals()` returns a dictionary of the contents of the global namespace.

```
animal = 'fruitbat'
def change_local():
    a = 4; b = 6; c = 'hello'
    animal = 'wombat' # local variable
    print('locals:', locals())
    tm = locals()
    return tm
```

```
>>> l_var = change_local()
>>> g_var = globals()
```

Use of '_' and '__'

- Names that begin and end with two underscores (__) are reserved
- It seemed unlikely to be selected by application developers

```
def amazing():  
    """This is the amazing function.  
    Want to see it again?"""  
    print('This function is named:', amazing.__name__)  
    print('And its docstring is:', amazing.__doc__)
```

```
>>> amazing()  
This function is named: amazing  
And its docstring is: This is the amazing function.  
    Want to see it again?
```

Error handling : try, except

- Python uses *exceptions*: code that is executed when an associated error occurs.
- The finally block consists of statements which should be processed regardless of an exception occurring in the try block or not.

try :

#statements in try block

except :

#executed when error in try block

Try :

#statements in try block

except :

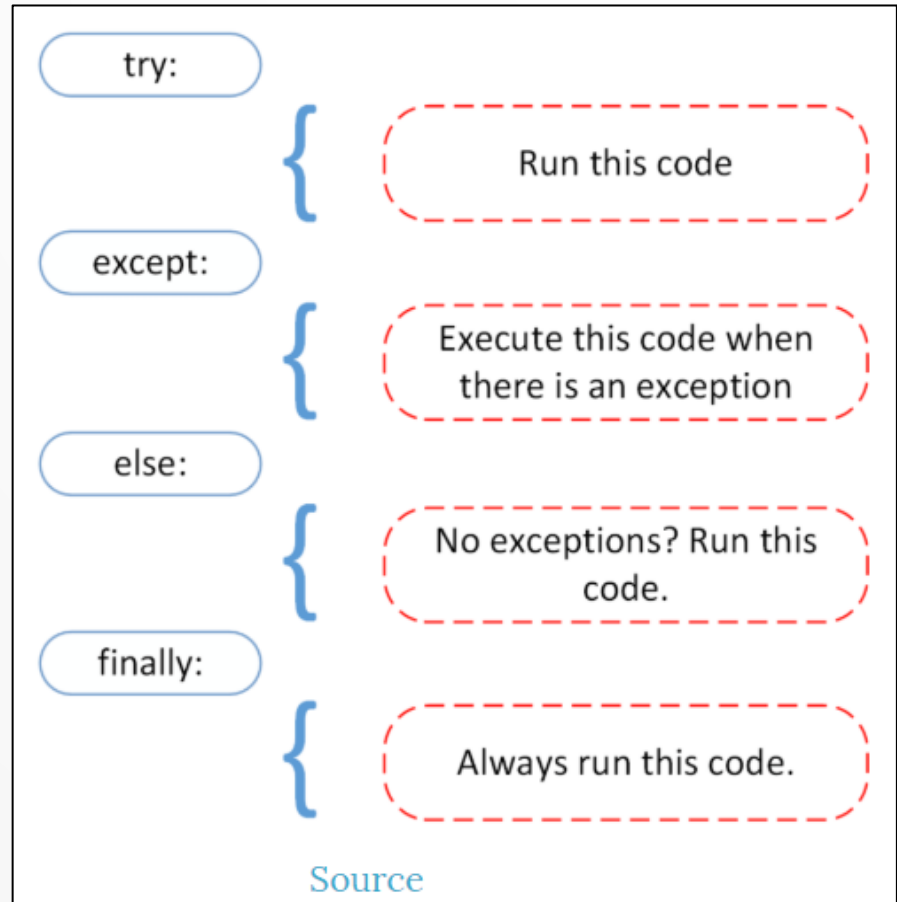
#executed when error in try block

else :

#executed if try block is error-free

finally :

#executed irrespective of exception occurred or not



Error handling : try, except

try:

```
print("try block")  
x=int(input('Enter a number: '))  
y=int(input('Enter another number: '))  
z=x/y
```

except ZeroDivisionError:

```
print("except ZeroDivisionError block")  
print("Division by 0 not accepted")
```

else:

```
print("else block")  
print("Division = ", z)
```

finally:

```
print("finally block")  
x=0  
y=0  
print ("Out of try, except, else and finally blocks." )
```

Type of errors

- **IndexError** is thrown when trying to access an item at an invalid index.
- **ModuleNotFoundError** is thrown when a module could not be found.
- **KeyError** is thrown when a key is not found.
- **ImportError** is thrown when a specified function can not be found.
- **TypeError** is thrown when an operation or function is applied to an object of an inappropriate type.
- **ValueError** is thrown when a function's argument is of an inappropriate type.
- **NameError** is thrown when an object could not be found.
- **KeyboardInterrupt** is thrown when the user hits the interrupt key (normally Control-C) during the execution of the program.