

Where We Left Off: Writing a Summary Report

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searchTerms = ["FY", "SO", "JR", "SR"]
searchCounts = [0]*4

for line in yearsFile:
    for pos in range(len(searchTerms)):
        if searchTerms[pos] in line:
            searchCounts[pos] += 1

# write results to output file
...
```

Alternative:

```
reportFile = open(REPORTNAME, "w")
for searchTerm in searchTerms:
    numLines = numLinesOccursOn(searchTerm, FILENAME)
    reportFile.write("%2s %3d\n" % (searchTerm, numLines))
reportFile.close()
```

We already solved
this problem

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Definition of Function

```
def numLinesOccursOn(searchTerm, filename):
    dataFile = open(filename, "r")

    linesFound = 0
    for line in dataFile:
        if searchTerm in line:
            linesFound += 1

    dataFile.close()
    return linesFound
```

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Definition of Function

```
def numLinesOccursOn(searchTerm, filename):
    """
    returns an integer representing the count of the number of
    lines the searchTerm occurs in the file

    Parameters:
        searchTerm - a string representing what to search for
        filename - the name of the file to search
    """
    dataFile = open(filename, "r")
    linesFound = 0
    for line in dataFile:
        if searchTerm in line:
            linesFound += 1

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Document String: docstring
Describes what functions does

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Tradeoffs between
approaches?

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Functions

- We've used functions
 - Built-in functions: `len`, `input`, `eval`
 - Functions from modules, e.g., `math` and `random`
- Benefits
 - Reuse, reduce code
 - Easier to read, write (because of abstraction)

Learning how to
define our own functions!

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Review: Functions

- Function is a **black box**
 - Implementation doesn't matter
 - Only care that function generates appropriate output, given appropriate input
- Example:
 - Didn't care how `input` function was implemented
 - Use: `user_input = input(prompt)`



Saved output in a variable

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Creating Functions

- A function can have
 - 0 or more inputs
 - 0 or 1 outputs
- When we define a function, we know its **inputs** and if it has **output**



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Averaging Two Numbers



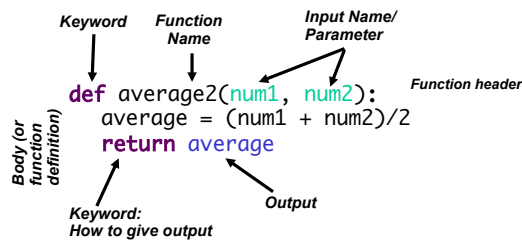
- Input:** the two numbers
- Output:** the average of two numbers

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Syntax of Function Definition



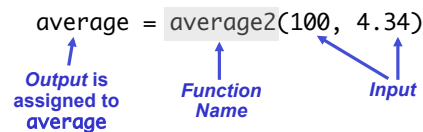
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Calling your own functions

Same as calling someone else's functions ...



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All Together

```

def average2(num1, num2):
    """
    returns the average of two numbers
    Parameters: two numbers
    """
    average = (num1 + num2)/2
    return average

print("This program will find the average of two numbers.")
print()

num1 = eval(input("Enter the first number: "))
num2 = eval(input("Enter the second number: "))

# call the average function
average = average2(num1, num2)

print("The average of", num1, "and", num2, "is", average)
    
```

We will talk more about program organization and how the program executes. For today, know that calling a function defined in your program is similar to calling a function defined in another module.

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Lab 5

- What do I expect from programs?

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Lab 5 Feedback

- Big stride in program difficulty
 - Continue to make big strides
- Some techniques should be automatic
 - Good variable names (only constants all caps)
 - Getting user input
 - Validating user input
 - Good test cases
 - Descriptive output
 - Efficient if statements
 - Use elif/else as appropriate
 - When need accumulator

Example: For problem with finding alphabetically first of three words, what should the test cases be?

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Lab 5 Feedback

- Test cases for alphabetical first of three strings
 - At least one in each position
- Efficiency of finding the alphabetical first of three strings
 - A few people wrote an efficient solution
 - Later this semester, we'll discuss the *most efficient* solution

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Most Common Error

- Doesn't always compute the correct first word

```
if word1 < word2 and word1 < word3:
    print("The alphabetically first word is", word1)
elif word2 < word1 and word2 < word3:
    print("The alphabetically first word is", word2)
else:
    print("The alphabetically first word is", word3)
```

- Where is the problem?

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Lab 5 Feedback

- Refactor to type output only once
 - Separate display from computation

```
if word1 <= word2 and word1 <= word3:
    print("The alphabetically first word is", word1)
elif word2 <= word1 and word2 <= word3:
    print("The alphabetically first word is", word2)
else:
    print("The alphabetically first word is", word3)
print("The alphabetically first word is", first)
```

Vs.

```
if word1 <= word2 and word1 <= word3:
    first = word1
elif word2 <= word1 and word2 <= word3:
    first = word2
else:
    first = word3
print("The alphabetically first word is", first)
```

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Which Loop to Use?

- Prob 3: Reversing String

```
for index in range(len(userString)-1,-1,-1):
    backwardsString += userString[index]
```

vs.

```
for character in userString:
    revString = character + revString
```

If you have a different solution, it's probably too complicated.

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Palindrome

- Keep it simple
 - Remove spaces and lower case original word before reversing
 - Don't have to do operations twice
- More efficient solution

```
def isPalindrome(phrase):
    for i in range(len(phrase)/2):
        if phrase[i] != phrase[-i-1]:
            return False
    return True
```

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Generating a Random Password

```
CHOOSE_NUM=0      Define outside of
CHOOSE_LOWER=1    for loop
CHOOSE_UPPER=2

password=""
len_password= randint(6,8)    Good variable names

for letter in range(len_password):
    #determines if character is number, uppercase, or lowercase
    char_type = randint(0,2)
    #for each case, randomly assigns ASCII val
    if char_type == CHOOSE_NUM:
        asciival = randint(48,57)
    elif char_type == CHOOSE_LOWER:
        asciival = randint(97,122)
    elif char_type == CHOOSE_UPPER:
        asciival = randint(65,90)    Even better to use
                                     constants for ASCII values.
                                     (I'm short on space)

    char = chr(asciival)
    password += char
```

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Caesar Cipher

```
HIGHEST_ASCII = ord('z')
LOWEST_ASCII = ord('a')
NUM_LETTERS = 26

coded_text = ""
for char in text:
    if char != ' ':
        ascii = ord(char) + key
        if ascii > HIGHEST_ASCII:
            ascii = ascii - NUM_LETTERS
        elif ascii < LOWEST_ASCII:
            ascii = ascii + NUM_LETTERS
        new_char = chr(ascii)
    else:
        new_char = char
    coded_text += new_char
```

No unexplained
numbers in code

(Needs comments
explaining wrapping)

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Review: Lists

- How do you create a new list?
- How do you iterate through a list? (Two ways)

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Review: Files

- How do you create a file object?
 - What information do you need?
- How can you read from a file? (2 ways)
- How can you write to a file?
- What do you always need to do after you open a file?
- What data types are read/written in files by default?
- How do we handle numeric data?

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Lab 6 Overview

- List practice
- File practice
 - Processing, writing
- Functions practice
 - Using `graphics.py`
- Reminder
 - I leave for a conference after Wed's class
 - No class Friday but broader issue assignment
 - Can have until Monday to complete the lab

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