

```
>>> import this
```

The Zen of Python, by Tim Peters

Beautiful is better than ugly.

Explicit is better than implicit.

Simple is better than complex.

Complex is better than complicated.

Flat is better than nested.

Sparse is better than dense.

Readability counts.

Special cases aren't special enough to break the rules.

Although practicality beats purity.

Errors should never pass silently.

Unless explicitly silenced.

In the face of ambiguity, refuse the temptation to guess.

There should be one-- and preferably only one --obvious way to do it.

Although that way may not be obvious at first unless you're Dutch.

Now is better than never.

Although never is often better than **right** now.

If the implementation is hard to explain, it's a bad idea.

If the implementation is easy to explain, it may be a good idea.

Namespaces are one honking great idea -- let's do more of those!

How Python works: Namespaces

Some vocabulary

We'll use the terms “value” and “object” interchangeably.

We'll use the terms “name” and “variable” interchangeably.

A **binding** is a *runtime* pair: name \mapsto value.

A **namespace** is a *runtime* collection of bindings.

At runtime, an **assignment** *binds* a name to a value.

At runtime, a **reference** *looks up* a name's value.

A name's **scope** is the region of text in which that name is valid.

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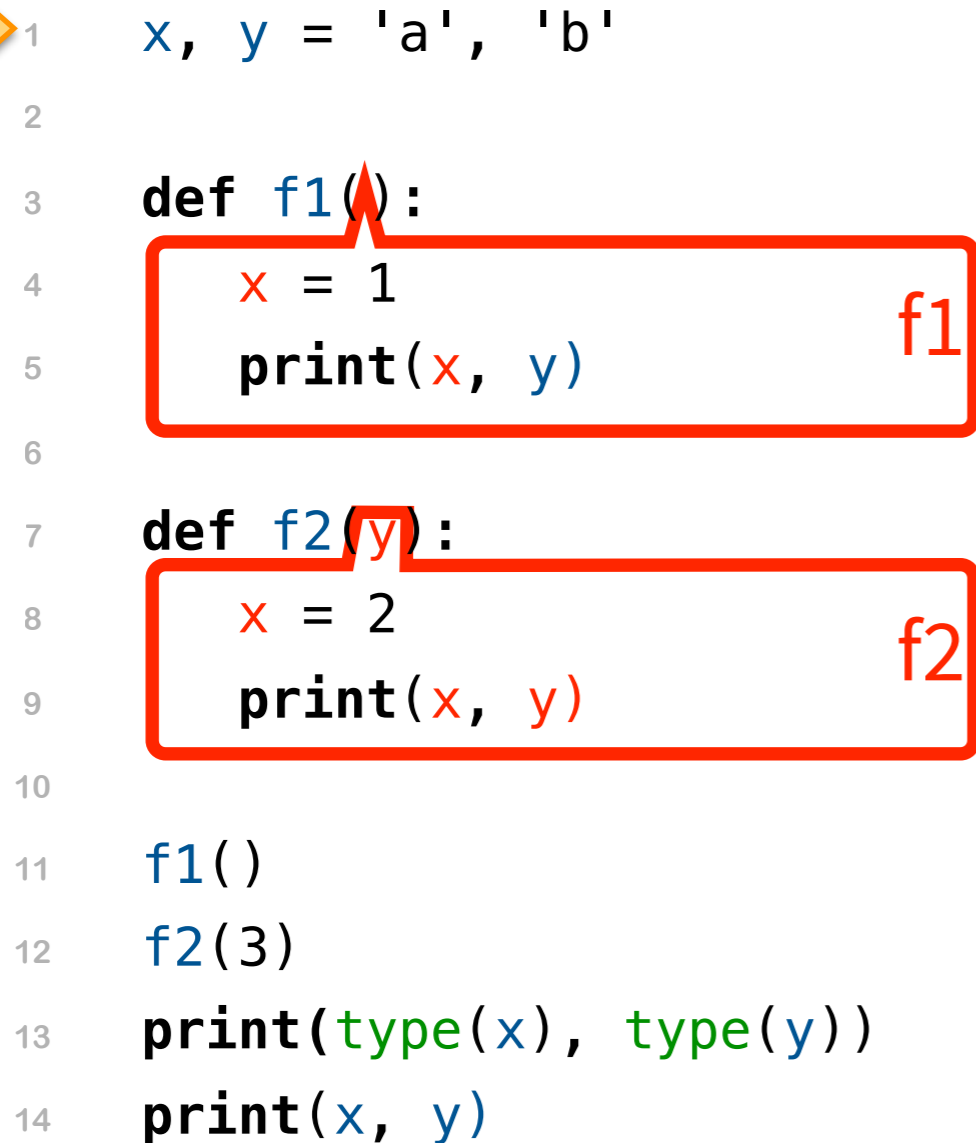
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The code is annotated with an orange arrow pointing to line 1, a red box around the function body of `f1`, a red box around the function body of `f2`, and a red box around the parameter `y` in the `f2` definition.

