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CL03:

Introduction to Functions

Functions

A function is a **sub-program** that defines what happens when a function is called.

Lets you generalize problems for different inputs

Help you *abstract away* from certain processes

Can be:

- Built-in
- Imported in Libraries
- DIY - Define in your python file

Abstraction Example

- Ordering a pizza...
 - You order a large cheese pizza
 - You don't need to think about how they make the crust, got the ingredients, how long they bake it for, etc.
- `round(x)`
 - You round 10.25 down to 10 by calling `round(10.25)`
 - You don't think about line by line how the some program is making this rounding decision

Calling a Function

Function Call: expressions that result in (“return”) a specific type

Common expressions:

- “Making a function call”

- “Using a function”

- “Invoking a function”

Looks like `function_name(<inputs>)`

E.g. `print(“Hello”)` , `round(10.25)`, etc.

Examples...

`print()`

`round()`

`randint()`

Defining Functions

- So far we've only used built-in functions or ones imported from other libraries, but you can define your own as well!
- Allows you define solutions in one place of your program and reuse them in other places of your program file.. and even in other program files!

Function Syntax

Syntax for **Calling** A Built-In Function

```
function_name(<argument list>)
```


Syntax for Calling A Built-In Function

```
function_name(<argument list>)
```

```
print("hello")
```

```
round(10.25)
```

```
randint(1,7)
```

```
randint(1,2+5)
```

Syntax for Defining A Function

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def function_name(<parameter list>) -> <return type>:
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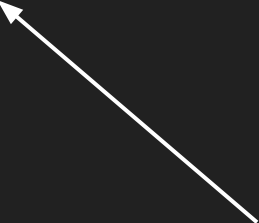
Generic inputs that you want your function to use (not specific values)

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If your function *returns* something, this will be its type.
(You always return objects using the **return** keyword)

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Practice: Write a function called `sum` that takes two ints: `num1` and `num2` as inputs and returns the **sum** of the two numbers.

function name

parameter list

return type

```
1  def sum(num1: int, num2: int) -> int:  
2  |     """Add two numbers together."""  
3  |     return num1 + num2
```

signature

```
1 def sum(num1: int, num2: int) -> int:  
2     """Add two numbers together."""  
3     return num1 + num2
```

Syntax for **Calling** A Defined Function

```
function_name(<parameter0> = <arg0>, <parameter1> = <arg1>, ...)
```

```
sum(num1 = 11, num2 = 3)
```


Call vs. Signature

Signature (for defining a function) :

```
def function_name(<parameter list>) -> <return type>:
```

```
def sum(num1: int, num2: int) -> int:
```

Call (for calling a function):

```
function_name(<parameter0> = <arg0>, <parameter1> = <arg1>, ...)
```

```
sum(num1 = 11, num2 = 3)
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Call vs. Signature

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def sum(num1: int, num2: int) -> int:
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```
sum(num1 = 11, num2 = 3)
```



Call vs. Signature

```
def sum(num1: int, num2: int) -> int:
```

“parameters”

```
sum(num1 = 11, num2 = 3)
```

“arguments”

Call vs. Signature

```
def sum(num1: int, num2: int) -> int:
```

```
sum(num1 = 11, num2 = 3) (evaluates to an int)
```

