

Objectives

- Refining our development process
- Passing parameters

Review

- With respect to functions, what are options for how we organize our program?
- How do we document a function? What should its content be?
- How do we define a test case?
 - How can we test functions easily?
 - What do we need to test functions?

Practice: Trace through the Program's Execution

- What is the output of this program?

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Error! n does not have a value in function main()

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Review: Variable Scope

- Know “lifetime” of variable
 - Only during execution of function
 - Related to idea of “scope”
- Consider: how many functions probably use a variable like x or i? What would the impact be on our programs if all variables had global scope?
 - Example: round(x, n)
- In general, our only *global* variables will be constants because we don't want them to change value
 - e.g., EIEIO

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Review: Testing Functions

- Functions make it easier for us to test our code
- We can write code to test the functions
 - Test Case:
 - Input: parameters
 - Expected Output: what we expect to be returned
 - Or if state changed as we expected
 - We can verify the function programmatically
 - “programmatically” – automatically execute test cases and verify that the actual returned result is what we expected
 - No user input required!

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Review: test Module

- Not a standard module
 - Included with our textbook
 - More sophisticated testing modules but this is sufficient for us
- Function:
 - `testEqual(actual, expected[, places=5])`
 - Parameters: actual and expected results for a function.
 - Displays "Pass" and returns True if the test case passes.
 - Displays error message, with expected and actual results, and returns False if test case fails.

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Example: Testing sumEvens

```
import test
...
def testSumEvens():          This is the actual result
    actual = sumEvens( 10 ) from our function
    expected = 20 This is what we expect the result to be
    test.assertEqual( actual, expected )

def sumEvens(limit):
    total = 0
    for x in range(0, limit, 2):
        total += x
    return total
```

What are other good test cases?

testSumEvens.py

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Practice

1. Define the function to calculate our favorite expression: $i^2 + 3j - 5$
 - a. What does the function do?
 - b. What is its input?
 - c. What is its output?
2. Test the function
3. Use the function

our_favorite_expression.py

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Writing a “Good” Function

- Should be an “intuitive chunk”
 - Doesn’t do too much or too little
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- Should be reusable
- Should have a descriptive, “action” name
- Should have a comment that tells what the function does

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Evolving General Design Patterns

- Former general design pattern:
 1. Optionally, get user input
 2. Do some computation
 3. Display results
- Now general design pattern:
 1. Optionally, get user input
 2. Do some computation by calling **functions**, get results
 3. Display results

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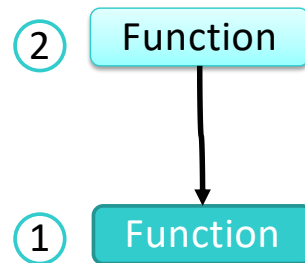
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Development Process: Bottom-Up

2. Use the function in context/
call the function

1. Define a function

- Document
- Test the function



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Example: Bottom-Up Development

• We just did Bottom-Up Development!

1. Define (and document and test) a function that

- Calculates our favorite expression
- Returns the the result of that expression

2. Create a program that

- Prompts for i and j
- Displays the the result of that expression

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`our_favorite_expression.py`

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Practice: Finding a Team's Winning Percentage

- There are lots of ways to develop programs
- Let's go back to the way we originally developed programs
- Problem:
 - Prompt the user for a team's wins and losses and display the team's win percentage

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`winpercent.py`

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Another development approach

REFACTORING

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Refactoring

- After you've written some code and it passes all your test cases, the code is probably still not perfect
- **Refactoring** is the process of improving your code *without* changing its functionality
 - Organization
 - Example: Easier to read, change
 - Abstraction
 - Easier to test
- Part of iterative design/development process
- Where to refactor with functions
 - Duplicated code, known as a "Code smell"
 - Reusable code
 - Multiple lines of code for one purpose

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Example: PB & J

1. Gather materials (bread, PB, J, knives, plate)
2. Open bread
3. Put 2 pieces of bread on plate
4. Spread PB on one side of one slice
5. Spread Jelly on one side of other slice
6. Place PB-side facedown on Jelly-side of bread
7. Close bread
8. Clean knife
9. Put away materials

- Which of these are the "core" part of making a PB & J sandwich?
- How would you describe the rest of the parts?

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```
def main():  
    prepare()  
    makePBJSandwich()  
    cleanUpSupplies()  
main()
```

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Example: PB & J as Functions, 10 x

1. Gather materials (bread, PB, J, knives, plate)
2. Open bread
3. Put 2 pieces of bread together
4. Spread PB on one side of bread
5. Spread Jelly on other side of bread
6. Place PB-side facing out
7. Close bread
8. Clean knife
9. Put away materials

```
def main():  
    prepare()  
    for sandwich in range(10):  
        makePBJSandwich()  
    cleanUpSupplies()  
main()
```

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Refactoring:

Converting Functionality into Functions

1. Identify functionality that should be put into a function
 - What should the function do?
 - What is the function's input?
 - What is the function's output (i.e., what is returned)?
2. Define the function
3. Test the function programmatically
 - Comment out the other code temporarily
4. Call the function where appropriate
5. Create a `main` function that contains the "driver" for your program
 - Put at top of program
6. Call `main` at bottom of program
7. Write documentation for function

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Refactoring: Finding a Team’s Winning Percentage

- Problem:
 - Prompt the user for a team’s wins and losses and display the team’s win percentage
- What code can we convert into a function?

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`winpercent.py`

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Refactoring: Finding a Team's Winning Percentage

- Problem:
 - Prompt the user for a team's wins and losses and display the team's win percentage
- What code can we convert into a function?
 - Generalize: a success percentage
 - Calculates a success percentage, given the successes and failures