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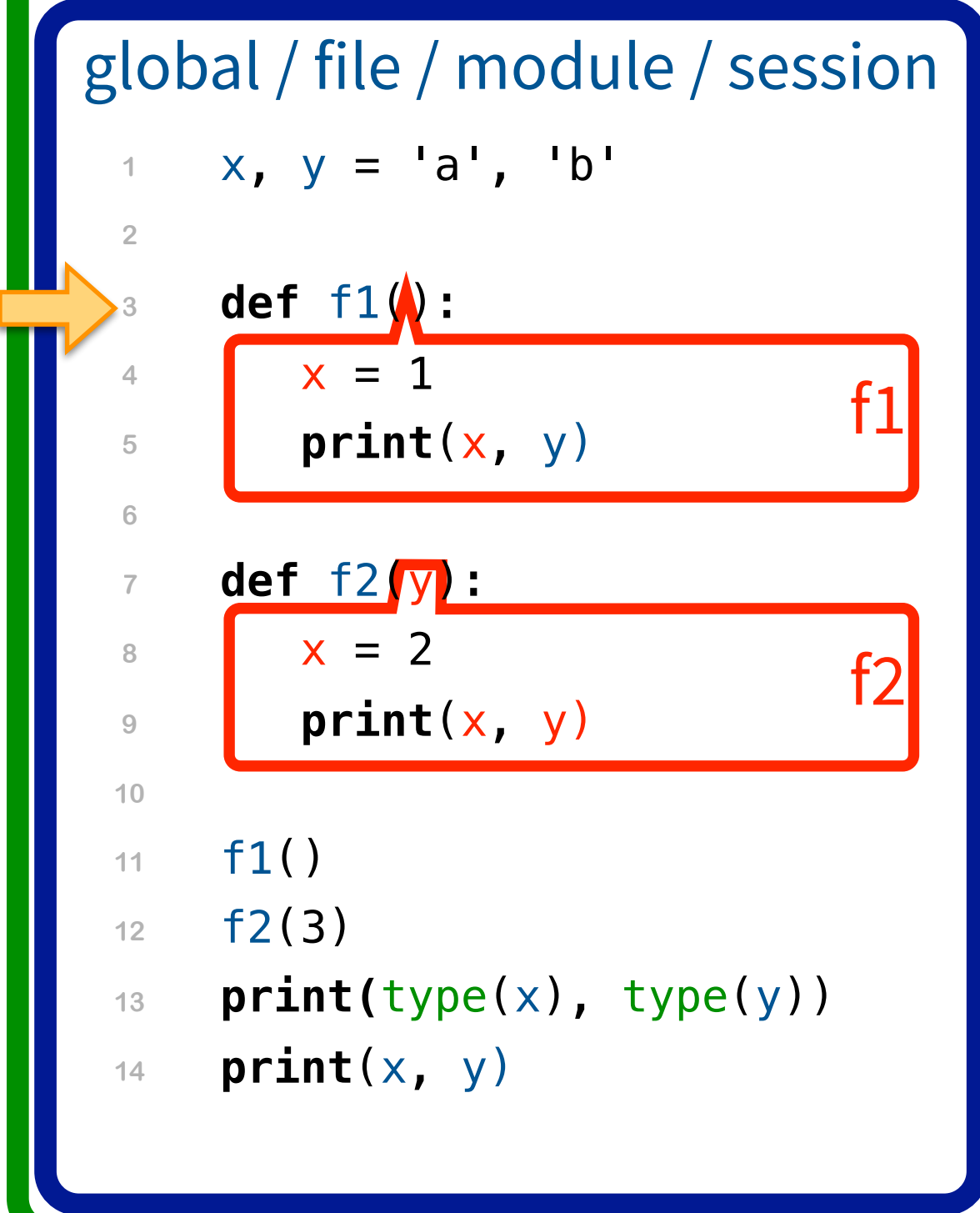
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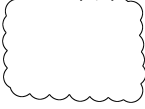
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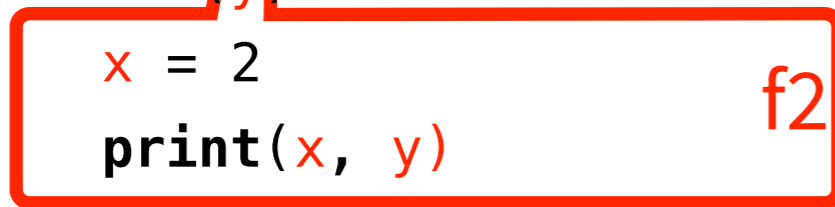
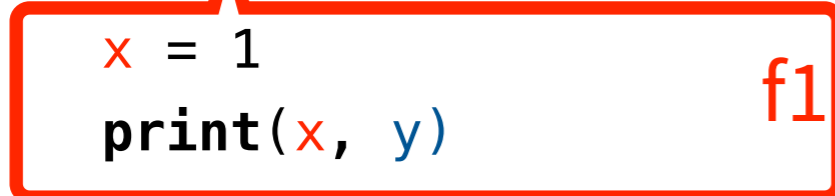
