# **Functions**

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Can't just use a for-loop since these locations may be separated by a region of code that you only want to execute once.

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player1 = int(input("Player 1: enter pick here: "))
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player2 = int(input("Player 2: enter pick here: "))
if player2 == player1:
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statements

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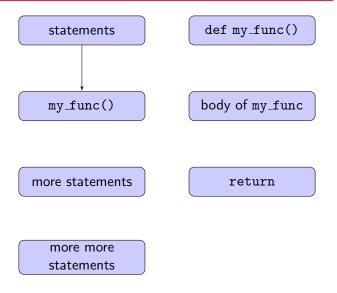
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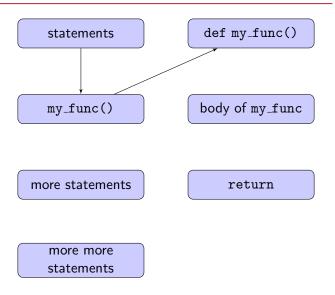
body of my\_func

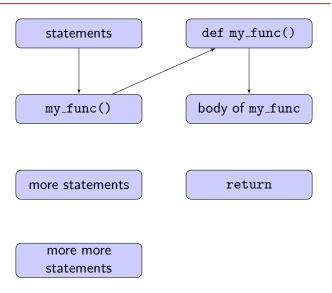
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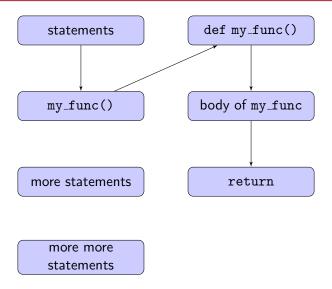
return

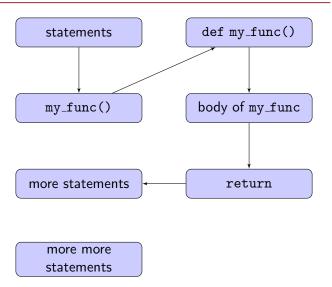
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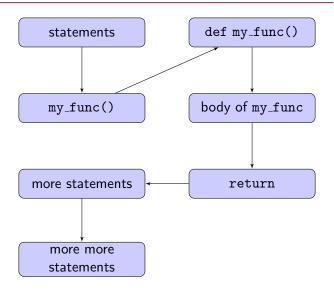












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Alright, we're done here. Time to go.



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    y = a - b
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print(out2) # prints 1
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body = calcualtions
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Built-in/intrinsic functions

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    x = x + 1
    return

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    x = x + 1
    return

y = 1
ref_func(y)

y = 2
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def value_func(x):
    x = x + 1
    return

y = 1
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y = ?
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      y = x * x
      return y
  print(f(5))
2. def f(x, y, z):
      a = x + y + z
      b = x * y * z
      return a, b
  x = 3
  out1, out2 = f(2, x, 4)
  print(out1)
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statement1
statement2
statement3
:
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def func1(x, y):
    statement1
    statement2
    return z
def func2():
    statement50
    statement51
    return
```

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def func1(x, y):
    statement1
    statement2
                                a few input statements
                                out1 = func1(input1,
    return z
                                input2)
def func2():
                                func2()
    statement50
                                out2 = func3(out1)
    statement51
    return
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    statement50
                               out2 = func3(out1)
    statement51
                               print(func10(out9, out10))
    return
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Procedural programs embody the engineering principle of *modularity*:

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- ► Individual modules should have a standardized interface, so that they are easily interchangable or replacable