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# Working with functions



What my friends think I do.



What my mom thinks I do.



What society thinks I do.

```
population_growth_adv.py x paper_folding.py x
1 x = 0
2 while (x<=30):
3     width = (x+1)/200
4     print('When folded ', x, 'times, the width is: ', width/100, 'meters. ')
5     x += 1
6 input('Press Enter to exit program. ')
```

What my professor thinks I do in class.



What I think I do.



What I actually do

# Moore's Law

"The same amount of money would buy twice as much computing power, every 18<sup>th</sup> month"

Gordon E. Moore - 1965



1990



2012



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# What we learned today

- Computer science
- Hardware
- Software

## Hardware

Secondary storage  
Main memory  
CPU  
Input  
Output



## Software

Application software  
System software



### Output:

- Display
- Printer
- Speakers
- Etc.

### Input:

- Keyboard
- Mouse
- Scanner
- Etc.

### System software:

- Software development tools
- Utility software
- Operating system

Computer science is as working with recipes. One part of it is how recipes are written. Another part is about the units used in recipes. Third part is figuring out what kind of tasks the recipes can be written for. Fourth part is how well the recipes work. And the fifth and final is specialised recipes.

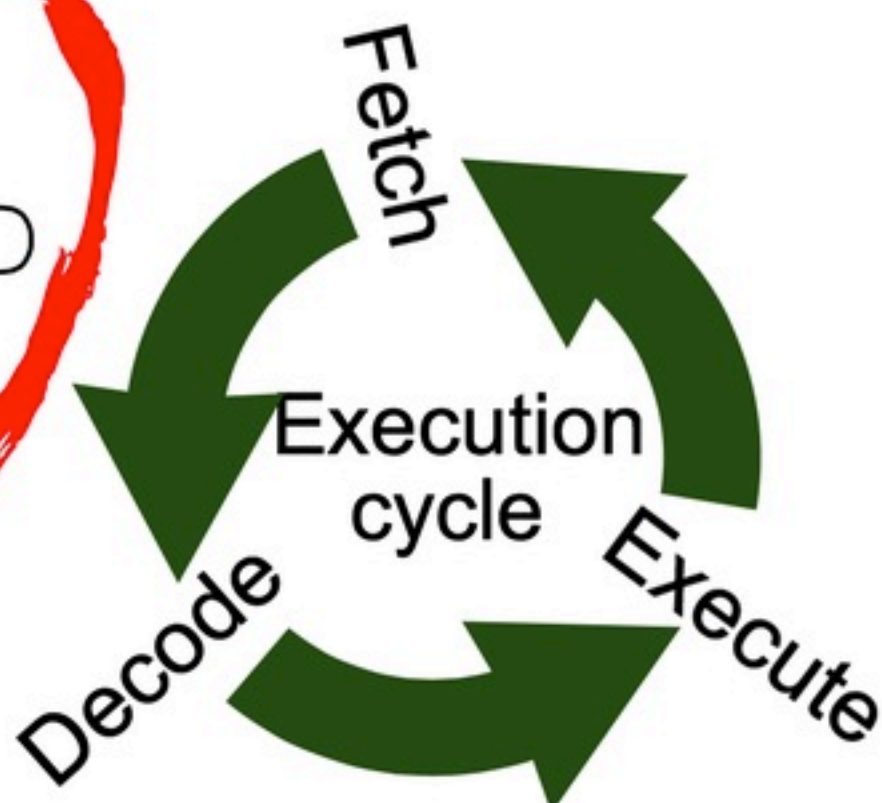
## Basic notions:

Algorithm  
Program  
Software



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# Recipe for Computers

Start by stirring your CPU.

Then add 8 GB main memory and season with in- and outputs of your own choosing.

Mix it all together in the second storage device, preheat the motherboard to a 85° and let it run for 45 min.

serving suggestions: serve it with windows software or Python code.

-Sebastian Boring



# Hardware/The 5 major components

## Main components

### CPU



The Central Processing Unit runs the programs

### Main memory



Main memory/ RAM is where the computer stores a program while the program is running

### Secondary storage



Secondary storage/ROM holds data for long periods of time, even when the powers is off.

