Python Course

Functions and Loops

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Functions

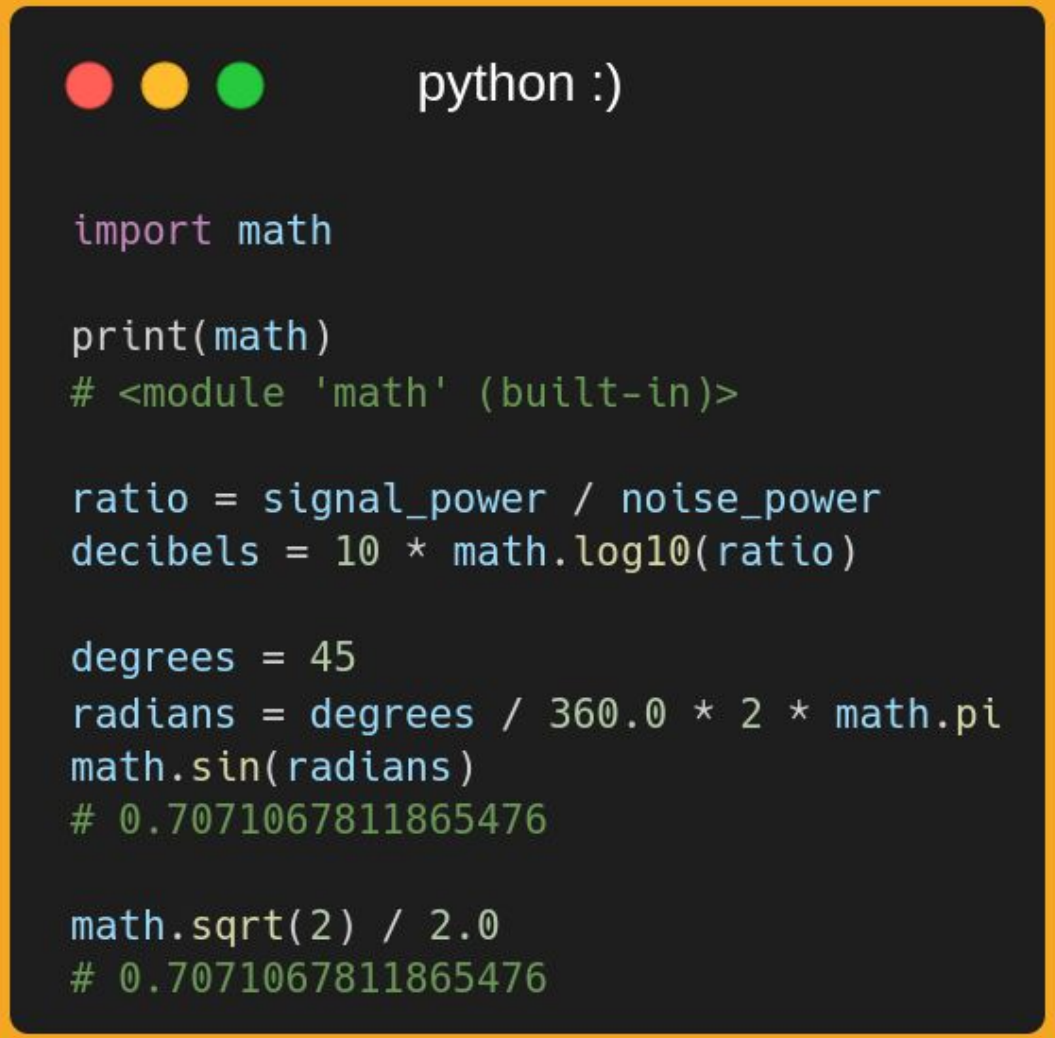
In the context of programming, a function is a named sequence of statements that performs a computation. When you define a function, you specify the name and the sequence of statements. Later, you can “call” the function by name.

