[301] Using Functions

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Learning Objectives Today

How to call functions

• input/output

Modules:

- import styles
- attribute operator (the ".")
- math module

Inspection:

- discover functions in a module
- learn what function does

make a battleship game!

Please read Ch 3 of Think Python

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next lecture, we'll learn how to write our own new functions

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General Function Concepts



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https://boardgamegeek.com/image/288374/battleship



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built into Python (___builtins___ module). print(), type(), ...



pre-installed with Python (e.g., math). sin, log, max, ...



installed with pip (e.g. jupyter)



written yourself (a .py file)

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Version 2

- larger ship
- multiple ships
- random locations

time permitting

guess 7,7

(hit!)

Demo: Polar Coords Distance



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