CS134:

Scope

Announcements & Logistics

- Lab 04 Feedback is out! Can you interpret `TestResults.txt`?
- **HW 5** will due tonight @ 10pm
- **Lab 4 Part 2** due Wednesday/Thursday 10pm
- **Midterm reminders:**
  - **Review:** **Monday 3/11** from 7-9pm
  - **Exam** **Thurs 3/14** from 6-7:30pm OR 8-9:30pm
  - Both exam and review are in Bronfman Auditorium

Do You Have Any Questions?

Last Time: Aliasing

- Attempts to change **immutable** objects (e.g., strings) produce **clones**
  - Changes to clones do not affect originals
    - No aliasing!
- We can create **aliases** of **mutable** objects
  - Aliases refer to the same object, so changes to that object through any alias affect value that other aliases observe
- For the list data type, **+=** is sneakily replaced by `.append()`
  - This mutates the list!

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Today's Plan

- **Scope**: variables, functions, objects have limited accessibility/visibility.
  - Understanding how this works helps us make decisions about where to define variables/functions/objects

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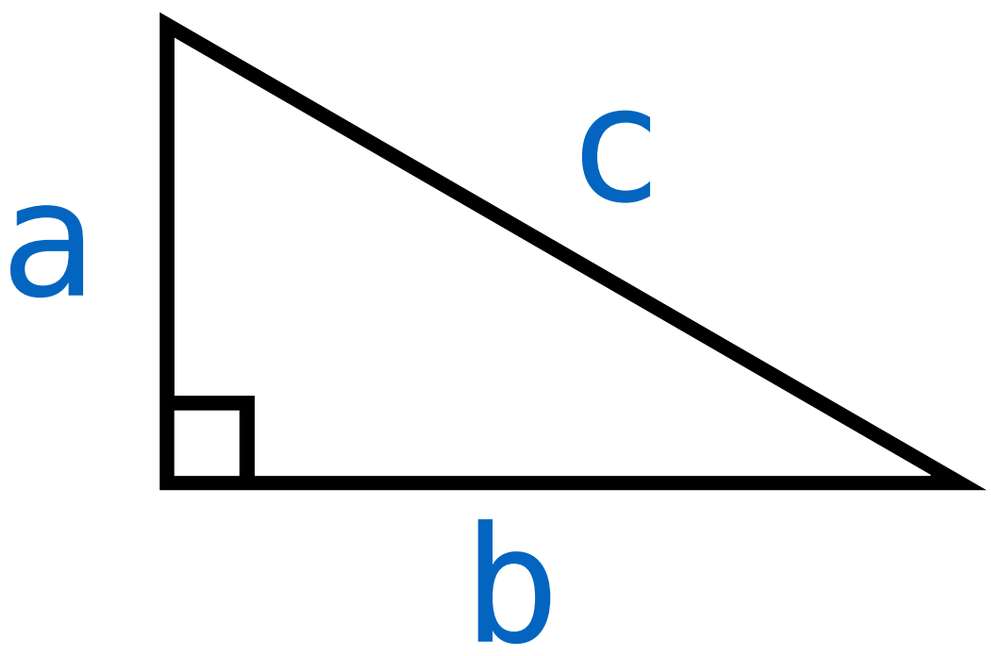