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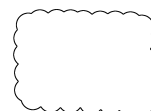
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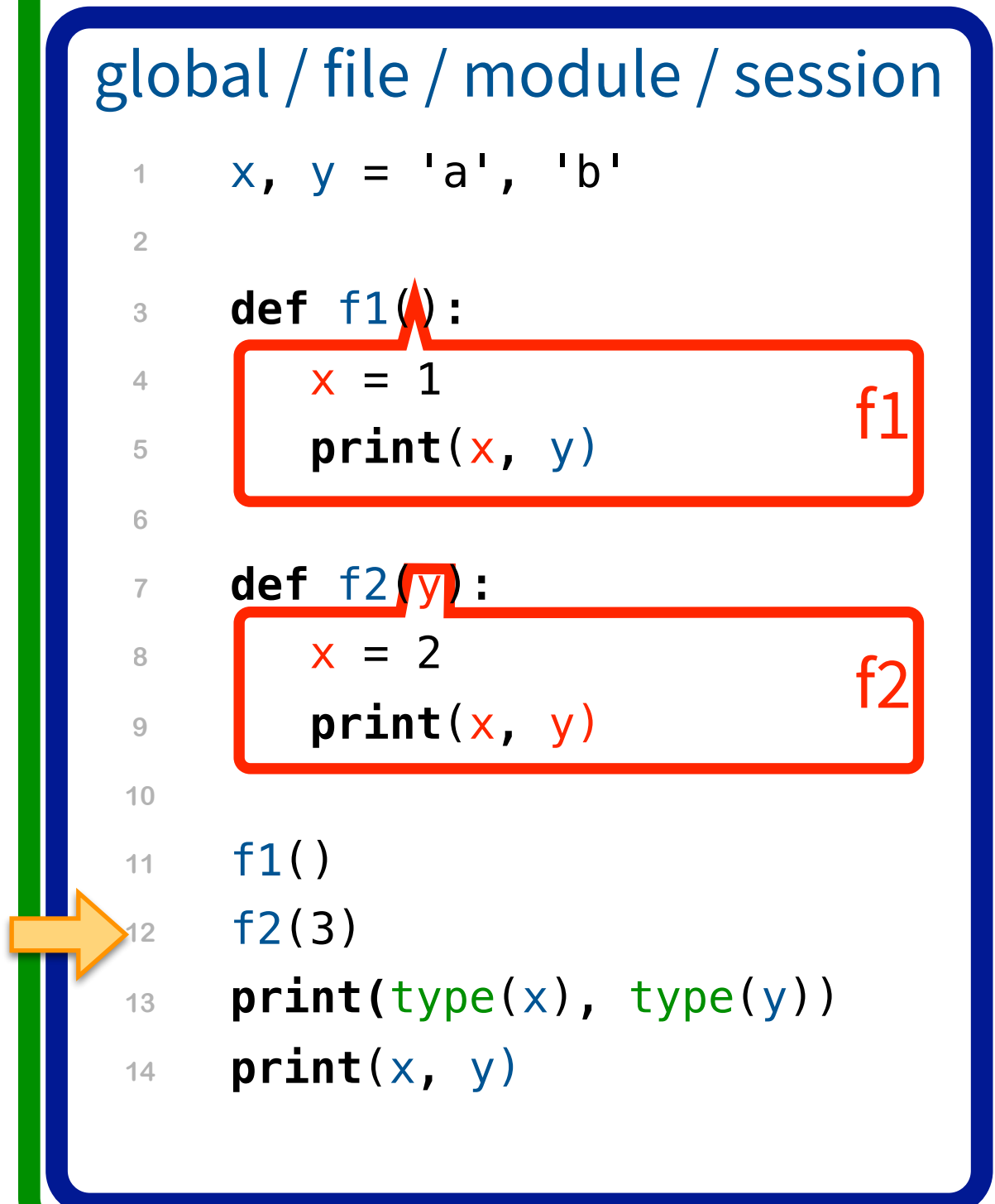
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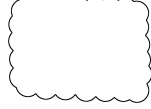
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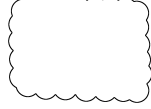
