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## Textbook

*Think Python*  
by Allen Downey  
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## Grading

- 10% In-lab Programming Assignments
- 10% Take-Home Programming Assignments
- 35% Mid-term Exam
- 45% Final Exam

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**module  
docstring**

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>>> help(math)
Help on built-in module math:
```

## NAME

math

## FILE

(built-in)

## DESCRIPTION

This module is always available. It provides access to the mathematical functions defined by the C standard.

## FUNCTIONS

**acos(...)**  
acos(x)

Return the arc cosine (measured in radians) of x.

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**asin(...)**

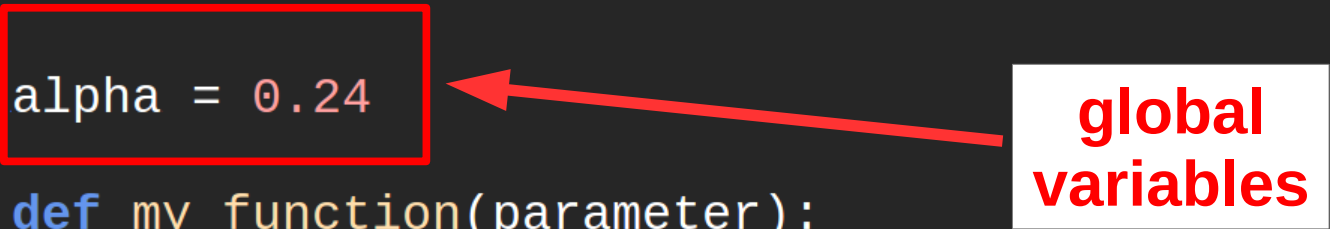
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variables**

