#### **Function Arguments**

## **Different Forms of Arguments**

# 1. Default Arguments

We can provide a default value to an argument by using the assignment operator (=).

```
In [ ]: def greet(name, msg="Good Morning"):
    """
    This function greets to person with the provided message
    if message is not provided, it defaults to "Good Morning"
    """
    print("Hello {0} , {1}".format(name, msg))

greet("satish", "Good Night")

Hello satish , Good Night
```

```
In [ ]: #with out msg argument
greet("satish")

Hello satish , Good Morning
```

Once we have a default argument, all the arguments to its right must also have default values.

def greet(msg="Good Morning", name)

# will get a SyntaxError : non-default argument follows default argument

#### 2. Keyword Arguments

kwargs allows you to pass keyworded variable length of arguments to a function. You should use \*\*kwargs if you want to handle named arguments in a function

#### **Example:**

```
In [ ]: def greet(**kwargs):
    """
    This function greets to person with the provided message
    """
    if kwargs:
        print("Hello {0} , {1}".format(kwargs['name'], kwargs['msg']))
    greet(name="satish", msg="Good Morning")

Hello satish , Good Morning
```

## 3. Arbitary Arguments

Sometimes, we do not know in advance the number of arguments that will be passed into a function. Python allows us to handle this kind of situation through function calls with arbitrary number of arguments.

#### Example:

```
In [ ]: def greet(*names):
    """
    This function greets all persons in the names tuple
    """
    print(names)

    for name in names:
        print("Hello, {0} ".format(name))

greet("satish", "murali", "naveen", "srikanth")

('satish', 'murali', 'naveen', 'srikanth')
Hello, satish
Hello, murali
Hello, naveen
Hello, srikanth
```