Type conversion functions

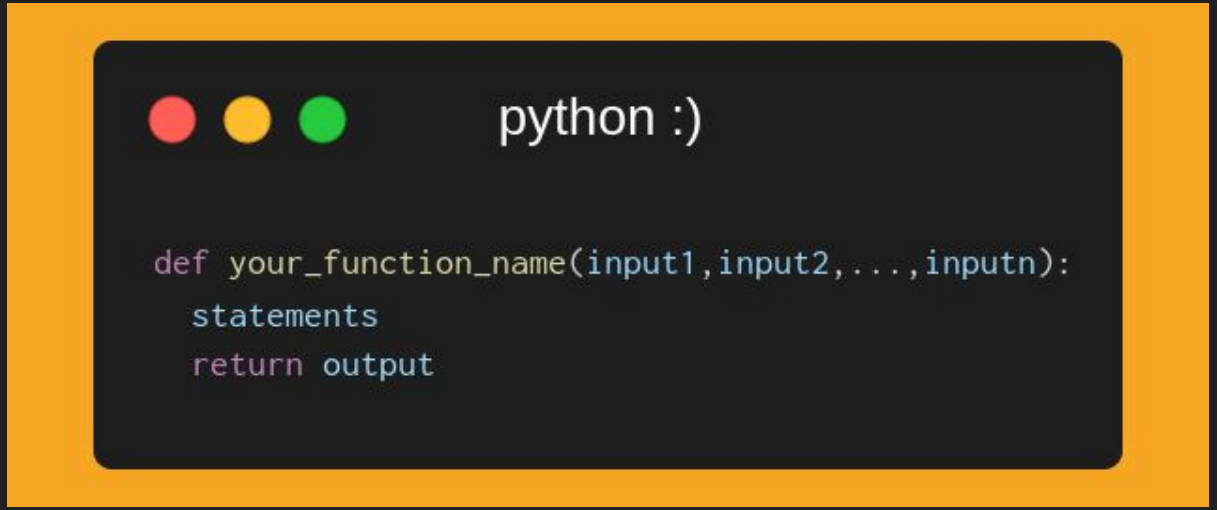
Python also provides built-in functions that convert values from one type to another.

Math functions

Python has a math module that provides most of the familiar mathematical functions.



Adding new functions



Function examples

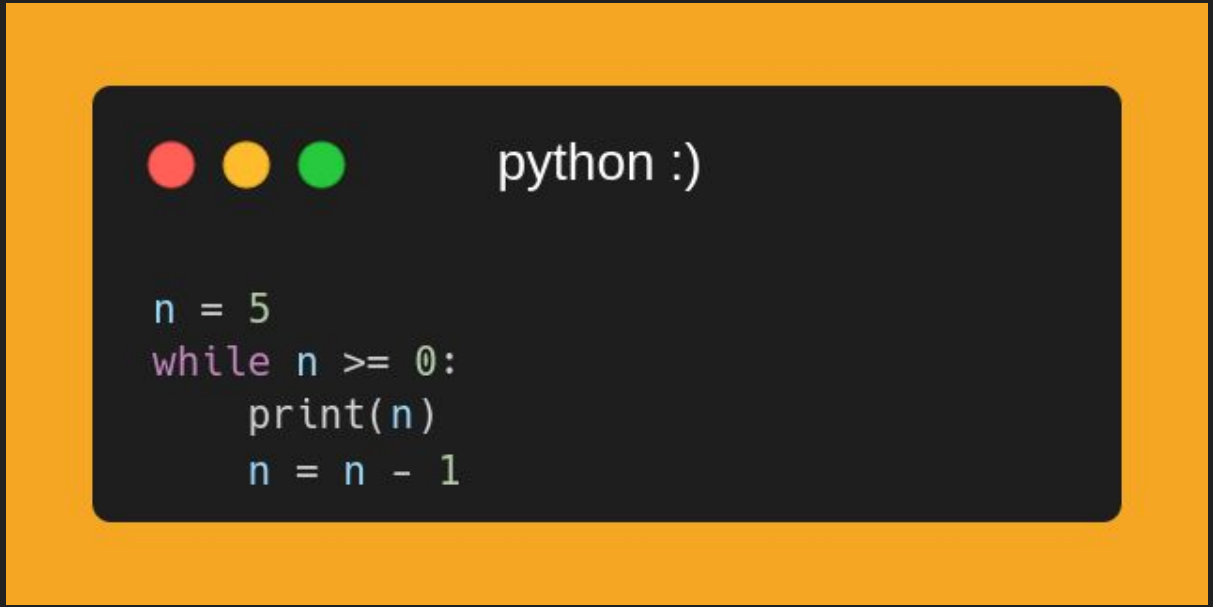
Why functions?