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**function**



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**this stuff is global**

**“proper” programs  
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**function  
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**local  
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**return value**

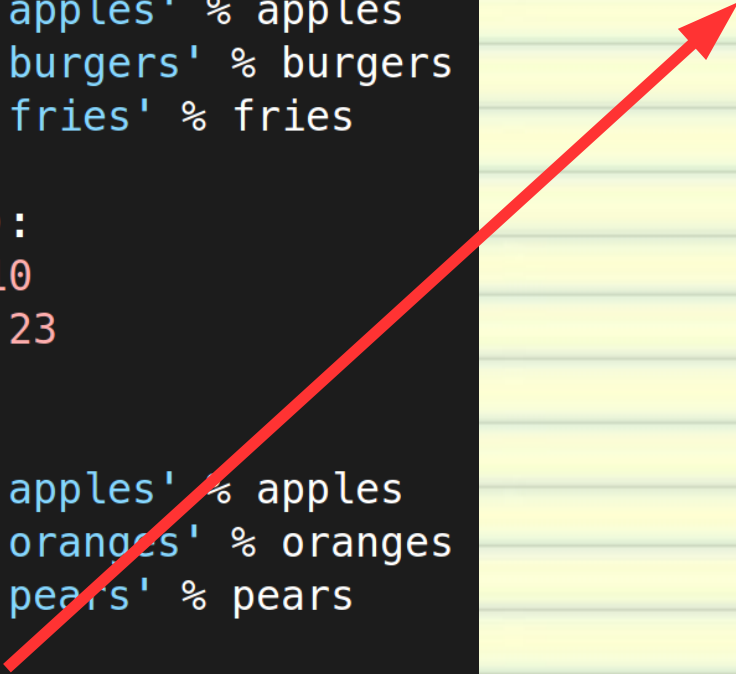
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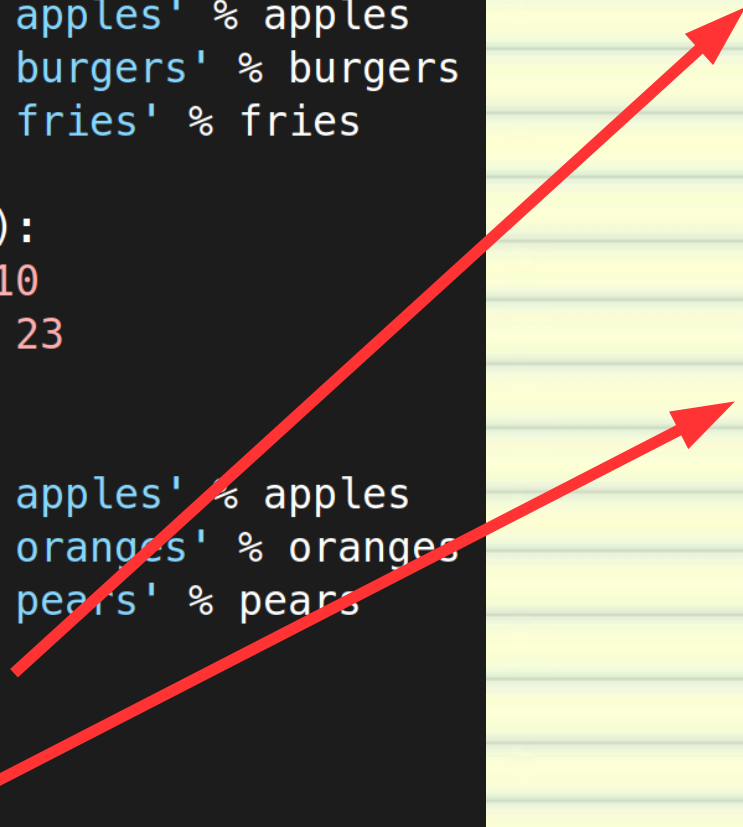


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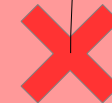
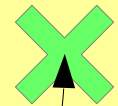
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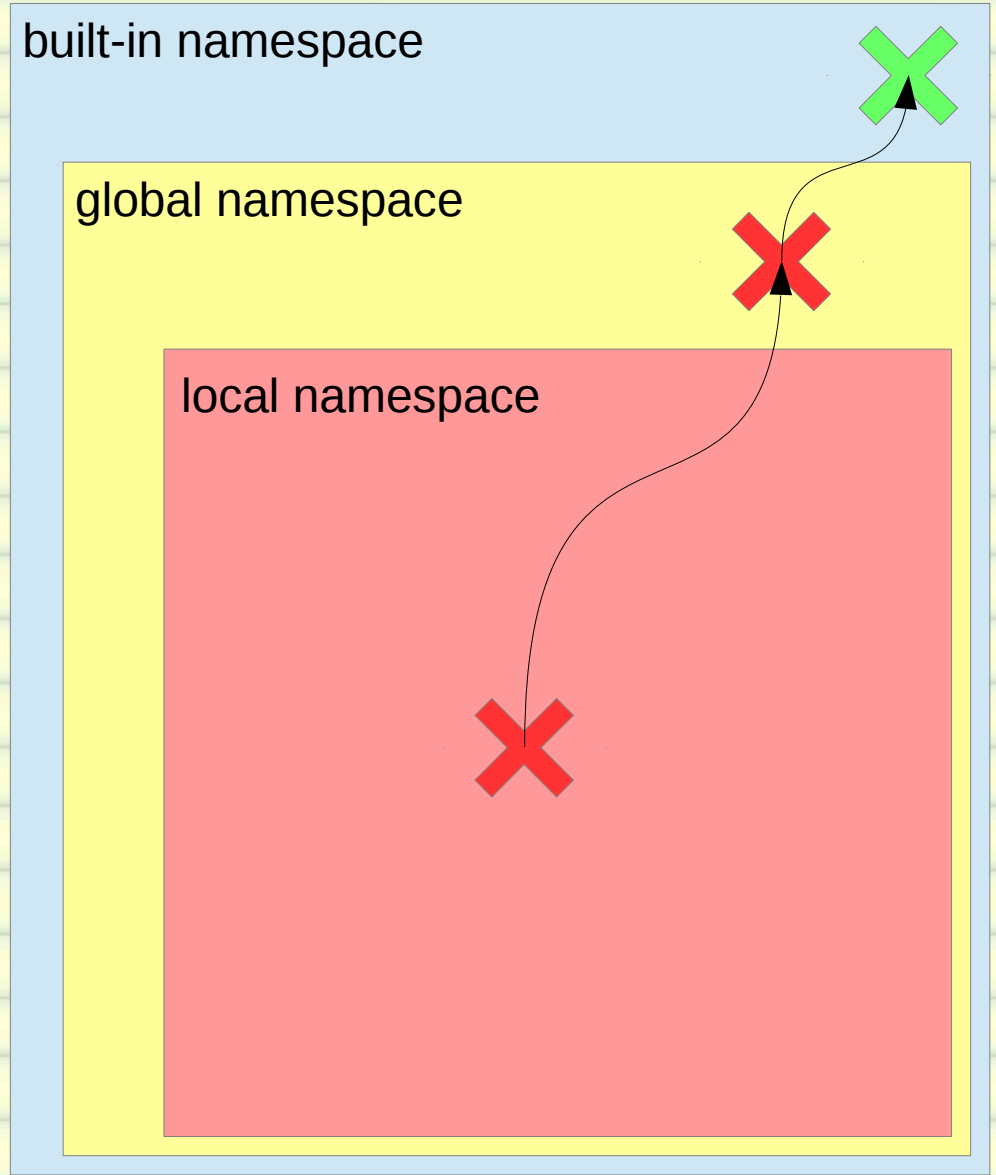
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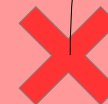
