

Revision: Function definition

```

def change_in_percent(old, new):
    diff = new - old
    return (diff / old) * 100
    
```

Annotations: 'name' points to the function name 'change_in_percent'; 'parameters' points to '(old, new)'; 'spaces' points to the 4-space indentation; 'block' points to the body of the function.

- A function definition consists of a name and a body (a block)
- The extent of the block is defined by indentation, which must be the same for all statements of a block
 - Standard indentation is 4 spaces
- This example has **parameters**
 - Parameters are specified in the function call, and are passed to the code block
- A custom function must be defined before it can be called

Revision: Function parameters and return value

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Annotation: 'parameters' points to '(old, new)' in the function definition.

- Function (formal) parameters are (variable) names
 - These variables can be used only in the function body
- Parameter values will be set only when the function is called
- **return** is a statement
 - when executed, it causes the function call to end, and return the value of the expression

Revision: Flow of execution

- Calling a function will interrupt the processive flow of program execution
- Calling a function causes the execution to skip to that function and continue executing from that position

```

def ask_name():
    print("Please enter your name: ")
    name = input()
    return name

def calculate_length_of_string(the_string):
    return len(the_string)

def print_greeting(input_name):
    name_length = calculate_length_of_string(input_name)
    print("Hello, " + input_name + ", Your name is " + str(name_length) + " characters in length.")

def interact():
    interaction_name = ask_name()
    print_greeting(interaction_name)

interact()
    
```

Red arrows indicate the flow of execution: from interact() to ask_name(), then to calculate_length_of_string(), then to print_greeting(), and finally back to interact().

- Execution continues until the end of the function is reached (and it returns to executing where the call was originally made)

Revision: the call stack

- The 'to-do list' of where to come back to after each current function call is called the (execution or call) stack
- When evaluation of a function call begins, the current instruction sequence is put 'on hold' while the expression is evaluated – and the function calls begin to 'stack up'

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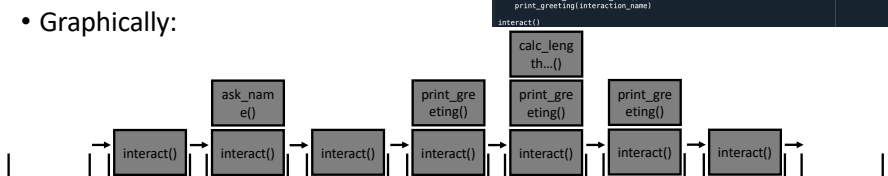
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Intro to Scope

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Chapter 3 : Sweigart, *Automate the boring stuff with Python*,

Or

Section 9: <https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/classes.html#python-scopes-and-namespaces>



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Reading: Scope

- Covered in Think Python and ItSPwP, but..
- A better introduction is in: *Automate the Boring Stuff with Python*, Chapter 3, from Section 'Local and Global Scope' until the end of the chapter
- Remember: you have access to the Safari/O'Reilly bookstore through the ANU library: <https://www.oreilly.com/library-access/>
 - Search for 'Automate the Boring Stuff with Python'

Scope - Sweigart, *Automate the Boring Stuff with Python*, Ch 3



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- We haven't talked yet about scope – this is important
- So far, we have assumed that all defined variables are accessible all the time – this is known as **global** scope
- But global scope becomes hazardous as:
 - A program gets larger
 - Includes code that comes from other developers (you might both use the same variable name)
- The parameter variables within a single function are **local** to the code block. If you try to access one of these outside the function code block, you will get an error.

Graphically:



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```
scope.py
def print_gene():
    gene_name = 'p53'
    print('In print_gene: ' + gene_name)

def print_protein():
    protein_id = 'TP53'
    gene_name = 'Unknown'
    print('In print_protein: ' + protein_id + ' ' + gene_name)

gene_name = 'BRCA2'
print_gene()
print('In main: ' + gene_name)
print_protein()
```

Output:

