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Lecture 8 Recursion - How Recursion works.py

1  # Example 01
2  # Write a function which recursively print numbers from 1 to n.
3  def recursiveMethod(parameter):
4     if parameter < 1:
5         print("Exit condition Satisfied. Exited.")
6     else:
7         recursiveMethod(parameter-1)
8         print(parameter)
9

10  print(">> Output of Example 01 <<")
11  recursiveMethod(4)</pre>
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## Recursion

- A method call itself.
- Exit condition to exit from infinite loop.



## Stack

LIFO – Last in first out







## Push recursiveMethod(1) **PUSH** recursiveMethod(2) recursiveMethod(4) recursiveMethod(3) recursiveMethod(3) recursiveMethod(2) recursiveMethod(1) recursiveMethod(4) All function pushed in

As 0 is less than 1 no need to store recursiveMethod(0) in stack.



Pop recursiveMethod(4) recursiveMethod(3) recursiveMethod(2) recursiveMethod(2) recursiveMethod(3) recursiveMethod(1) recursiveMethod(1) recursiveMethod(2) recursiveMethod(1) recursiveMethod(1) All function popped out



- Output:
- Exit condition Satisfied. Exited.
- 1
- **2**
- **3**
- **4**