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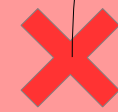
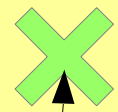
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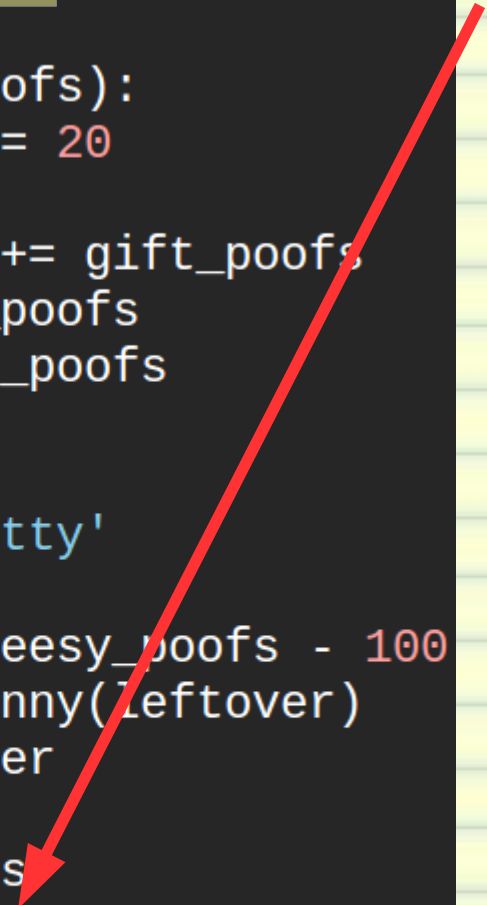
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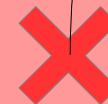
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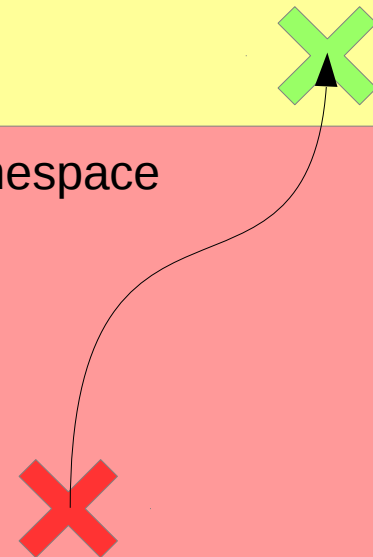
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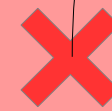
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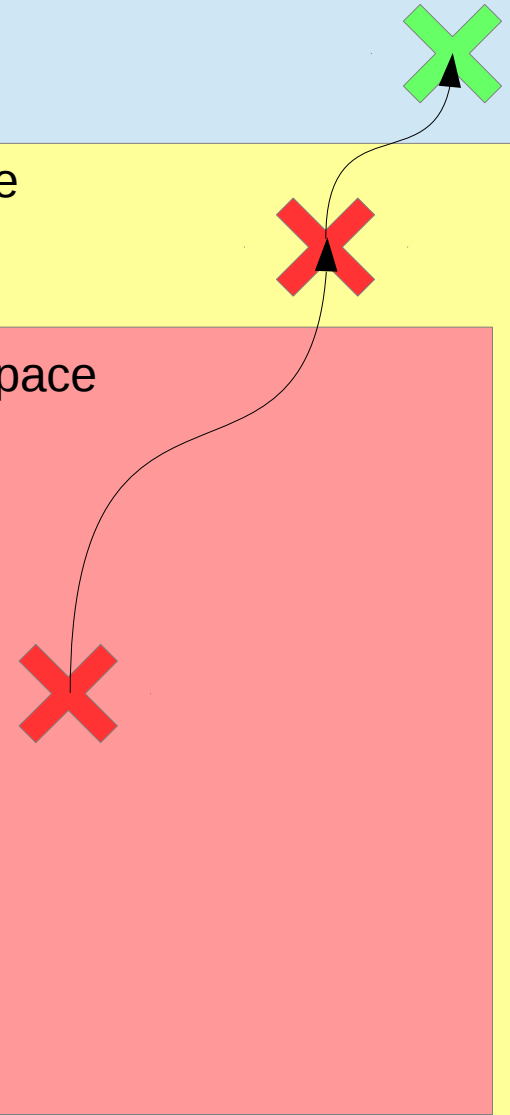
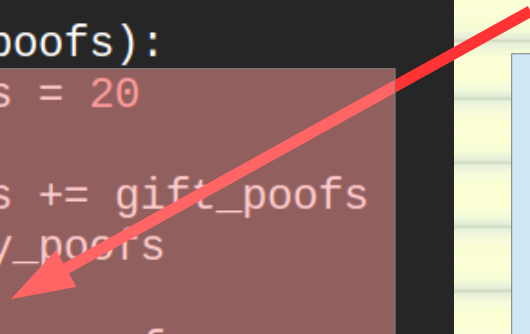
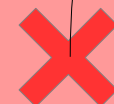
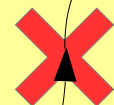
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['ArithmeticError', 'AssertionError', 'AttributeError', 'BaseException', 'BufferError',  
