

# Section #2: Function, Control

## Control

Call Expression:  $\text{add}(2, 3)$   
                             $\downarrow$  operator       $\downarrow$  operand

1. evaluate operator and operand
2. apply function to values

Define Function:

$\text{def } \underbrace{\langle \text{name} \rangle}_{\text{function name}} (\underbrace{\langle \text{formal parameter} \rangle}_{\text{function parameters}})$

$\text{return } \underbrace{\langle \text{return expressions} \rangle}_{\text{what function returns}}$

Environment Diagrams:

- first start with Global Frame outlining just variable and function names
- only if call to function is made, do you open a new frame

```
x = 3
y = 1 + 2 + 3
def square(x):
    return x * x
square(y)
```

Global Frame

x	3
y	6
square	→ function square (p=g)

function square (p=g)

x	6	(y → 6)	* replace w/ most exact value
rv	36	(6 * 6)	

Print vs. Return

Print: will display value but will return **None**

Return: returns the proper value

print(y)

→ although prints 6,  
return value is **None!**

understand this!

If:

```
if blah: ← checks this ①  
  do this  
elif blah2: ← if above isn't true checks this ②  
  do that  
else: ← if all cases aren't true, does this ③  
  do thisback;
```

While:

```
while (a conditional): ← checks if this conditional  
  ~ does all of this ~ is correct  
  multiple times ~  
return blah ← will keep doing  
               everything inside until  
               while condition is true
```

\* can create infinite loops  
if not careful! (when conditional always true)