

Intro to Coding with Python– More Functions

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Reminder

- Next Tuesday (02/2) is a Monday Schedule

Plan for Today

- Recap defining and calling functions
- String functions together

To recap: a
“function
definition”

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a name

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Convention: use underscores or camelCase

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defined using
the **def** keyword

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(indented)

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← a **return** (optional)

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y = do_something() ← a function call
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Definitions vs. calls

Function Definition

- Step-by-step **instructions** for how to perform a given set of operations
- Analogy: a **recipe**
- Think of the function's name as **shorthand** (i.e. "okay, when I say `do_something()`, here's what I want you to do")

Function Call

- An **actual request** to perform the operations
- **Control** is turned over to the "minion" (temporarily)
- Once complete, we go back to the **exact place** in the program where the call was issued

Discussion

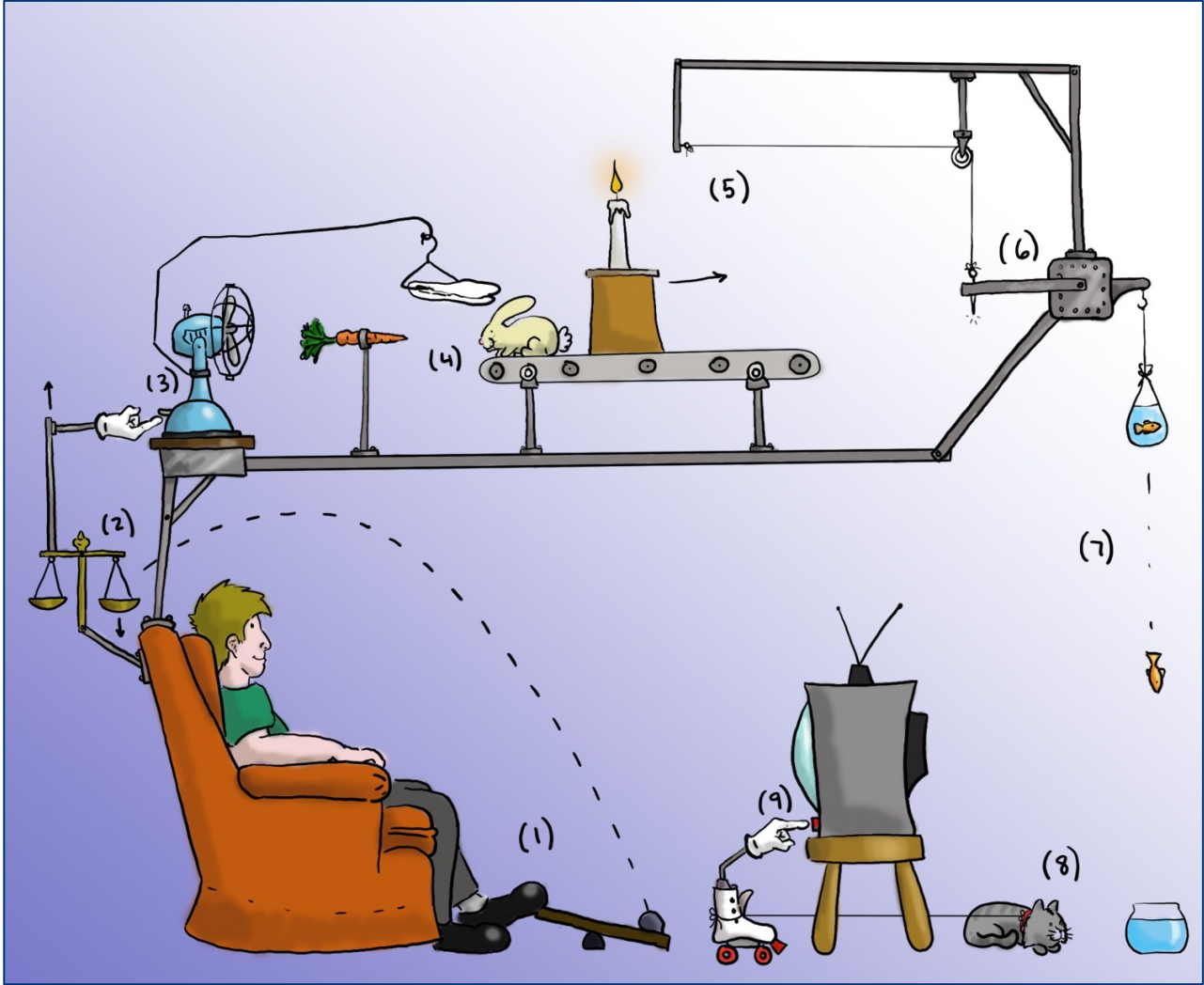
What does it mean for a function
to **return** a value?

And what's the difference
between **return** and **print (...)**?

DEMO

TIME

Demo: Rube Goldberg machine



```
def  
addOne (x) :
```

- Take the value of x, and add 1 to it
- **return** the modified value

```
def  
doubleIt (x) :
```

- Take the value of x , and double it (i.e. multiply by 2)
- **return** the modified value


```
def  
printWith  
Stars(x):
```

- Look at the value of x
- Print it out as *'s (i.e. if x = 3, print ***)
- **return** nothing

```
def  
woohoo () :
```

- Print "WOO HOO!"
- Call
`printWithStars (addOne (doubleIt (2)))`
- **return** nothing

Discussion

Lingering questions?



**KEEP
CALM
AND
MODULARIZE
YOUR CODE**