#### **More Functions**

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Any fool can write code that a computer can understand. Good programmers write code that humans can understand.

- M. Fowler, "Refactoring: Improving the Design of Existing Code"

## Functions: Review

- Statements grouped under a special name that are executed together
- Advantages
  - Code reuse
    - Type once, use again and again!
    - Easier to maintain (update, fix mistakes)
  - Code readability

### Functions: Syntax

**Definition Syntax:** 

def functionName():

statement

statement

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Call Syntax:

functionName()

# **Function Variables: Scope**

- A variable's scope is that part of the program where it may be accessed:
  - After its definition (initialization)
- Local variables are those that are created inside a function
  - All the variables we have created so far have been local to main()
- A local variable's scope is the function where it was created
  - Cannot be accessed by another function

## Variable Scope: Example

# iClicker Question: Variable Scope

Variable x is defined in main(). Where can it be accessed?

- A. In main() before its definition
- B. In main() after its definition
- C. In main() and every other function in the file
- D. Everywhere

iClicker Question	
def func1() x = 5	What is the output?
result = x * 2	A. 5 B. 7
def func2()	C. 10
print result	D. Error

## Functions with Parameters

- Parameters are a way to pass information into a function
  - Allows greater re-use
- range() has parameters
  - The value(s) that tell it what sequence to generate
- Parameters are local to a function, so their scope is their function

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### Functions with Parameters: Syntax

Recall:

def functionName(param1, param2):

To call that function, use arguments: functionName(arg1, arg2)

When a function is called: param1=arg1 param2=arg2 statements in the body are executed

## Functions with Parameters: Examples

printPower.py

callMeAl.py

### iClicker Question: **Functions with Parameters**

Consider this snippet of code:

x=25

printNum(25)

def printNum(num): print num

B. 0 C. 25

D. No value

When printNum is

output? (Assume

printNum() is

defined correctly)

executed from this

snippet, what is the

#### **Aside: Available Functions**

■ abs()

int()

range()

input()

raw\_input() round()

■ type()

If you import math:

math.sqrt()

■ math.ceil()

math.floor()

math.factorial()

math.log()

math.pow()

math.sum()

#### **Exercise**

Write a function make 10 that, given two ints a and b, prints True if one of them is 10 or if their sum is 10.

Write a main() function that uses a for loop to call make 10 for the values of a from 1 to 10. b has the value 5 for each call.

#### **Reminders**

- Exam is NEXT WEEK
- Review Wednesday
  - Come prepared to ask questions (or send me email!)
  - Sample Exam posted today (hopefully)
- Assignment 3 released today, due SATURDAY 6/30
  - But doing it before the exam will help you!