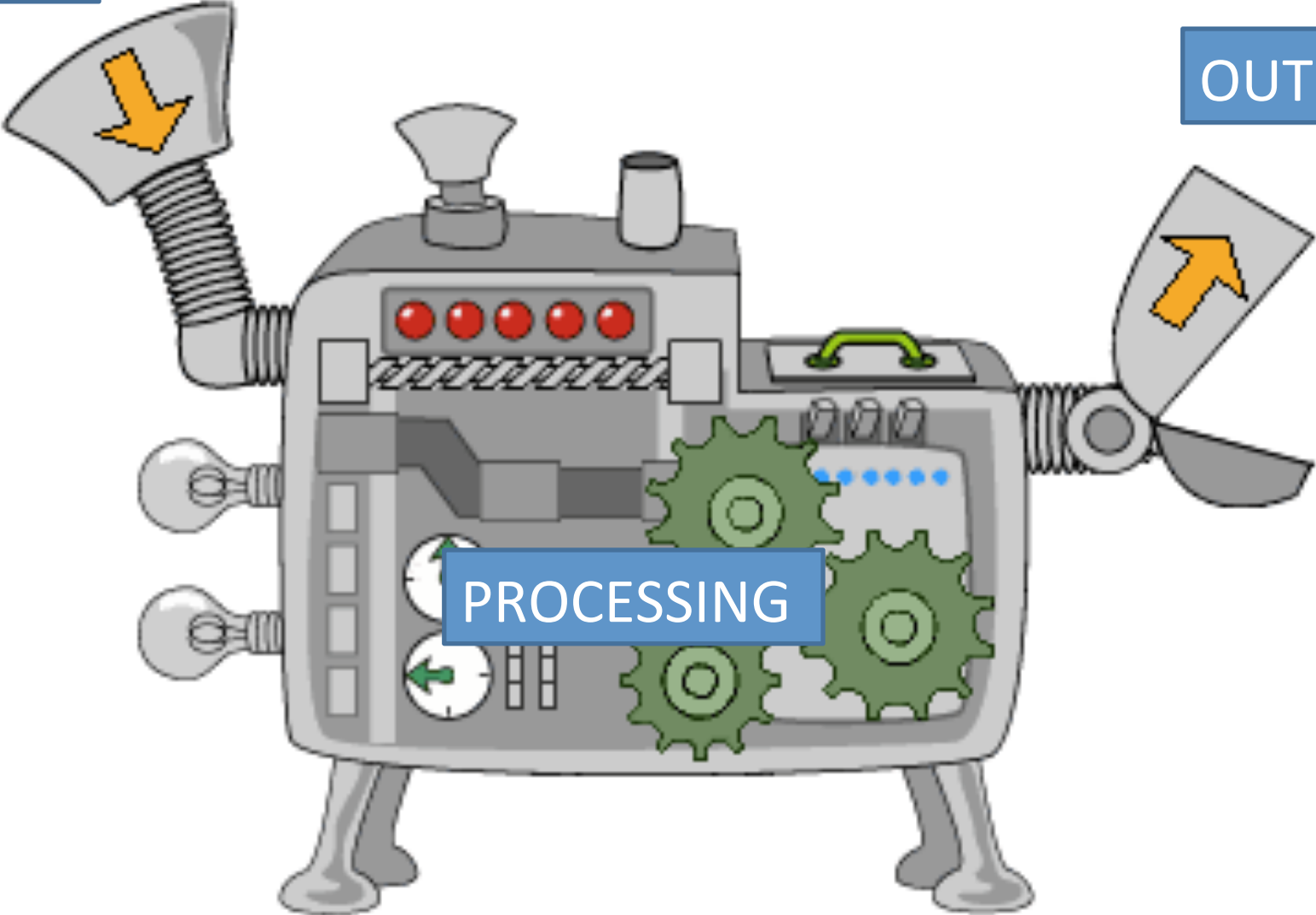


INPUT

OUTPUT



PROCESSING

```
def average(a, b, c):  
    avg = (a + b + c) / 3  
    print("The average of your \\  
        numbers is", avg)  
  
def main():  
    x = input("Give me a number: ")  
    y = input("Give me a number: ")  
    z = input("Give me a number: ")  
    average(x, y, z)
```

main()

When main calls average, Python copies the values of x, y, and z (local variables in main) into a, b, and c (local variables in average).