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, 'credits', 'delattr', 'dict', 'dir', 'divmod', 'enumerate', 'eval', 'execfile', 'exit  
, 'file', 'filter', 'float', 'format', 'frozenset', 'getattr', 'globals', 'hasattr',  
, 'hash', 'help', 'hex', 'id', 'input', 'int', 'intern', 'isinstance', 'issubclass', 'it  
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# Namespaces & Variable Scope

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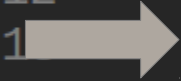
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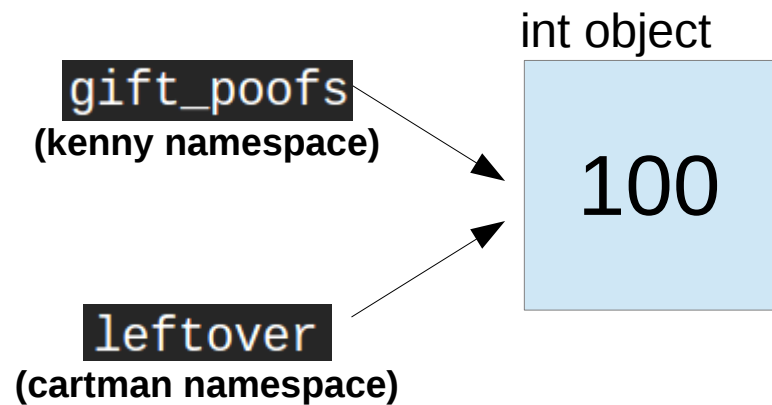
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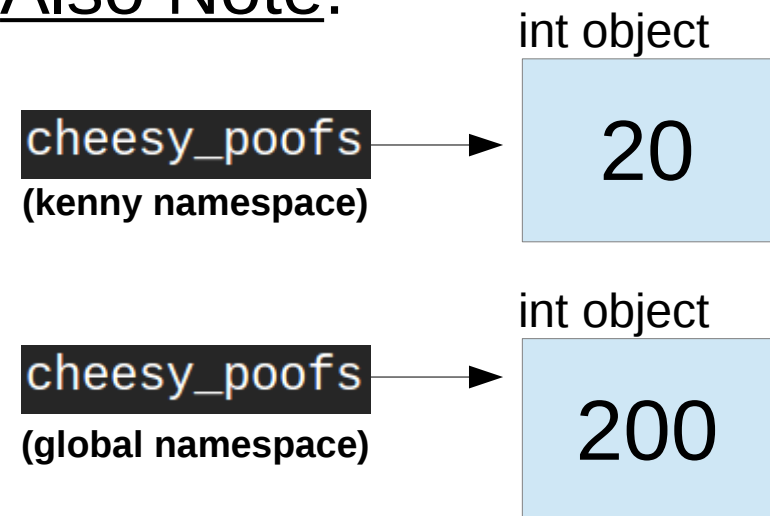
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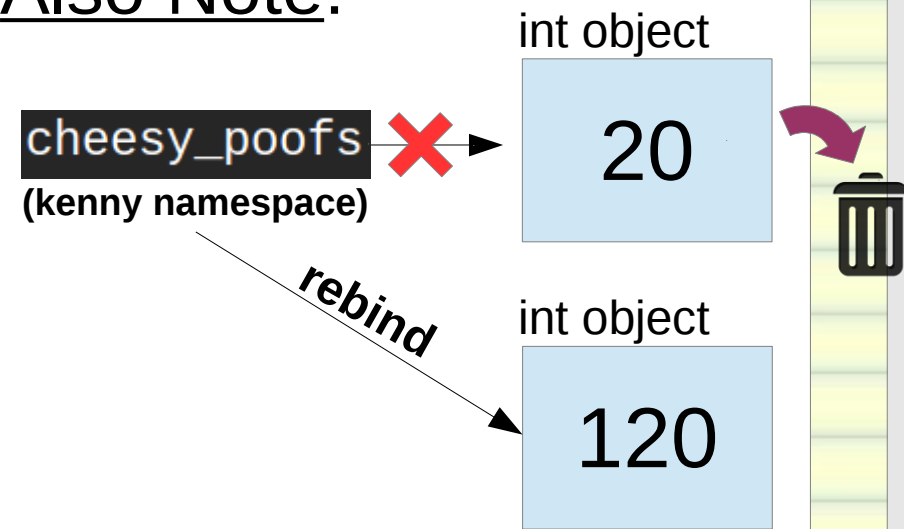
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21 print cheesy_poofs
22 print remain
```