### Input devices



Data the computer collects from people and other devices

(keyboard, microphones)

### Output devices



Data produced by the computer for other people or devices

# HOMERS PAYDAY

Homer just got a bonus from his work at the nuclear power plant, but he's having trouble figuring out how many beers he can afford....



```
>>> beer
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<pyshell#1>", line 1, in <module>
    beer
NameError: name 'beer' is not defined
>>> |
```

**SYNTAX ERROR**

D'OH!

you have to remember to write input AND int



Think, think, think.....  
salary=int(input('Insert salary'))  
bonus = int(input('Insert bonus'))  
pay = salary+bonus  
print('This is your pay', pay)

**YOU CAN AFFORD ONE MORE BEER!!!!**



Woo hoo



BEEEEEEEEEEERRRRRRR

THANK YOU FLANDERS...

.....and Python





# Chapter 3, Python

**Function:** sequence of statements that has a name

Two parts to designing a function:  
1) function definition  
2) function invocation

**Main function;** one main function per program to control how all the other functions invokes.



**Functions can contain variables:**



Local variable:  
Defined inside  
function

Global variable:  
Can be used  
anywhere

## Two types of arguments

**Positional arguments**

*the use of them is determined by the position they have*

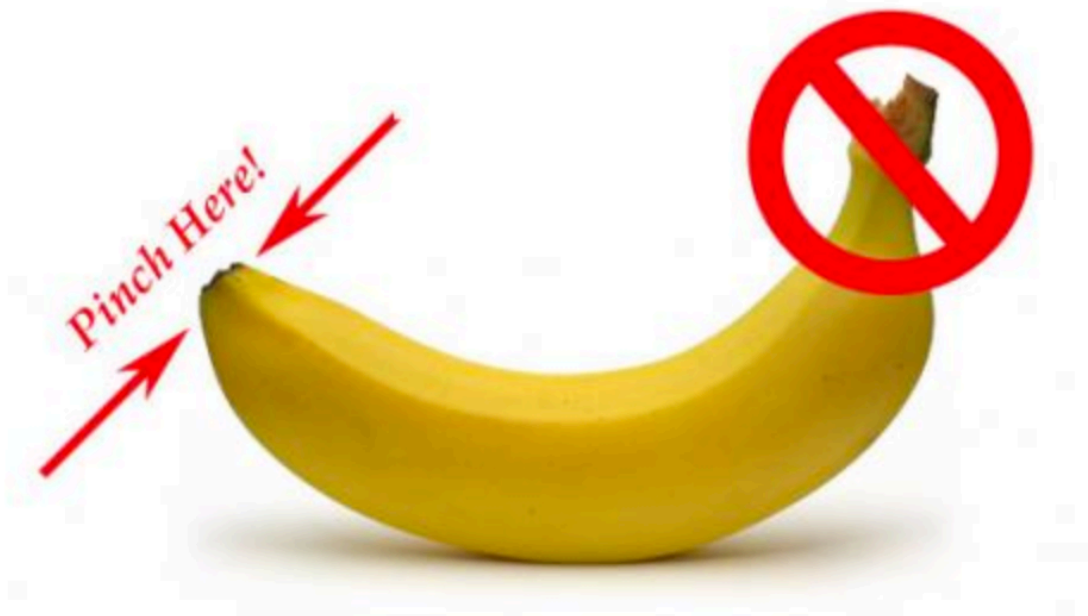
**Keyword arguments**

*have to be a keyword somewhere in the program*

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# HOW TO PEEL YOUR FUNCTION - TOP-DOWN



1. "Def" dat shit up and make your header!
2. Take some statements and put'em in yo block!
3. Call dat b\*tich!

```
1 ▼ def peel_banana():
2     pinch = input("where do you pinch (top or bottom)?: ")
3 ▼     if pinch == ("top"):
4         print ("wrong pinch bitch!")
5         peel_banana()
6     elif pinch == ("bottom"):
7         print("Right on mofokker!")
8
9
10 peel_banana()
```



Main() should call  
all the functions in  
the program!

When you call a function(), you make it  
execute (call) all its statements!



But where do I come in??



# Simple Functions



## Creating a function

STEP  
1

Define the function with a header

```
def main():
```

STEP  
2

Continue the function with a block of indented statements

```
def main():  
    statement  
    statement
```

STEP  
3

Now invoke the function in the code

```
main()
```

## Arguments

### Keyword

```
monkey(bananas=12)
```

### Positional

```
monkey(bananas)
```

## Variables

### Local scope

```
def monkey():  
    bananas = 12
```

### Global variables

```
def monkey():  
    global bananas  
    bananas = 12
```

