# CS-A113 Basics in Programming Y1

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# Topics Today

And a tiny bit about software engineering

# Functions

You already used them: int(), print(), range()

#### Whatever you defined with **def** became a function

def superLoop(): for i in range(0,50,3): print(i)

def main():
 superLoop()

But Why?



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#### To structure our Code

def cleanApartment()
 while(notClean):
 stuff=pickUp()
 if stuff== book:
 if bookshelf != full:
 putToBookshelf(stuff)
 else:

....

elif stuff == laundry: putToLaundryBasket if LaundryBasket == full: doLaundry: elif stuff == food:

...



def cleanApartment() while(notClean): stuff = pickUp() putAway(stuff)

def putAway(object)
 if object == book:

....

elif object == laundry:







print("gas costs",price, "Euros / l")

print ("parking spot costs", price, "Euros / year")

print("maintanence costs ca.",lowPrice,"-",highPrice)

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• A named subprogram

def function\_name(): code...

def another\_function(): code...

code...

Independent blocks of program code



#### def function\_name(): code...

```
def another_function():
    function_name()
    code...
```

Functions can be *called* from elsewhere in the code

main() function\_name() another\_function()

def myFunction(a):
 print(3\*a)



def main(): b = 5 myFunction(7) myFunction(b)

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- Input for the function
- Can be none, one or more

```
def my_function(a, b, c):
    print(a, b, c)
```

# Return Values





def main():
 startAge = 5
 education1 = 6
 education2 = 6
 birthYear = 1996
 masterDuration = 5
 ageAtUni = mySum(startAge,education1,education2)
 graduationYear = mySum(birthYear,ageAtUni,masterDuration)
 print("I was born",birthYear,"and graduated in", graduationYear)

I was born 1996 and graduated in 2018

# Return Value



#### Car example

def carCosts():

```
distance = 15
location = "cityCenter"
type = "full"
carAge = 3
place = "forest"
cost=0
cost += carGas(distance)
cost += parkingSpot(location)
cost += carInsurance(type)
cost += carMaintenance(carAge)
print("Your car costs:", cost)
```

def carGas(distance):

gasPrice = 1.39 kmPerL = 15 cost = distance/kmPerL\*gasPrice return(cost)

def parkingSpot(place):

if place == "cityCenter":
 cost = 450
elif place == "forest":
 cost = 0
else:
 cost = 200
return(cost)
def carInsurance(level):
...
def carMaintenance(age)
....



- Function can return a result
  - Usually should, too, at least a status code
- The value can be any variable
- Command "*return*" ends the function
  - return(5)

# Return Value





# Break: Move your Shoulders

# Coding Examples

#### def carCosts():

distance = 15
location = "cityCenter"

cost =0
cost += carGas(distance)
cost += parkingSpot(location)

print("Your car costs:", cost)

def carGas(way):

gasPrice = 1.39
kmPerL = 15
cost = distance/kmPerL\*gasPrice
return(cost)

def parkingSpot(place):

```
if place == "cityCenter":
    price = 450
elif place == "forest":
    price = 0
else:
    price = 200
return(price)
```

### Coding Examples

#### def carCosts():

```
distance = 15
location = "cityCenter"
type = "full"
carAge = 3
place = "forest"
cost =0
cost += carGas(30)
cost += parkingSpot(location)
cost += carMaintenance(carAge)
```

print("Your car costs:", cost)

#### def carGas(distance):

gasPrice = 1.39 kmPerL = 15 cost = distance/kmPerL\*gasPrice return(cost)

#### def parkingSpot(place):

```
if place == "cityCenter":
    price = 450
elif place == "forest":
    price = 0
else:
    price = 200
return(price)
```

def carMaintenance(age): cost = age\*100 return(cost)



# Break: Move your Neck!



- A named subprogram
- Input: parameters
- Code processes input
- Output: returned value



- Reusability
  - Same code needed in many places
  - E.g., validating social security number
- Modularity
  - Organize a program to separate sections
- Reliability
  - Re-using well tested and well defined functions avoids problems



- Use descriptive names
  - car\_cost\_gas(), car\_cost\_parking()
- Follow a style
  - Shared projects usually have a style guide
  - With Python, lowercase names with underscores common
- Using good names makes programs easier to understand and maintain
  - Not: my\_function\_1(), my\_functio\_1(), my\_function2()...

# Modular Architecture

- Larger programs have lots of code
  - 10 000 lines not unusual, 1 000 000 not unheard
- Sub-parts of the program are called *modules* 
  - Usually kept in separate files and maintained by separate programmers
- Modules communicate through *interfaces* 
  - E.g. function calls
- A module often has some functions that should be called and others that are internal
  - This is the start of *architecture*

# What Goes Where?

- How to know what each function should do?
- Analysis, understanding the problem the program solves
  - Stop writing code and start to think
- Look for commonalities, related tasks, independent tasks
- Skill grows with experience
- Pen and paper or a whiteboard are common tools
- Also formal modeling tools, like Unified Modeling Language



- Working without a plan
- Or requirements change, plan was not complete
- Time to *refactor* 
  - Re-arrange the code and functions differently
- Refactoring is (or should be) common in *agile* projects
  - A *sprint* is used to clean up the code
  - No functionality is added
  - reduces *maintenance debt*