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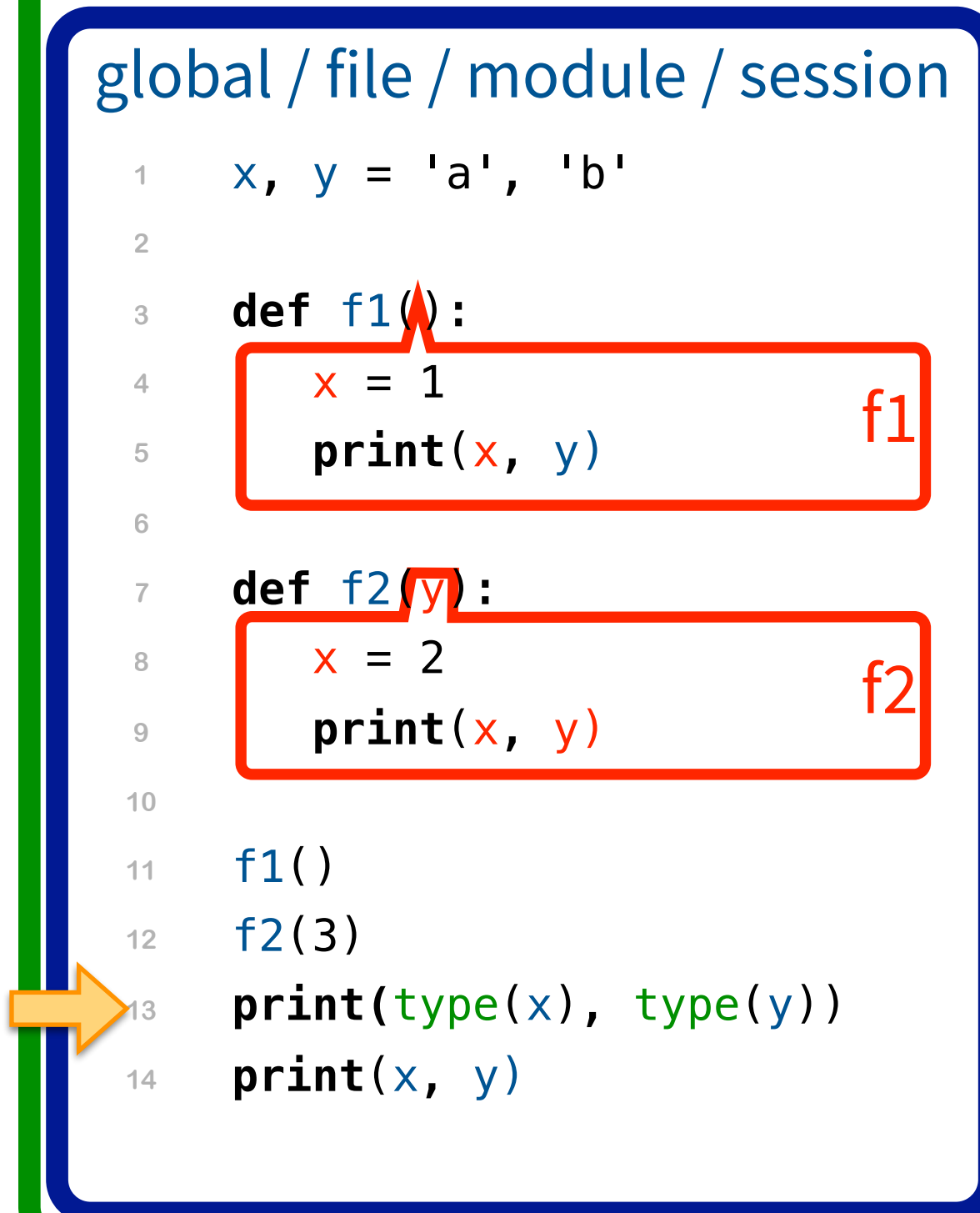
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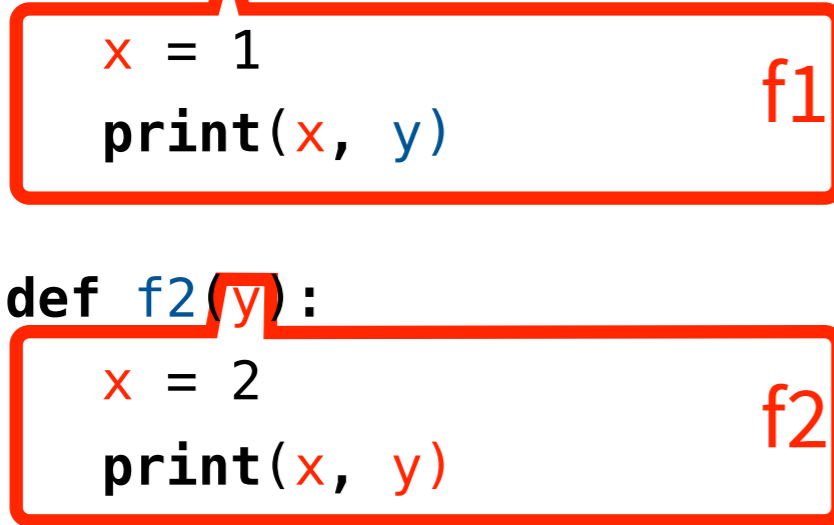
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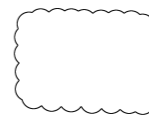