```
In print_gene: p53
In main: BRCA2
In print_protein: TP53 Unknown
```

Program: scope.py

Global

gene_name = 'BRCA2'

Function: print_gene()

Local

gene_name = 'p53'

Function: print_protein()

Local

protein_id = 'TP53'
gene_name = 'Unknown'

Within a function, parameters are local



- Variables created/assigned in a function (including parameters) are **local** to that function:
 - Local variables have scope limited to the enclosing block
 - The interpreter uses a new namespace for each function call
 - Local variables that are not parameters are undefined before the first assignment in the function body. Then remain local to the function block
 - Variables with the same name used outside the function are unchanged after the call
- Within a function, you can still access variables in the **global** scope
- But, within function **local** scope, you *cannot* access the **local** scopes of other functions

Scope - why?



- There are very good reasons why every section of code should not be able to access the variables controlled by other sections.
 - For one thing, as your program gets bigger, the **namespace** of the program will start to get crowded.
 - You might be using the same variable name for two different things.
 - If you are using code from other developers (like importing functions), they might be using the same variable names as your program – but for different things
 - It makes good sense to compartmentalise variable scope, to avoid *namespace-collisions*

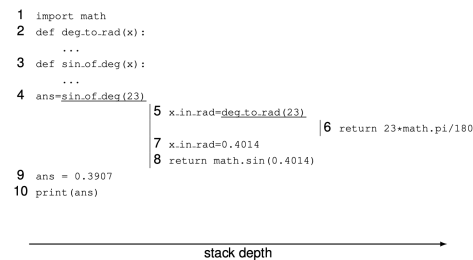
The call stack



```
import math
# Convert degrees to radians
def deg_to_rad(x):
    return x * math.pi / 180

# Take sin of an angle in degrees
def sin_of_deg(x):
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    return math.sin(x_in_rad)

ans = sin_of_deg(23)
print(ans)
```



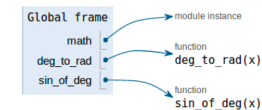
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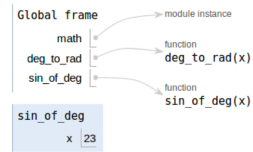
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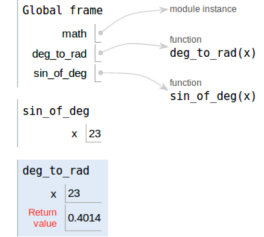
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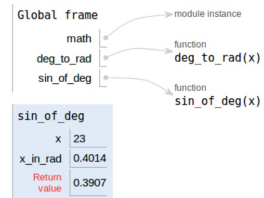
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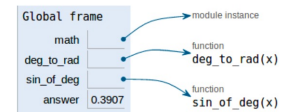
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Functional Abstraction

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Think Python Ch 4 (Encapsulation, Generalization, Interface Design) and Ch 6 (Leap of Faith)



Abstraction & Interfaces



- Imagine if when we write very large programs, that we needed to understand every line of code that our code is built on?
 - It would be terrible! Nothing complicated could get done easily. Slow!
 - In the first lecture, you saw how to open a file and train a basic ML model
 - General understanding is necessary (yes!), but detailed understanding of the implementation is not
- We rely on **abstraction** of details
- We implement code and software libraries that only require an understanding of the **interface**
- When we write functions, we should make them intuitive to provide this interface

Interfaces (Think Python, Ch. 4)



- Providing a simple interface to a complex task is the great value of software libraries. Other people write code that you don't know in detail – but you can do the same tasks, with much less effort.
- Before long, you will be writing code where you didn't look at every line of the functions and libraries that you rely on.
- Ch 6 of *Think Python* calls this the 'Leap of faith':

Leap of Faith

Following the flow of execution is one way to read programs, but it can quickly become overwhelming. An alternative is what I call the "leap of faith". When you come to a function call, instead of following the flow of execution, you *assume* that the function works correctly and returns the right result.

- This is abstraction. Much of the detail in your software remains abstract. You are now thinking about code at a higher level.

More complicated: Python as a toolbox



```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeRegressor

mutations = pd.read_csv('/Users/dan/Desktop/Envision_manuscript_data/Gray_etal_SupplementaryTable_S2_cleaned.csv')
mutation_metrics = ["Residual_Function", "Solvent_Accessibility", "B_Factor"]
sns.lmplot(x="Solvent_Accessibility", y="B_Factor", data=mutations, fit_reg=False, hue="Mutation_Cat", legend=True, markers='.', x_jitter=True, y_jitter=True)

