

# Functions and Scope

# Recap

```
1  def is_even(x):  
2      """  
3      Input: x, a positive integer  
4      Returns True if x is even, False otherwise  
5      """  
6      return x % 2 == 0
```

1. what is the function name?
2. where is the docstring?
3. what is the input?
4. what is the output?
5. where is the body of the function?
6. where is the return type?

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# Return

- return only has meaning **inside** a function
- only one return executed inside a function
- code inside function after return is not executed
- has a value associated with it, given to the function caller

# Print

- can be used **outside** functions
- has a value associated with it, outputted to the console
- print expression itself returns `None` value

# Functions as a support of modularity

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# Functions as a support of modularity

So to get the square root of 25, we can just call:

```
1 print(bisection_root(25))
```

This is now a **black box**, with a specified input, and an output that changes based on the input

# Zooming out and scope

```
1  def sum_odd(a, b):
2      sum_of_odds = 0
3
4      for i in range(a, b+1):
5          if i % 2 == 1:
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8      return sum_of_odds
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10 low = 2
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Function scope

# How does python execute a function

Python creates an **entirely new environment** with every function call

- essentially a *mini program*
- it runs with its *own set* of variables
- it does the work (body)
- it returns a value
- then the environment is destroyed

# Environments

- Global environment
  - created when program starts
  - holds all global variables
  - holds function definitions

And invoking a function creates a **new** environment (scope)

# Variable Scope

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- *scope* is a mapping of names to objects
  - it defines which variables have which values
- expressions in bodies of a function evaluate with respect to the function's scope

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## After line 3

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1  def f(x):  
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## Global Scope

f   function object

## After line 5

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## Global Scope

f   function object

x   3

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3     return x  
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f   function object

x   x

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f   function object

x   3

## Function Scope (inside f)

x   x = 3

## During line 6

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1  def f(x):  
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6  z = f(y)
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## Global Scope

f   function object

y   3

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## Function Scope (inside f)

x   4

## back outside the function

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y   3

z   4

## Function Scope (inside f)

- f(y) gets replaced by return value 4
- the scope gets destroyed

x   4

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z   4

# Other examples

You can access a variable defined outside the function

```
1  def g(y):  
2      print(x)  
3      print(x + 1)  
4  x = 5  
5  g(x)  
6  print(x)
```

But you can't change it

```
1  def h(y):  
2      x += 1  
3  x = 5  
4  h(x)  
5  print(x)
```

# Higher order procedures

- Objects in Python have a type
  - int, float, str, boolean, NoneType, function
- objects can appear in the right hand side of assignment statement
  - bind a name to an object
- Objects
  - can be used as an argument to a procedure/function
  - can be returned as a value from a procedure
- Functions are \_\_\_\_\_



# We can treat functions just like any other object

- can be arguments to another function
- can be returned by another function

# Function as an object

```
1  def calc(op, x, y):
2      return op(x, y)
3
4  def add(a, b):
5      return a + b
6
7  def div(a, b):
8      if b  $\neq$  0:
9          return a/b
10     print("division by zero!")
11
12  res = calc(add, 2, 3)
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## Program scope

calc function object

add function object

div function object

res

# Create calc scope

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2     return op(x, y)  
3  
4 res = calc(add, 2, 3)
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## Prog Scope

calc      function object

add      function object

div      function object

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## Calc Scope

op      Add

x      2

y      3

Run the calc body

```
1 def calc(op, x, y):  
2     return op(x, y)
```

Run the calc body

```
1 def calc(add, 2, 4):  
2     return add(2, 4)
```

# Define add scope

```
1 def calc(add, 2, 4):  
2     return add(2, 4)  
3  
4 def add(a, b):  
5     return a + b
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Add Scope

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# Evaluating

```
1 def calc(op, x, y):
2     return 6
3
4 def add(a, b):
5     return 6
6
7 def div(a, b):
8     if b != 0:
9         return a/b
10    print("division by zero!")
11
12 res = 6
```

Prog  
Scope

calc      function  
          object

add        function  
          object

div        function  
          object

res        6

Calc  
Scope

op        Add

x        2

y        3

Add  
Scope

a        2

b        4



# Exercise

Trace this function call