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Let's practice!

```
1 def fact(n):  
2     if (n == 0):  
3         return 1  
4     return n * fact(n-1)  
5  
6 n = 4  
7 result = fact(n / 2)
```

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Modules are
just more namespaces.

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```
1  import functions
2  functions.f1()
```

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functions.py

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Slicing a sequence

seq[start : end : step]

optional

think: *[start, end)*

0
↓
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
↑
-10

1
↓
↑
-9

8
↓
↑
-2

9
↓
↑
-1

```
>>> values = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
>>> values[3:]
[3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
>>> values[3:5]
[3, 4]
>>> values[-1]
9
>>> values[::2]
[0, 2, 4, 6, 8]
```

Functional programming in Python

Reading from files

```
0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
```

data.txt

```
0,2,4,6,8
```

```
100,200,300,400,500,600,700,800,900
```

```
10,17,24,31,38,45,52,59,66,73,80,87,94
```

```
open('data.txt').read()
```

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List comprehensions

are syntactic sugar for functional programming concepts (e.g., map)

```
lines = open('data.txt').readlines()
```

```
data = []
```

```
for line in lines:
```

```
    data.append(line[:-1])
```

loop
(imperative programming)

```
data = list(map(lambda line: line[:-1], lines))
```

map
(functional programming)

```
data = [line[:-1] for line in lines]
```

list comprehension
(functional programming)

List comprehensions

are syntactic sugar for functional programming concepts (e.g., `filter`)

```
positiveValues = []  
for value in values:  
    if value > 0:  
        positiveValues.append(value)
```

loop
(imperative programming)

```
data = list(filter(lambda value: value > 0, values))
```

filter
(functional programming)

