

§4.5-4.7: Functions (procedures that return a value)

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- *Quiz ch3 today*

Correction on string.capitalize()

- `string.capitalize("hello world!")`
 - "Hello World!"
- `string.upper("Hello World!")`
 - "HELLO WORLD!"
- `string.lower("HeLlO wORID!")`
 - "hello world!"

Quiz ch3

- **Evaluate** as Python, or explain the error: [9]
 - $(2^{**}4 > 10)$ or $(7 \% 3 == 2)$
 - $9.0 // 2 == 4.5$ and $9 / 0 != 0$
 - `'y' + 3 * 'a' + 'y'`
- Show the **output** of this loop: [5]

```
for x in range(4):  
    for y in range(4):  
        if x == y:  
            break  
        print "(%d, %d)" % (x, y),
```
- Write **pseudocode** to convert inches to cm or vice versa, depending on the user's choice [6]

Quiz ch3: answers #1-2

■ Evaluate :

- $(2^{**}4 > 10)$ or $(7 \% 3 == 2)$
- $9.0 // 2 == 4.5$ and $9 / 0 != 0$
- `'y' + 3 * 'a' + 'y'`

■ True

■ False

■ 'yaaay'

■ Show the **output** of this loop:

```
for x in range(4):  
    for y in range(4):  
        if x == y:  
            break  
        print "(%d, %d)" % (x, y),
```

■ (1, 0)
(2, 0) (2, 1)
(3, 0) (3, 1) (3, 2)

(all on one line)

Quiz ch3: answers #3

- Write **pseudocode** to convert inches to cm or vice versa, depending on the user's choice:

print welcome and introduction

get user's choice of in->cm or cm->in

get input length to convert

if user wants in->cm:

 converted length = input length * 2.54

else:

 converted length = input length / 2.54

print converted length

Review of last time (§4.1-4.3)

- **Procedures** (functions, subroutines)
 - **No** parameters
 - **With parameters**
 - **Formal vs. actual** parameters
 - **Scope**
 - **Global** variables (why not to use them)
 - **Call-by-value** vs **call-by-reference**

Functions

- **Functions** (function procedures, “fruitful” functions) are procedures which **return** a value:
 - `string.upper('g')` returns 'G'
 - `def double_this(x):`
 `"""Multiply by two."""`
 `return x * 2`
- **Statically**-typed languages require function definition to declare a **return type**
- Multiple **return** statements allowed; first one encountered **ends** execution of the function

Functions in Python

- It turns out that in Python, **every** procedure returns a value
 - **def print_usage():**
 """Print a brief help text."""
 print "This is how to use this program...."
- If **no** explicit **return** statement or return without a **value**, then the special **None** value is returned
- Must use **parentheses** when invoking procedures
 - Even those **without** arguments: **print_usage()**
 - Otherwise you get the **function object**

Predicates: pre-/post- conditions

```
def ASCII_to_char(code):  
    """Convert from a numerical ASCII code  
    to the corresponding character.  
    """  
    return chr(code)
```

- The parameter `code` needs to be <128 : either
 - State **preconditions** clearly in docstring:
 - ◆ `pre: code is an integer between 1 and 128`
 - ◆ `post: returns the corresponding character.`
 - Or code **error-checking** in the function:
 - ◆ `if code \geq 128:`

Example: error-handling

```
def ASCII_to_char(code):  
    """Convert from a numerical ASCII code  
    to the corresponding character.  
  
    pre: code is an integer  
    post: returns the corresponding character  
    """  
    if (code <= 0) or (code >= 128):  
        print "ASCII_to_char(): needs to be <128"  
    else:  
        return chr(code)
```

Summary of today (§4.5-4.7)

- Functions
 - return
- Preconditions / postconditions
 - “Contract” between program and user

TODO

- Lab02 due today/tomorrow/Wed:
 - §3.14 #36 and 45
- HW04 due Wed:
 - 3.14 # 4, 7, 10
 - ◆ (treat as M2 code; # is !=)
- Read through §4.10 and Py ch5 for Wed