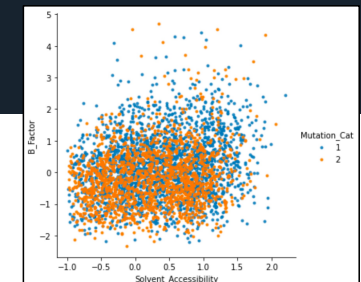
X = mutations.iloc[0:, [26, 30]].values # 26 == Solvent_Accessibility, 30 == B_Factor
y = mutations.iloc[0:, [6]].values # 6 is 'Mutation_Cat'

tree_clf = DecisionTreeRegressor(max_depth=2)
tree_clf.fit(X, y)

# Solvent_Accessibility: 91%
# B-factor: 387 (high, -wa)
prediction = tree_clf.predict([[2, 0.99]])
print("Residual function prediction: " + str(prediction[0]))
```

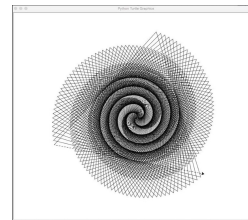
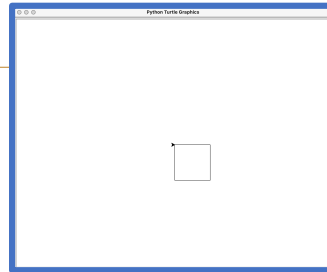
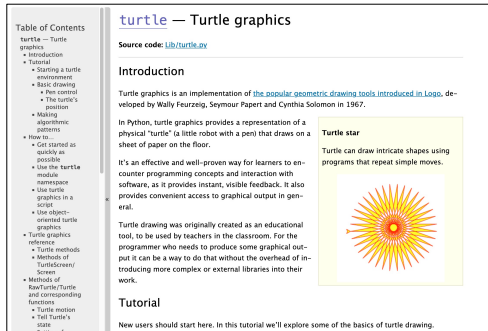
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In [143]:
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Turtle graphics

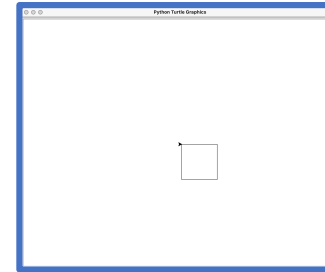
<https://docs.python.org/3/library/turtle.html>



Luke Taylor, from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lyqTY4q16iw>

Abstraction – a drawing example

- Let's draw a shape - a square.



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IPython 8.15.0 -- An enhanced Interactive Python.

In [1]: import turtle
In [2]: turtle.forward(100)
In [3]: turtle.right(90)
In [4]: turtle.forward(100)
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```

Code_L4_1.py

- Boring, processive, repetitive code.

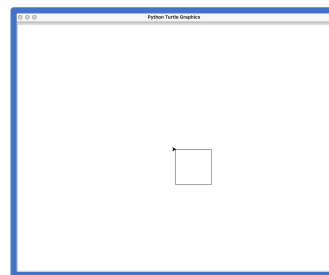
Drawing shapes – a square

- By writing a draw_square function, we can encapsulate the complexity individual drawing commands.
- And we can add parameters

```
import turtle

def draw_square(side_dim):
    """Draws a square of side length defined by side_dim"""
    turtle.forward(side_dim)
    turtle.right(90)
    turtle.forward(side_dim)
    turtle.right(90)
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    turtle.right(90)
    turtle.forward(side_dim)
    turtle.right(90)

draw_square(100)
```



Code_L4_2.py

Drawing a bigger structure with functions

- Write another function to draw multiple squares to make a grid
- Parameters to give size and number of cells:

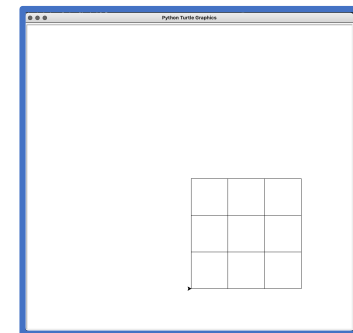
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    turtle.right(90)

def draw_grid(cells, side_dim):
    """Draws a grid of squares"""
    # draw grid
    for i in range(cells):
        # draw a row of cells
        for j in range(cells):
            draw_square(side_dim)
            turtle.forward(side_dim)

        # move to next row beginning
        turtle.penup()
        turtle.right(180)
        turtle.forward(side_dim*cells)
        turtle.left(90)
        turtle.forward(side_dim)
        turtle.left(90)
        turtle.pendown()

draw_grid(3,100)
```