```
data = [value for value in values if value > 0]
```

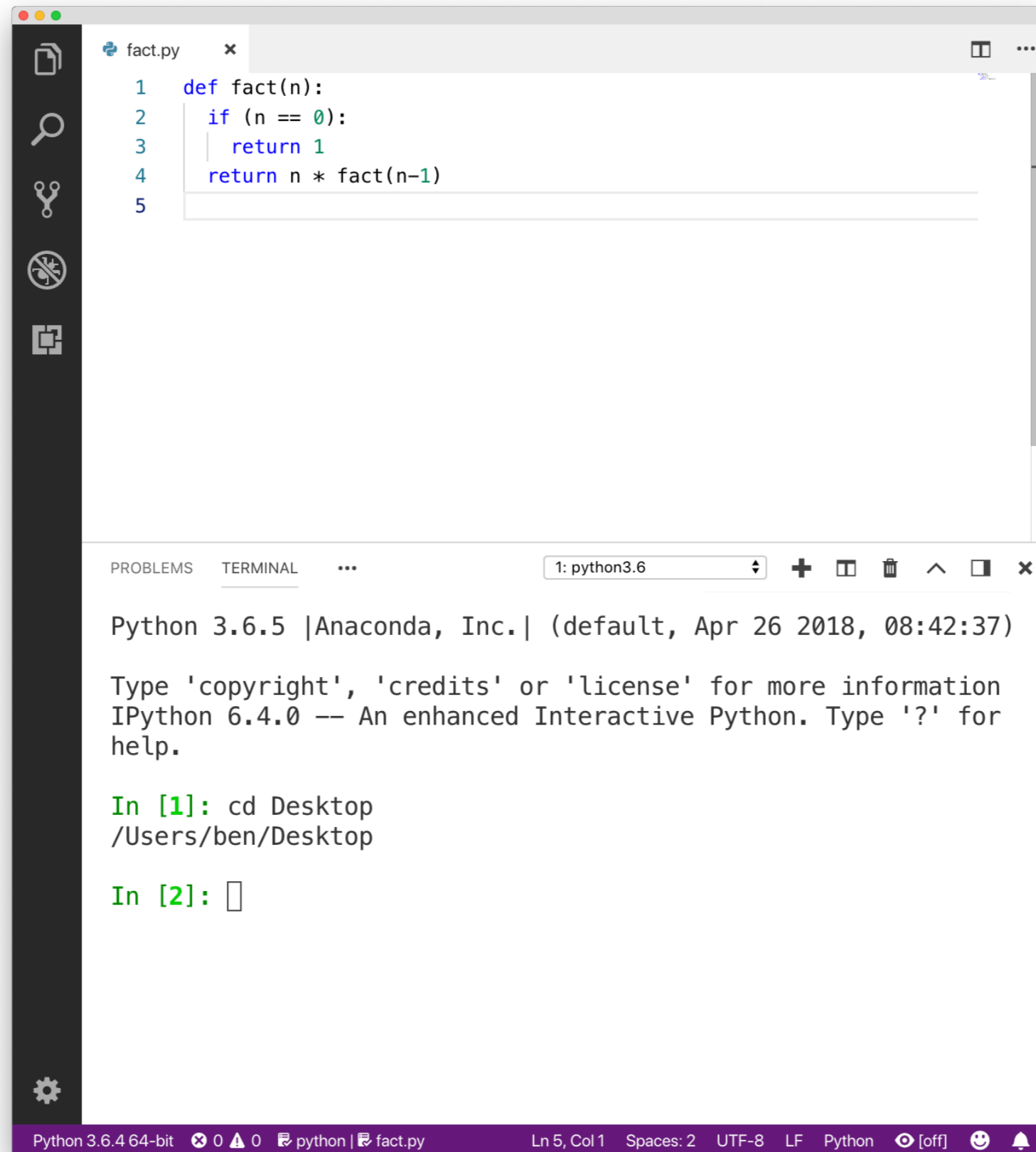
list comprehension
(functional programming)

Good programming practice

Use list comprehensions.

List comprehensions are usually clearer (to Python programmers) than `map / filter` or single loops that build up lists.

Python environment: VSCode + iPython



The image shows a screenshot of the Visual Studio Code (VS Code) editor interface. The main editor window displays a Python file named `fact.py` with the following code:

```
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2     if (n == 0):  
3         return 1  
4     return n * fact(n-1)  
5
```

Below the editor is a terminal window titled "1: python3.6". The terminal output shows the IPython prompt and the execution of the `fact` function:

```
Python 3.6.5 |Anaconda, Inc.| (default, Apr 26 2018, 08:42:37)  
Type 'copyright', 'credits' or 'license' for more information  
IPython 6.4.0 -- An enhanced Interactive Python. Type '?' for help.  
  
In [1]: cd Desktop  
/Users/ben/Desktop  
  
In [2]:
```

The status bar at the bottom of the VS Code window indicates the current Python environment is "Python 3.6.4 64-bit" and the file is "fact.py".

<https://www.cs.hmc.edu/twiki/bin/view/CS5/Orientation>

Python sounds good!

<http://tinyurl.com/hmc-python-sounds>

Help with the terminal: <http://tinyurl.com/hmc-ipython-terminal>

Try to get as far as: `replace_some`

We'll stop at 10:45.