

Python Scope

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****A variable is only available from inside the region it is created. This is called scope.**

0.1 Local Scope

A variable created inside a function belongs to the local scope of that function, and can only be used inside that function.

Example:

A variable created inside a function is available inside that function:

```
[1]: def myfunc():  
      x = 300  
      print(x)  
  
myfunc()
```

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0.2 Function Inside Function

As explained in the example above, the variable x is not available outside the function, but it is available for any function inside the function:

Example:

The local variable can be accessed from a function within the function:

```
[2]: def myfunc():  
      x = 300  
      def myinnerfunc():  
          print(x)  
      myinnerfunc()  
  
myfunc()
```

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0.3 Global Scope

A variable created in the main body of the Python code is a global variable and belongs to the global scope.

Global variables are available from within any scope, global and local.

Example:

A variable created outside of a function is global and can be used by anyone:

```
[3]: x = 300

def myfunc():
    print(x) #print from inside function

myfunc()

print(x) #print from min program
```

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0.4 Naming Variables

If you operate with the same variable name inside and outside of a function, Python will treat them as two separate variables, one available in the global scope (outside the function) and one available in the local scope (inside the function):

Example:

The function will print the local x, and then the code will print the global x:

```
[4]: x = 300

def myfunc():
    x = 200
    print(x)

myfunc()

print(x)
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0.5 Global Keyword

If you need to create a global variable, but are stuck in the local scope, you can use the global keyword.

The global keyword makes the variable global.

Example:

If you use the global keyword, the variable belongs to the global scope:

```
[5]: def myfunc():  
      global x  
      x = 300  
  
      myfunc()  
  
      print(x)
```

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Also, use the global keyword if you want to make a change to a global variable inside a function.

Example:

To change the value of a global variable inside a function, refer to the variable by using the global keyword:

```
[6]: x = 300  
  
      def myfunc():  
          global x  
          x = 200  
  
      print(x) #prin x before changing value  
      myfunc()  
  
      print(x) #prin x after changing value
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0.6 Nonlocal Keyword

The nonlocal keyword is used to work with variables inside nested functions.

The nonlocal keyword makes the variable belong to the outer function.

Example:

If you use the nonlocal keyword, the variable will belong to the outer function:

```
[7]: def myfunc1():  
      x = "Jane"  
      def myfunc2():  
          nonlocal x  
          x = "hello"  
      myfunc2()  
      return x
```

```
print(myfunc1())
```

hello

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[ ]:
```