Let's trace this code.

kenny's local namespace  
gets torn down.

['cheesy\_poofs', 'gift\_poofs', 'toys']



the names are destroyed.

if this results in objects with 0  
references, those objects  
are also destroyed



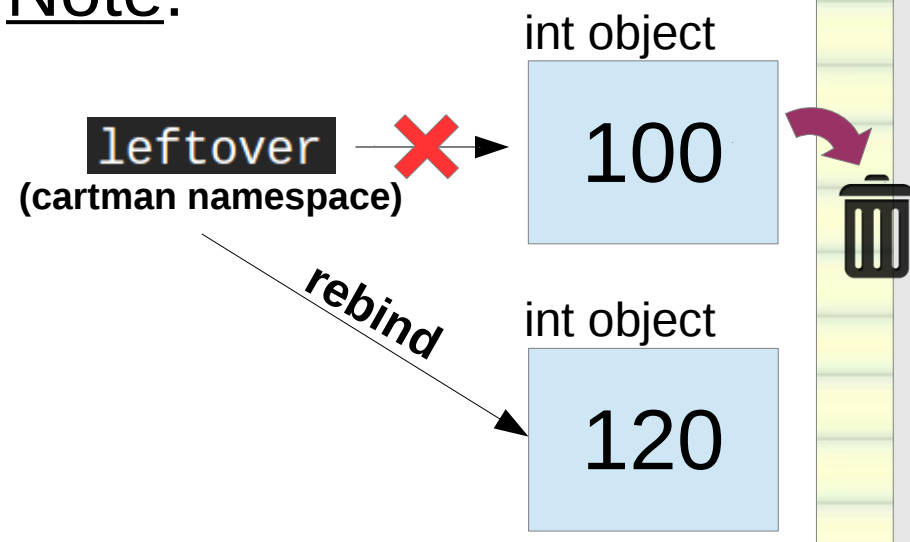
# Namespaces & Variable Scope

```
1 cheesy_poofs = 200
2
3 def kenny(gift_poofs):
4     cheesy_poofs = 20
5     toys = 23
6     cheesy_poofs += gift_poofs
7     print cheesy_poofs
8     return cheesy_poofs
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10 def cartman():
11     cat = 'Mr.
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13     leftover = cheesy_poofs - 100
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```

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Let's trace this code.

Note:



# Namespaces & Variable Scope

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```

cartman's local namespace  
gets torn down.

['cat', 'leftover', 'toys']

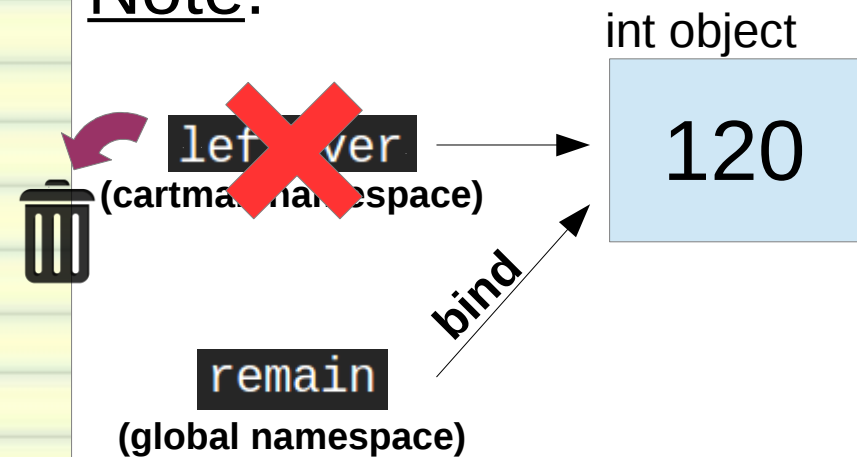


# Namespaces & Variable Scope

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Let's trace this code.

Note:



# Namespaces & Variable Scope

Let's trace this code.



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# Namespaces & Variable Scope

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```

add one line

The **global** keyword...

what does it do?

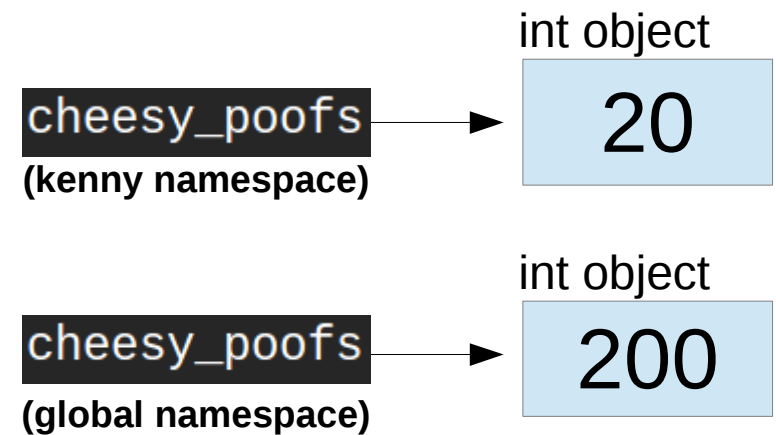