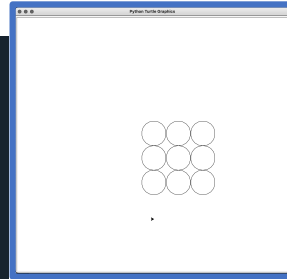


Code_L4_3.py

Abstract functions allow easy extensibility

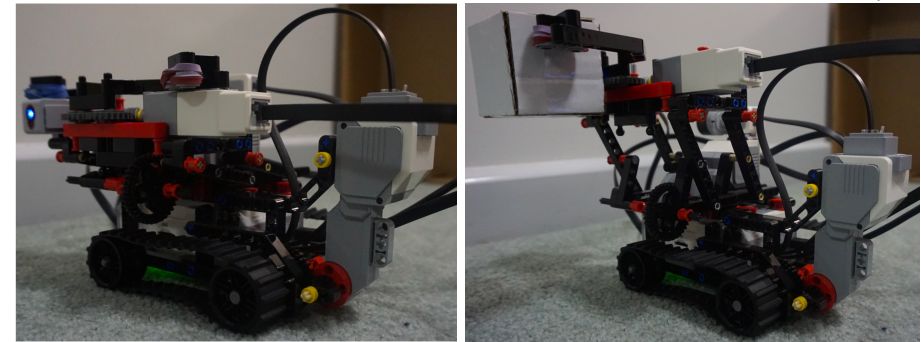
- What if we now need to draw each cell as a circle – there is a function for `turtle.circle()` :

```
def draw_grid(cells, side_dim, draw_shape, adjust=1):  
    # draw grid  
    for i in range(cells):  
        # draw a row of cells  
        for j in range(cells):  
            turtle.pendown()  
            draw_shape(side_dim)  
            turtle.penup()  
            turtle.forward(side_dim*adjust)  
        # move to next row beginning  
        turtle.penup()  
        turtle.left(180)  
        turtle.forward(side_dim*cells*adjust)  
        turtle.left(90)  
        turtle.forward(side_dim*adjust)  
        turtle.left(90)  
        turtle.pendown()  
  
#draw_grid(3, 40, draw_square, 1)  
draw_grid(3, 40, turtle.circle, 2)
```



Code_L4_4.py

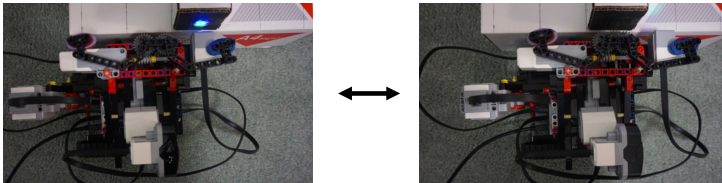
Example: The Robot



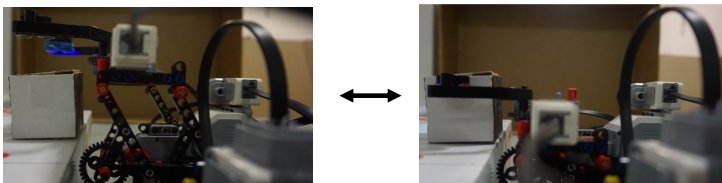
- It can:
 - Move
 - Grip boxes
- Lift mechanical arms up and down
- Sense position
- Be driven by a python code library

Things the robot does:

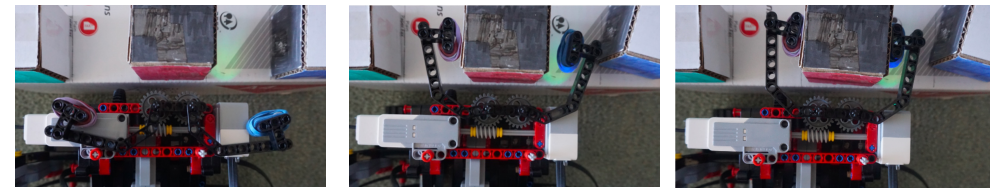
- Move left/right along a shelf with boxes on it:



- Move gripper up and down:



Open and close the gripper:



Folded

Open

Closed

- When moving along the shelf of boxes, the gripper needs to be folded to avoid hitting the boxes
- Folding and unfolding the gripper may hit boxes, so important to lift the gripper up first

A look at a Robot class:

- This is the RPCRobot class that can be found in robot.py from the labs
- Class RPCRobot
- Global attribute defaults
- `__init__` method
- Methods:
 - `lift_up`
 - `lift_down`
 - `drive_right`
 - Etc...

```
class RPCRobot:
    """Robot class interfacing with ev3 via RPVC."""
    DEFAULT_DRIVE_RIGHT = 575
    DEFAULT_DRIVE_LEFT = 600
    DEFAULT_LIFT_UP = 200
    DEFAULT_LIFT_DOWN = 200

    def __init__(self, ip_address = "192.168.0.1"):
        import rpyc

        self.rpccomm = rpyc.classic.connect(ip_address)
        self.ev3 = self.rpccomm.modules.ev3dev.ev3
        self.battery = self.ev3.PowerSupply()
        self.drive = self.ev3.LargeMotor('outD')
        self.lift = self.ev3.LargeMotor('outB')
        self.gripper = self.ev3.MediumMotor('outC')
        self.sensor = self.ev3.ColorSensor()
        self.proxar = self.ev3.InfraredSensor()

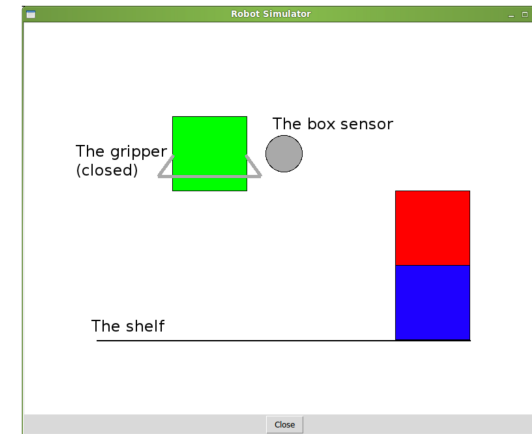
    def print_status(self):
        print("Robot at: " + str(self.drive.position))
        print("Lift at: " + str(self.lift.position))
        print("Gripper at: " + str(self.gripper.position))
        print("Sensor read: " + str(self.sensor.value))
        print("Proxar read: " + str(self.proxar.value))
        print("Battery: " + str(self.battery.measured_volts) + "V, "
              + str(self.battery.measured_amps) + "A")

    # Moving up doesn't require braking
    def lift_up(self, distance=DEFAULT_LIFT_UP):
        print("Lift at: " + str(self.lift.position)
              + ", speed: " + str(self.lift.speed))
        self.lift.run_to_rel_position(sp = -distance, duty_cycle_sp = 25)
        time.sleep(0.5)
        while abs(self.lift.speed) > 0:
            print("Lift at: " + str(self.lift.position)
                  + ", speed: " + str(self.lift.speed))
            time.sleep(0.25)
            print("end lift at: " + str(self.lift.position)
                  + ", speed: " + str(self.lift.speed))

    # Moving down requires braking and even then has to be commanded ~10 shorts
    def lift_down(self, distance=DEFAULT_LIFT_DOWN):
        print("Lift at: " + str(self.lift.position)
              + ", speed: " + str(self.lift.speed))
        self.lift.run_to_rel_position(sp = distance,
                                     duty_cycle_sp = 25,
                                     stop_command='brake')
        time.sleep(0.5)
        while abs(self.lift.speed) > 0:
            print("Lift at: " + str(self.lift.position)
                  + ", speed: " + str(self.lift.speed))
            time.sleep(0.25)
            print("end lift at: " + str(self.lift.position)
                  + ", speed: " + str(self.lift.speed))

    def drive_right(self, distance = DEFAULT_DRIVE_RIGHT):
        print("Drive at: " + str(self.drive.position)
              + ", speed: " + str(self.drive.speed))
        self.drive.run_to_rel_position(sp = distance,
                                       duty_cycle_sp = 50,
                                       stop_command='hold')
        time.sleep(0.5)
```

