

Class 6: R functions

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```
add <- function(x,y){  
  x+y  
}
```

```
add(1,1)
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```
[1] 2
```

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add(x=1, y=100)
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[1] 101
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add(c(100, 1, 100), 1)
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[1] 101    2 101
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#you can also assign a number to x or y within the function  
add <- function(x,y=1){  
  x+y  
}
```

```
#then you don't have to put a y value when you use it because it defaults  
#to the assigned value given in the function
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add(10)
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[1] 11
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#however, you can override the original y value by giving it a new one
add(10,10)
```

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[1] 20
```

```
#Make a function to generate a random nucleotide sequence of any length

nucleotides <- c("A", "C", "G", "T")
sequence <- sample(nucleotides, size = 10, replace = TRUE)

generate_dna <- function(length){
  nucleotides <- c("A", "C", "G", "T")
  sequence <- sample(nucleotides, size = length, replace = TRUE)

  return(sequence) #prints out the answer to the function
}

#try the function to get a random 9-base sequence
generate_dna(9)
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```
[1] "T" "T" "A" "T" "G" "A" "T" "C" "A"
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```
#Installed the bio3d package in the console. Call the amino acid table within
#the package and just subset the column that has the single-letter AA codes.
#The unique() pulls out only one of each amino acid and gets rid of duplicates
#from the table. The [1:20] subset at the end gets rid of the "X" code which is
#not a common canonical (?) amino acid. The paste() function returns the
#sequence without quotes or spaces or anything between each amino acid in the
#sequence
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generate_protein <- function(length){
  amino_acids <- unique(bio3d::aa.table$aa1)[1:20]
  sequence <- sample(amino_acids, size = length, replace = TRUE)
  sequence <- paste(sequence, collapse = "")

  return(sequence) #prints out the answer to the function
}

generate_protein(22)
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[1] "DREPEWIIYVRNMTEDWDYST"
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#Generate random protein sequences of length 6 to 12. Use the sapply() function
#to apply a function to a vector of values
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answer <- sapply(6:12, generate_protein)
answer
```

```
[1] "HVFMSL"      "FILGRWG"      "PTMNQMFC"      "MCKSIGPQW"      "VKRNCYYGVY"
[6] "ANSDNLNSGTF" "IQWSMDMEWKRV"
```

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#Put the sequences together into FASTA format to directly search in blastp
#the "\n" puts in an enter/return/new line
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cat(paste(">id.", 6:12, "\n", answer, sep=""), sep="\n")
```

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>id.6
HVFMSL
>id.7
FILGRWG
>id.8
PTMNQMFC
>id.9
MCKSIGPQW
>id.10
VKRNCYYGVY
>id.11
ANSDNLNSGTF
>id.12
IQWSMDMEWKRV
```