# Namespaces & Variable Scope

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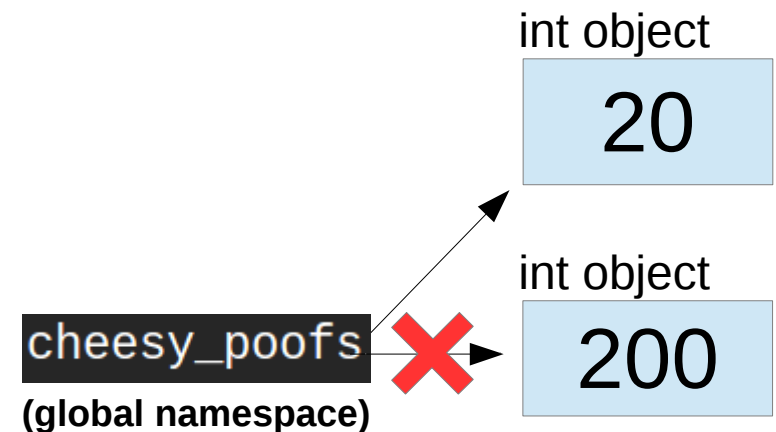
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The **global** keyword...

Without **line 4**



With **line 4**






# Namespaces & Variable Scope

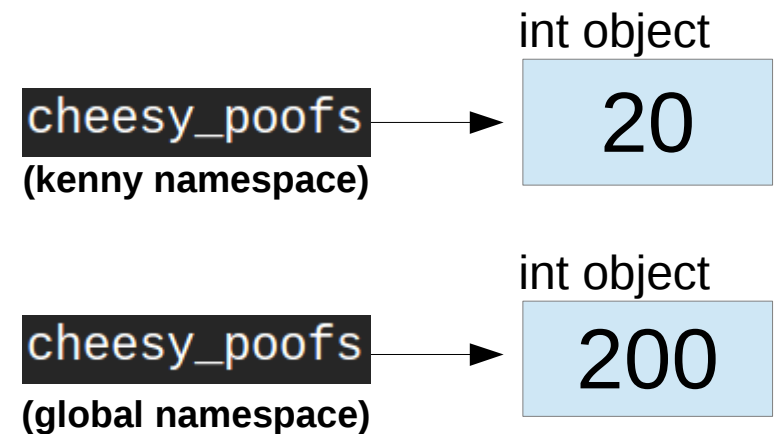
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```

add one line

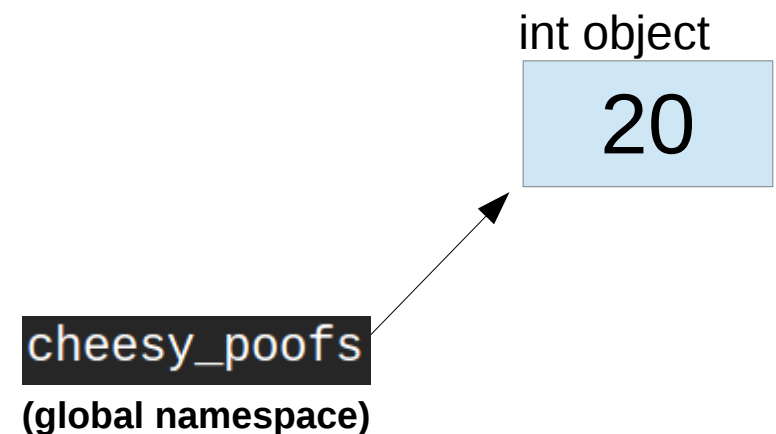


The **global** keyword...

Without **line 4**



With **line 4**





# Namespaces & Variable Scope

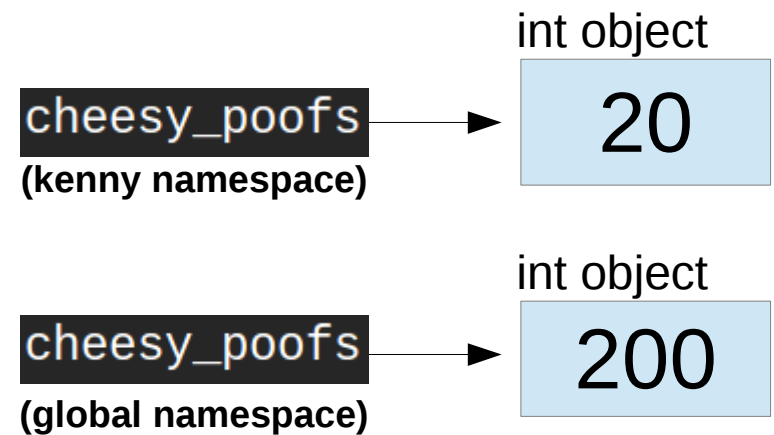
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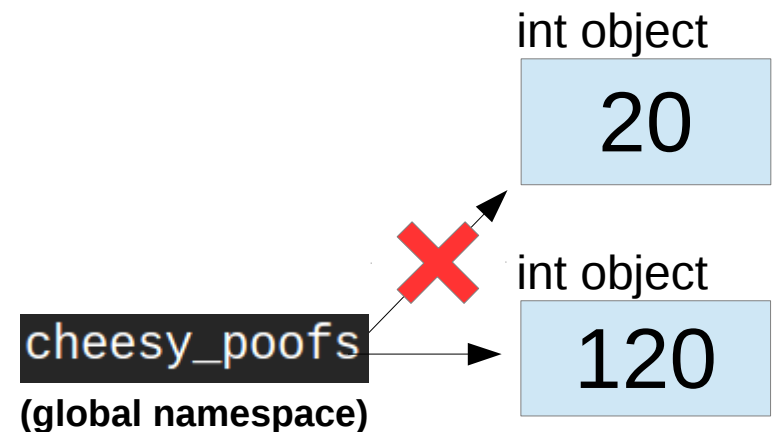
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## The **global** keyword...

### Without **line 4**



### With **line 4**



# Namespaces & Variable Scope

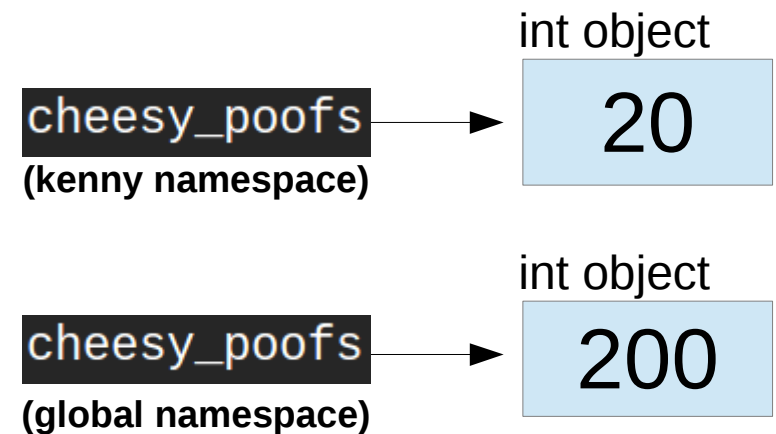
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add one line

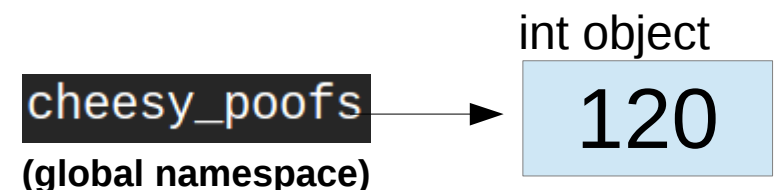
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The **global** keyword...

Without **line 4**



With **line 4**



# Namespaces & Variable Scope

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```

add one line

200

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The **global** keyword...

lets you manipulate  
a global name  
inside your function's  
namespace

Whoa, can't see the forest for the trees!

Let's look at a simple, practical function to implement.

**range( )**

# Using Functions

## example.py

