Dart – Functions

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Function

- Function is a set of codes that together perform a specific task.

- It is used to break the large code into smaller modules and reuse it when needed.

- Functions make the program more readable and easy to debug.

- It improves the modular approach and enhances the code reusability.

Function

- Suppose, we write a simple calculator program where we need to perform operations number of times when the user enters the values.

- We can create different functions for each calculator operator. By using the functions, we don't need to write code for adding, subtracting, multiplying, and divide again and again.

- We can use the functions multiple times by calling.

Function - why?

- It increases the module approach to solve the problems.

- It enhances the re-usability of the program.

- We can do the coupling of the programs.

- It optimizes the code.

- It makes debugging easier.

- It makes development easy and creates less complexity.

- A function can be defined by providing the name of the function with the appropriate parameter and return type. A function contains a set of statements which are called function body. The syntax is given below.

- Syntax:

  return_type func_name (parameter_list):

  {

    //statement(s)

    return value;

  }

```
int mul(int a, int b){
    int c;
    c = a+b;
    print("The sum is:${c}");
}
```

Function - Parameters

- When a function is called, it may have some information as per the function prototype is known as a parameter (argument).

- The number of parameters passed and data type while the function call must be matched with the number of parameters during function declaration. Otherwise, it will throw an error.

- Parameter passing is also optional, which means it is not compulsory to pass during function declaration. The parameter can be two types.

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- A function always returns some value as a result to the point where it is called. The return keyword is used to return a value.

- The return statement is optional. A function can have only one return statement. The syntax is given below.

```
int sum (int a, int b){
    .....................
    .....................
    return result;
    }

var c = sum(30,20)
```

- Dart also provides the facility to specify a nameless function or function without a name. This type of function is known as an anonymous function, lambda, or closure.

- An anonymous function behaves the same as a regular function, but it does not have a name with it. It can have zero or any number of arguments with an optional type annotation.

- We can assign the anonymous function to a variable, and then we can retrieve or access the value of the closure based on our requirement.

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Function - Anonymous

- An Anonymous function contains an independent block of the code, and that can be passed around in our code as function parameters. The syntax is as follows.

  Syntax:

  (parameter_list) {
    statement(s)
  }

```
void main() {
  var list = ["Ram","Raj","Rani","Ritu"];
  print("Example of anonymous function");
  list.forEach((item) {
    print('${list.indexOf(item)}: $item');
});
}
```

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