INF1511 Unit 5 Visual Programming I

Functions and Procedures

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NEWS

- TUTORS none yet linked!
- TEXTBOOK Please use the additional resources from the safari / o'riley sources.

Overview

- The theory of functions and procedures in programming.
- The practical application (and demonstration) of functions and procedures in programming.
- The assessment of learning in this unit.
- The additional resources available for this unit.

Theory – What are functions and procedures in programming?

- Functions are
- Procedures are ...
- Parameters are ...
- A system. There is always input, processing and output.
- A function has input, processing and output.

Functions

- YOU need to create (define) the function.
- Then you need to USE the function.

- A function is defined as a group of statements that can be *invoked* several times.
- There are built in functions (you can use) and there are own functions (you define and use).

Functions

- To use a function, you need to call the function using a function call.
- You can also pass functions as an argument to another function!
- The def statement is used to define a function.
- When calling a function, the data sent is call <u>arguments</u>, and the variables in the function that receive the arguments are call <u>parameters</u>.

Functions and variables

- Variables
- Local only scope within the body of the function
- Global scope not bound by function

Application of functions to sequences

- Strings, lists and tuples
- Methods: filter(), map() and reduce().
- Implement methods, we use functions:
- Filter(function, sequence)

Other function applications

- Iterators and generators and the yield statement
- Module a file that consists of functions and variables used for a task. Can be imported and reused. Use the *import* statement.
- E.g. calendar module

Programming elements

- Literals ______
- Variables _______
- Keywords (30 in Python ... and else elif exec ...)
- Comments #
- A keyword is IF and ELIF
- A keyword is FOR
- A keyword is WHILE
- Functions are declared! The keyword is

Assessment for Unit 5

- Theory MCQ quiz will become available today.
 One attempt. Available until 9 October 2023.
- Programming activities for this unit on Jupyter Notebook page. Practise! Use this to complete Assignment 5.
- Practical MCQ quiz (Assignment 5) will become available today. One attempt. Available until 9 October 2023.

Practical application

- Demonstrate the syntax and use of functions and procedures.
- Using ANACONDA programming environment.
- Please download the Jupyter notebook page or the PDF.

Thank you