```
1 """
2 Simple, demonstrative example of range()
3 """
4
5 def my_range(start, stop, step=1):
6     """
7     A simple implementation of range()
8
9     my_range(start, stop[, step]) -> list of integers
10
11     Returns a list containing an arithmetic progression of integers.
12     range(i, j) returns [i, i+1, i+2, ..., j-1]. When step is given,
13     it specifies the increment (or decrement). For example, range(4)
14     returns [0, 1, 2, 3]. The end point is omitted! These are exactly
15     the valid indices for a list of 4 elements.
16     """
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18     numbers = []
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25 for item in my_range(0, 10):
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```

# Using Functions

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5 def my_range(start, stop, step=1):
6     """
7     A simple implementation of range()
8
9     my_range(start, stop[, step]) -> list of integers
10
11     Returns a list containing the integers from start up to stop
12     range(i, j) returns [i, i+1, ..., j-1] if step is 1, otherwise
13     it specifies the increment or step. For example, range(4)
14     returns [0, 1, 2, 3]. The values of start and stop are
15     the valid indices for the sequence.
16     """
17
18     numbers = []
19     while start < stop:
20         numbers.append(start)
21         start += step
22
23     return numbers
24
25 for item in my_range(0, 10):
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```

Takes 3 parameters

**step** has a default value

of integers.  
step is given,  
mple, range(4)  
these are exactly

# Using Functions

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3 """
4
5 def my_range(start, stop, step=1):
6     """
7     A simple implementation of range()
8
9     my_range(start, stop[, step]) -> list of integers
10
11     Returns a list containing the integers from start up to stop.
12     If step is given, it specifies the increment (or decrement).
13     For example, range(10) returns [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9].
14     The values returned are the valid indices for an array of the
15     same length.
16     """
17
18     numbers = []
19     while start < stop:
20         numbers.append(start)
21         start += step
22
23     return numbers
24
25 for item in my_range(0, 10):
26     print item
```

Can be called with or without specifying **step** parameter

# Using Functions

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```

returns a **list**





# Using Functions

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25 for item in my_range(0, 10):
26     print item
```

```
my_project$ python example.py
```

```
0
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
```

```
my_project$
```

You can reuse useful functions you write in  
other Python programs using

**import**

## Using Functions -- import

### example.py

```
1 """
2 Simple, demonstrative example of range()
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## Using Functions -- import

`test.py` (in the same directory as `example.py`)

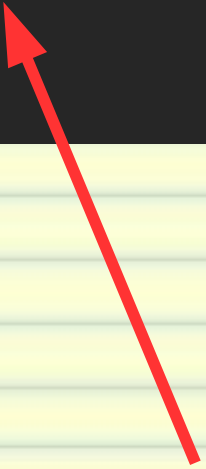
```
1 import example
2
3 # Compute sum of all evens from 2 to 20, inclusive
4 total = 0
5 for item in example.my_range(2, 21, 2):
6     total += item
7
8 print total
```

```
my_project$ ls
example.py  test.py
my_project$
```

# Using Functions -- import

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```

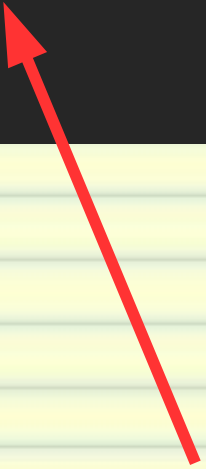


everything from `example.py`  
gets loaded into its own  
***namespace***

# Using Functions -- import

`test.py` (in the same directory as `example.py`)

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3 # Compute sum of all evens from 2 to 20, inclusive
4 total = 0
5 for item in example.my_range(2, 21, 2):
6     total += item
7
8 print total
```



we access `my_range()` from within the **example namespace** using this notation

# Using Functions -- import

test.py (in the same directory as example.py)

```
1 from example import my_range
2
3 # Compute sum of all evens from 2 to 20, inclusive
4 total = 0
5 for item in my_range(2, 21, 2):
6     total += item
7
8 print total
```

OR

we can import **my\_range**  
into the global namespace

# Using Functions -- import

`test.py` (in the same directory as `example.py`)

```
1 from example import my_range as flower
2
3 # Compute sum of all evens from 2 to 20, inclusive
4 total = 0
5 for item in flower(2, 21, 2):
6     total += item
7
8 print total
```

if **my\_range** is already being used in the global namespace

or if we just don't like the name **my\_range**

we can import it into the global namespace using a custom name



# Using Functions -- import

**test.py** (in the same directory as **example.py**)

```
1 import example
2
3 # Compute sum of all evens from 2 to 20, inclusive
4 total = 0
5 for item in example.my_range(2, 21, 2):
6     total += item
7
8 print total
```

Anyway, so we run this thing.

What happened here?!

```
my_project$ python test.py
0
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
110
my_project$
```

# Using Functions -- import

## example.py

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25 for item in my_range(0, 10):
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```

When Python imported  
**example.py**, everything was  
executed.

