Advanced Features of Functions

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▶ **Otherwise it will give error**

▶ Redefine the function welcome, by interchanging its arguments

▶ Place the name argument with its default value of "World" before the greet argument

▶ Redefine the function welcome with a default value of "Hello" to the greet argument

▶ Then, call the function without any arguments

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https://docs.python.org/3/library/functions.html

Summary

- **Default arguments**
- **Keyword arguments**
- **Arbitrary arguments**

1. **All the arguments of a function cannot have default values.**

True or False?

2. **The following is a valid function definition.**

   True or False?

```
def separator(count=40, char, show=False):
    if show:
        print char * count
    return char * count
```

3. **While calling a function,**

▶ **the arguments should always be in the order in which they are defined**

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