**COSC175 functions:  void vs value-returning**

* void function:  name begins with a verb
* value-returning function name is noun or adjective describing the returned result
1. Is each of the following void or value-returning?
2. Write the header declaration for each:

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|  | Function | void/value returning? | Write the declaration for each: |
|  | DisplayMenu    | *void* | *void DisplayMenu()* |
|  | CalcSquare  |  |  |
|  | Square  |  |  |
|  | CalcSum |  |  |
|  | Sum |  |  |
|  | GetDimensions |  |  |
|  | PrintDimensions |  |  |
|  | CalcPerimeter |  |  |
|  | Perimeter |  |  |
|  | Max |  |  |

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| **void function** | **value-returning function** |
| Name begins with Verb | Name usually a noun or adjective |
| May return 0, 1, or many values as arguments | Returns 1 value only |
| General purpose | Usually mathematical |
| Standalone call | Call is part of an expression |

**Some example value-returning functions:** Min, Max, Cos, Sin, Sum, Avg, Diff

**Some example void functions:** ShowDiff. CalcAvg, GetIput, ValidateDate, DisplayHeader**Arguments:**

* **Formal arguments** are declared with the function
* A type (int, float, char, etc) must be included with the formal argument
* There may be 0, 1, or many arguments

**Function Definition**

* Include declaration and body
* body should contain code to implement what their name describes (no more – no less)
* value-returning functions must have return statement
* Any variables used must be declared as arguments or local variables
1. Write a complete declaration, fully specifying each **formal argument**
2. Write the code for the function

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| Function | Arguments | Write the declaration for each: | Call the function |
| 1. DisplayMenu
 | none | *void DisplayMenu()**{**cout << “Choose a menu option” << endl;**cout << “1. Spanish” << endl;**cout << “2. French” << endl;**cout << “3. German” << endl;**cout << “4. English” << endl;* *cout << “5. Exit” << endl;**}* |  |
| 1. CalcSquare
 | num,square     |  |  |
| 1. Square
 | num |  |  |
| 1. CalcSum
 | num1,num2, sum        |  |  |
| 1. Sum
 | num1,num2 |  |  |
| 1. GetDimensions
 | length,width |  |  |
| 1. PrintDimensions
 | length,width |  |  |
| 1. CalcPerimeter
 | length, width,perim |  |  |
| 1. Perimeter
 | length,width |  |  |
| 1. Max
 | num1,num2 |  |  |

**Calling a Function**

* To call a function, you send **actual arguments**
* Actual arguments do not need to have the same name as the formal arguments
* Formal arguments and actual arguments must match in number and in type
* void function calls are standalone:

exa:      DisplayMenu();

CalcSquare(x, square) ;

CalcCalcSquare(5,ans);

* Function calls are part of an expression, the value returned must be used

Exa:

cout << “The square is “ Square(x);

cout << “The square is “ Square(5);

x = Square(5);

y = 2 \* Square(x) + x + 3;

Show a sample call to each of the procedures/functions you have implemented above:

**Parameter passing methods**

* Specify arguments as /\* in \*/  /\* out \*/  /\* in-out \*/
* In  - pass by value
	+ passed into the function
	+ default
	+ values are known before calling the function
	+ values are not changed inside the function
	+ example: DisplayName (/\* in \*/string name)
* Out - pass by reference
	+ passed out of the function
	+ values are not known before calling the function
	+ values are known after calling the function
	+ values are changed inside the function
	+ example: InputName (/\* out \*/string& name)
* In/Out  - pass by reference
	+ passed into and out of the function
	+ values are changed inside the function
	+ example: IncrementX (/\* in/out \*/ int& x)