**INCLUDING THIS!!**



# Using Functions -- import

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10
11     Returns a list containing
12     range(i, j) returns [i, i+
13     it specifies the increment
14     returns [0, 1, 2, 3]. The
15     the valid indices for a li
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26     print item
```

What do we do?

Delete it?

no... it's nice to be able to  
test functions in the same  
file you wrote them in...

integers.  
is given,  
range(4)  
are exactly

# Using Functions -- import

## example.py

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1  """
2  Simple, demonstrative example of range()
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19     while start < stop:
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21         start += step
22
23     return numbers
24
25  def main():
26      for item in my_range(0, 10):
27          print item
28
29  if __name__ == "__main__":
30      main()
```

Change it to this.



# Using Functions -- import

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23     return numbers
24
25 def main():
26     for item in my_range(0, 10):
27         print item
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```

This looks confusing!



# Using Functions -- import

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29 if __name__ == "__main__":
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```

This is a  
“magic variable”

# Using Functions -- import

## example.py

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5 def my_range(start, stop, step=1):
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7     A simple implementation of range()
8
9     my_range(start, stop[, step]) -> list of integers
10
11     Returns a list containing an arithmetic progression of integers.
12     range(i, j) returns [i, i+1, i+2, ..., j-1]. By default, the increment
13     is 1. If step is given, it specifies the increment (or decrement). If
14     the end point is not given, the sequence will continue until the end of
15     the valid indices for a list of the same length as the sequence. For
16     example, range(4) returns [0, 1, 2, 3]. The end point is always
17     excluded.
18
19     numbers = []
20     while start < stop:
21         numbers.append(start)
22         start += step
23
24     return numbers
25
26 def main():
27     for item in my_range(0, 10):
28         print item
29
30 if __name__ == "__main__":
31     main()
```

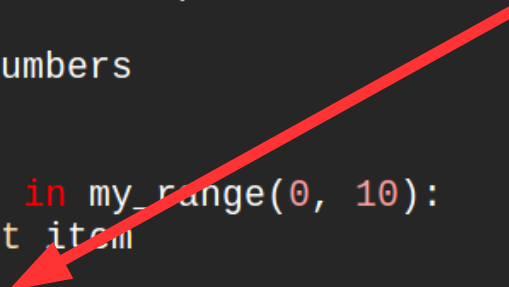
This is a  
“magic variable”

Python sets its value to

“\_\_main\_\_”

when it is running a file  
from the command line:

**\$ python example.py**



# Using Functions -- import

## example.py

```
1 """
2 Simple, demonstrative example of range()
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4
5 def my_range(start, stop, step=1):
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7     A simple implementation of range()
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10
11     Returns a list containing an arithmetic progression of numbers.
12     range(i, j) returns [i, i+1, i+2, ..., j-1]. The end point 'j'
13     it specifies the increment (or decrement). If omitted, the default
14     returns [0, 1, 2, 3]. The end point is not included in the
15     the valid indices for a list of length 'n'.
16     """
17
18     numbers = []
19     while start < stop:
20         numbers.append(start)
21         start += step
22
23     return numbers
24
25 def main():
26     for item in my_range(0, 10):
27         print item
28
29 if __name__ == "__main__":
30     main()
```

This is a  
“magic variable”

Python sets its value to

“\_\_main\_\_”

when it is running a file  
from the command line:

`$ python example.py`

or when it is running  
in interactive mode:

`>>> print __name__`  
`__main__`

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# Using Functions -- import

## example.py

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12     range(i, j) returns [i, i+1, i+2, ..., j-1]. By default, the increment
13     is 1. If step is given, it specifies the increment (or decrement).
14     returns [0, 1, 2, 3]. The end point is not included in the list.
15     the valid indices for a list of 4 elements.
16     """
17
18     numbers = []
19     while start < stop:
20         numbers.append(start)
21         start += step
22
23     return numbers
24
25 def main():
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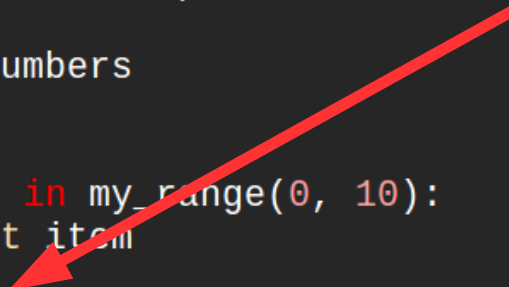
is NOT set  
when a file is loaded  
using

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10
11     Returns a list containing an arithmetic progression of integers.
12     range(i, j) returns [i, i+1, i+2, ..., j-1]. When step is given,
13     it specifies the increment (or decrement). For example, range(4)
14     returns [0, 1, 2, 3]. The end point is not included exactly
15     the valid indices for a list of 4.
16     """
17
18     numbers = []
19     while start < stop:
20         numbers.append(start)
21         start += step
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23     return numbers
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So, when you  
import this file

main()

will not be executed

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12     range(i, j) returns [i, i+1, i+2, ..., j-1]. When step is given,
13     it specifies the increment (or decrement). For example, range(4)
14     returns [0, 1, 2, 3]. The end point is not included in the range; that is,
15     the valid indices for a list of 4 elements are exactly those returned by
16     range(4).
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18     numbers = []
19     while start < stop:
20         numbers.append(start)
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23     return numbers
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25 def main():
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Files that can be  
imported  
are commonly  
called Modules

Questions?