- makes your program easier to read, understand, and debug
- Later, if you make a change, you only have to make it in one place.
- Once you write and debug one, you can reuse it.
- debug the parts one at a time and then assemble them into a working whole.

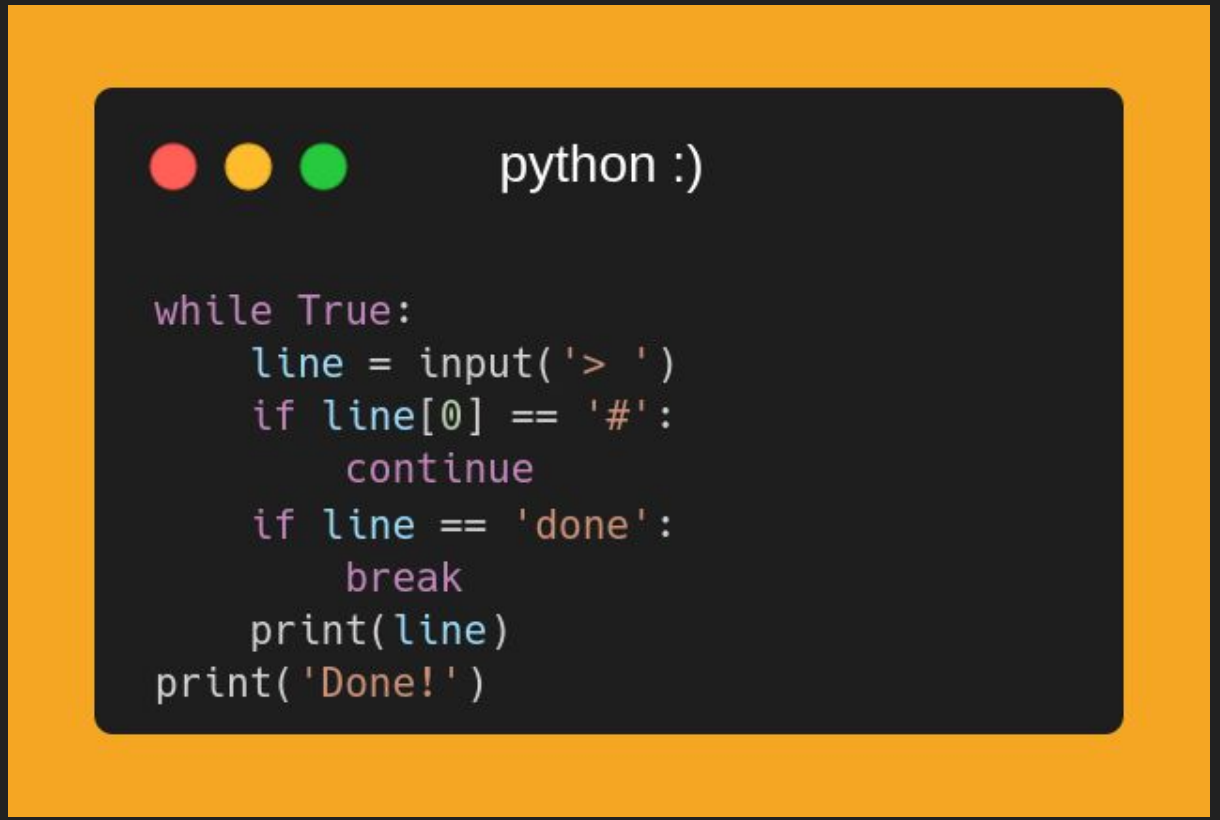
Loops

The while statement

Computers are often used to automate repetitive tasks. Repeating identical or similar tasks without making errors is something that computers do well and people do poorly. Because iteration is so common, Python provides several language features to make it easier.



Infinite loops



Loops using for

Any Questions?