The Robot Simulator



The robot library

```
>>> import robot

Start new simulation:
>>> robot.init()

Start simulation with larger area:
>>> robot.init(width = 11, height = 6)

Start simulation with random boxes:
>>> robot.init(width = 11, height = 6,
               boxes = "random")

Drive right/left one step:
>>> robot.drive_right()
>>> robot.drive_left()
```

The robot library

```
Move the lift up one step:
>>> robot.lift_up()

Move the lift down one step:
>>> robot.lift_down()

Change gripper position:
>>> robot.gripper_to_open()
>>> robot.gripper_to_closed()
>>> robot.gripper_to_folded()
```

- * If the robot hits a box, no command works until a new simulation is started.

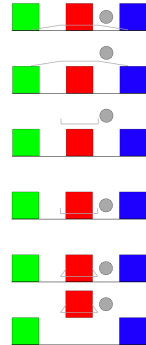


How to pick up a box?

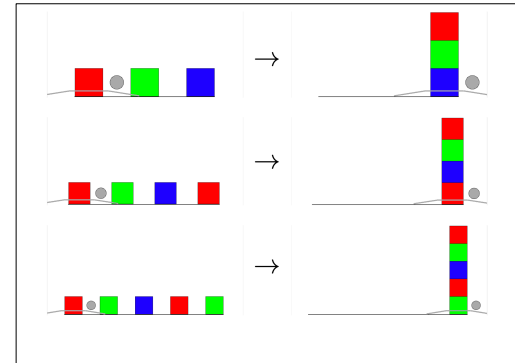
- ★ How to pick up a box without hitting the box(es) next to it?

```
robot.lift_up()
robot.gripper_to_open()
robot.lift_down()
robot.gripper_to_closed()
robot.lift_up()
```

- ★ A *program* is a sequence of instructions.



How to build a tower of boxes?



```
robot.init(width = 7, boxes = "flat")
robot.drive_right()
robot.lift_up()
robot.gripper_to_open()
robot.lift_down()
robot.gripper_to_closed()
robot.lift_up()
robot.drive_right()
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robot.lift_down()
robot.gripper_to_closed()
robot.lift_up()
robot.drive_right()
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robot.gripper_to_open()
robot.lift_down()
:
```

- This quickly gets very tedious!

Abstraction with functions

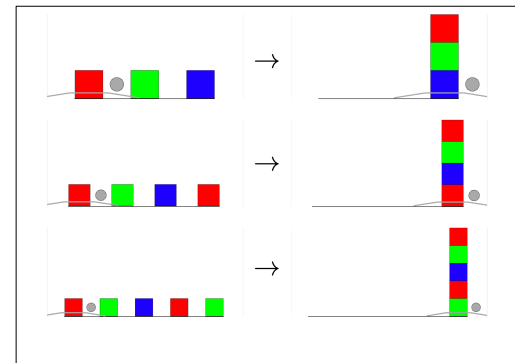
- We only need to know what a function does. We don't need to know how it does it:

```
def grasp_box_on_shelf():
    robot.lift_up()
    robot.gripper_to_open()
    robot.lift_down()
    robot.gripper_to_closed()
    robot.lift_up()
```

- And the idea is, there is a high-level function to do all the necessary tasks:

```
def release_and_pickup_next():
    robot.gripper_to_open()
    robot.lift_down()
    robot.gripper_to_closed()
    robot.lift_up()
```

How to build a tower of boxes?



```
robot.init(width = 9, boxes = "flat")
robot.drive_right()
grasp_box_on_shelf()
move_to_next_stack()
release_and_pickup_next()
move_to_next_stack()
release_and_pickup_next()
move_to_next_stack()
release_and_pickup_next()
move_to_next_stack()
robot.gripper_to_folded()
robot.lift_down()
```

- Much better!
- And you needn't stop there: `build_tower()` ?

Exercises



- Exercises in this week's practical lab

Reading

Think Python Ch 4 (*Encapsulation, Generalization, Interface Design*) and Ch 6 (*Leap of Faith*)