- Pretend we're computing grades for a class that has three homework assignments and three tests. The final graded in the class is weighted so that 75% of the final grade is from the test average and 25% is from the homework average.
- We'd like to write a program to use our average function to take the averages of the test and homework grades, and then weight those averages appropriately to compute a final course grade.

```
def average(a, b, c):
    avg = (a + b + c)/3
    print("The average of your numbers is", avg)

def main():
    test1 = input("Give me the first test grade: ")
    test2 = input("Give me the second test grade: ")
    test3 = input("Give me the third test grade: ")
    average(test1, test2, test3)

    hw1 = input("Give me the first HW grade: ")
    hw2 = input("Give me the second HW grade: ")
    hw3 = input("Give me the third HW grade: ")
    average(hw1, hw2, hw3)

    # some code here to weight the test average by 0.75
    # and the quiz average by 0.25 and combine them.

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main()
```

main can't see the "avg" variable inside of average because avg is a local variable.

Furthermore, whenever we call average, a new avg variable is created and the old one is lost. Even if we could access avg from main, there's no way we could have both the homework and test avg values at the same time.

```
def average(a, b, c):  
    avg = (a + b + c)/3
```

What we want to do is:

```
final_grade = 0.75 * (avg from the first call to average) + 0.25 *  
(avg from the 2nd call)
```

```
test3 = input("Give me the third test grade: ")  
average(test1, test2, test3)
```

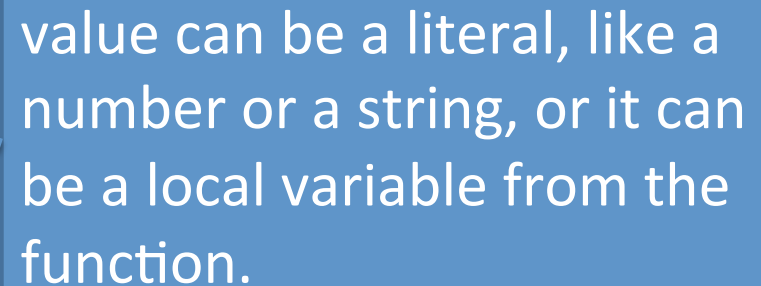
```
hw1 = input("Give me the first HW grade: ")  
hw2 = input("Give me the second HW grade: ")  
hw3 = input("Give me the third HW grade: ")  
average(hw1, hw2, hw3)
```

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```

Return values to the rescue!

```
def function(arg1, arg2, ...):  
    statement  
    statement  
    [ more statements if desired ]  
return value
```



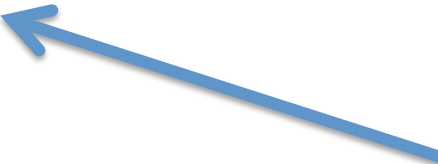
value can be a literal, like a number or a string, or it can be a local variable from the function.

Return values to the rescue!

```
def function(arg1, arg2, ...):  
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    [ more statements if desired ]  
return value
```

When Python sees a line in a function beginning with "return," the function immediately ends, and the value is sent back to the caller.

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Capturing the return value

- Use an assignment statement to "capture" the return value.
 - Otherwise it disappears!

```
variable = function(...)
```

When Python sees a line like this, the function is called normally. However, when the function ends and a value is "sent back" to the caller, the value is put into the variable you specify.

```
def average(a, b, c):  
    avg = (a + b + c)/3  
    return avg
```

Notice average now returns the local variable avg, and the print statement is removed.

```
def main():  
    test1 = input("Give me the first test grade: ")  
    test2 = input("Give me the second test grade: ")  
    test3 = input("Give me the third test grade: ")  
    test_avg = average(test1, test2, test3)  
    print("Your test average is", test_avg)  
    hw1 = input("Give me the first HW grade: ")  
    hw2 = input("Give me the second HW grade: ")  
    hw3 = input("Give me the third HW grade: ")  
    hw_avg = average(hw1, hw2, hw3)  
    print("Your homework average is", hw_avg)  
    final_grade = 0.75 * test_avg + 0.25 * hw_avg  
    print("Your final grade is", final_grade)
```

```
main()
```

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def average(a, b, c):  
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main calls average: values test1, test2, and test3 are copied into a, b, and c.

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average returns a copy of its local variable avg back to main, and the value is assigned to test_avg.

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main()
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- When writing functions, you should test them to make sure they work in all kinds of situations.
 - Does `average()` work with negative numbers?
Floating point numbers?
- You can write a program to do testing, by calling the function with varying arguments.
- Or, you can test your function using the Python Shell (the window where every line starts with `>>>`)