```
1  def calc(op, x, y):  
2      return op(x, y)  
3  
4  def div(a, b):  
5      if b  $\neq$  0:  
6          return a/b  
7      print("division by zero!")  
8  
9  res = calc(div, 2, 0)
```

What is the value of `res` and what gets printed?

make global scope table, and function scope tables

# More Exercise

```
1  def func_a():
2      print("inside func_a")
3
4  def func_b(y):
5      print("inside func_b")
6      return y
7
8  def func_c(f, z):
9      print("inside func_c")
10     return f(z)
11
12  print(func_a())
13  print(5 + func_b(2))
14  print(func_c(func_b, 3))
```

Starting at line 12

# Exercise

Write a function that meets these specs

```
1  def apply(criteria, n):
2      """
3          criteria, a function that takes in a number and returns a boolean
4          n, an integer
5
6          Returns how many ints from 0 to n (inclusive) meet the criteria
7          (i.e. numbers that return True when a criteria is applied)
8      """
9
10 def is_even(x):
11     """
12     x, a positive integer
13     returns True if x is even, False otherwise
14     """
```

# Dictionaries

key value stores, hash maps

# Dictionary

A dictionary is a **key-value** store. It's primary use case is

1. Storing multiple pieces of data
2. Accessing data with keys instead of indices

A dictionary is *mutable* and *unordered*.

- In python it's defined using curly braces `{}`
- Where each key is separated from its value by a colon `:`
- and each key-value pair is separated by a comma `,`

```
1 my_dictionary = {  
2     "name": "Alice",  
3     "age": 30,  
4     "city": "New York"  
5 }
```

# Example problem

What if we wanted to store the health of different enemies in the game

With lists one way of doing this is

```
1 enemies = ["goblin", "troll", "dragon"]
```

```
1 health = [30, 50, 100]
```

How would you access the health of the troll?

```
1 for i in range(len(___)):
2     if ___[i] == "___":
3         print(___[i])
```

# Example problem

What if we wanted to add a new value for "orc" with health 40

```
1 enemies.append("orc")  
2 health.append(40)
```

And if wanted to delete the "goblin"

```
1 index = enemies.index("goblin")  
2 enemies.pop(index)  
3 health.pop(index)
```

# Exercise

Given

```
1  enemies = ["goblin", "troll", "dragon"]
2  weight = [30, 50, 100]
```

Write a function where

```
1  def get_weight(enemy_name):
2      """
3      input: enemy_name (String)
4      return: weight (int)
5      """
```



# Dictionary solution

```
1 enemy_health = {  
2     "goblin": 30,  
3     "troll": 50,  
4     "dragon": 100  
5 }
```

```
1 enemy_health["troll"]
```

# Hashing

Dictionaries work by using a process called *hashing*

Recall that lists are stored in **straight** blocks of memory. That is why lists are ordered, and why indices start at 0

A dictionary uses a **hash function** to convert the key into a memory address

And when a key is looked up, the hash function is used again to find the memory address

# Example

Assume a key `"health"` is hashed, and assume the hash function takes the number of characters, and multiplies it by the index of the last character

- This would mean that `"health"` would be hashed to  $6 * 5 = 30$
- and `"mana"` would be hashed to  $\_ * \_ = \_$

Adding stamina would put it in the memory address `\_`

This means that if you use `enemy_stats["stamina"]`, under the hood, it also does the hash function, and goes to that memory address

# Exercise 2

Given the dictionary

```
1 player = {  
2     "name": "Hero",  
3     "level": 5,  
4     "health": 100,  
5     "mana": 50  
6 }
```

complete the following functions

```
1 def level_up():  
2     """  
3     increases the player's level by 1  
4     input: None  
5     output: None  
6     """
```

```
1 def take_damage(damage):  
2     """  
3     decreases the player's health by damage  
4     input: damage (int)  
5     output: None  
6     """  
7  
8 def use_mana(cost):  
9     """  
10    decreases the player's  
11        mana by cost  
12    input: cost (int)  
13    output: None  
14    """  
15  
16 def is_alive():  
17     """  
18    checks if the player  
19        is alive (health > 0)  
20    input: None  
21    return: (bool)  
22    """
```