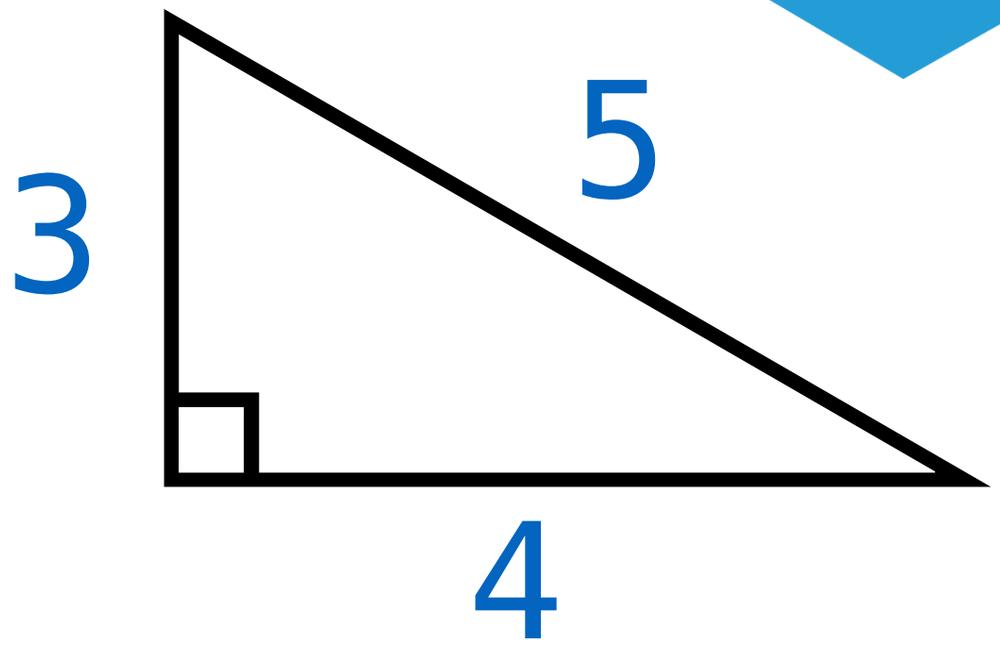

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Not the same output

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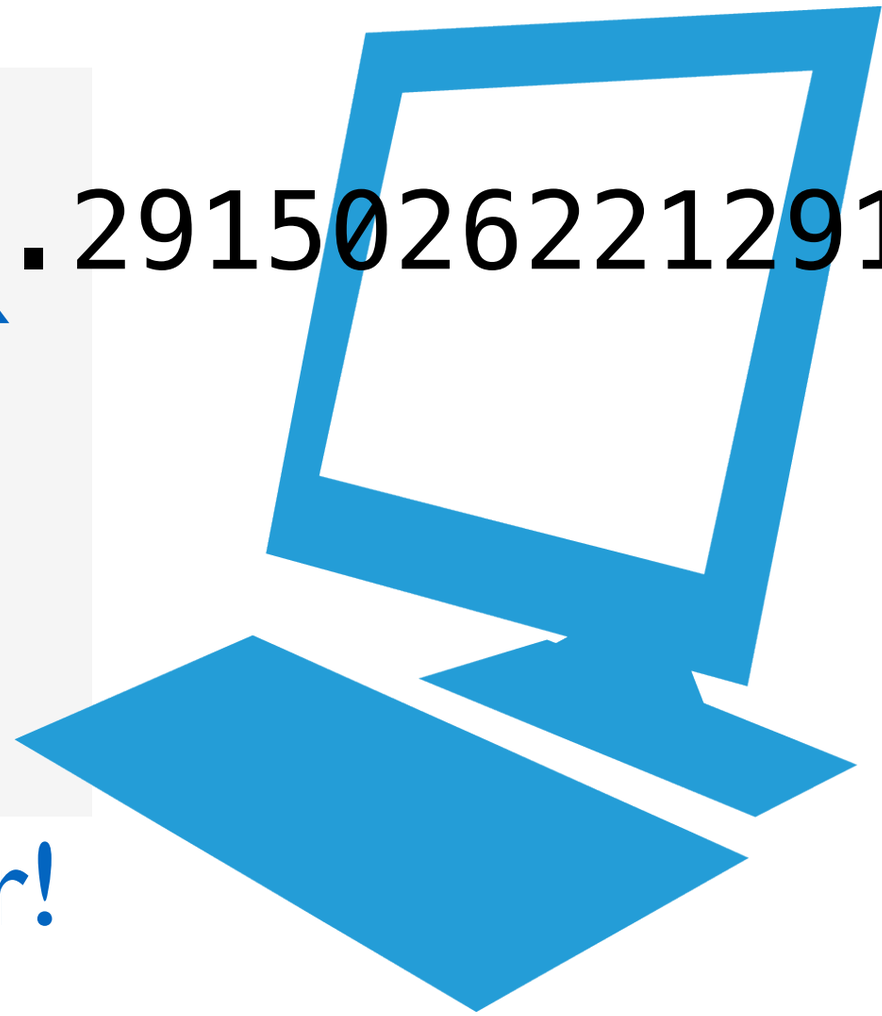
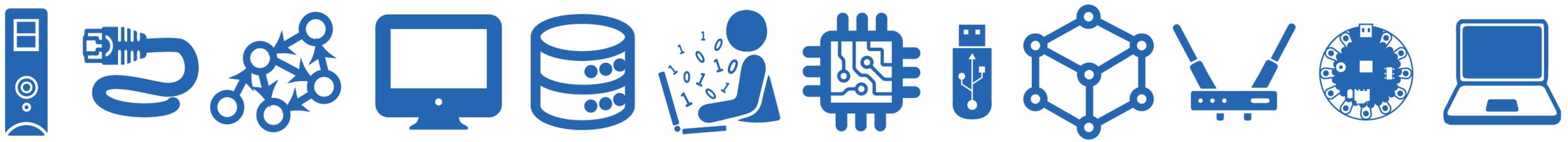


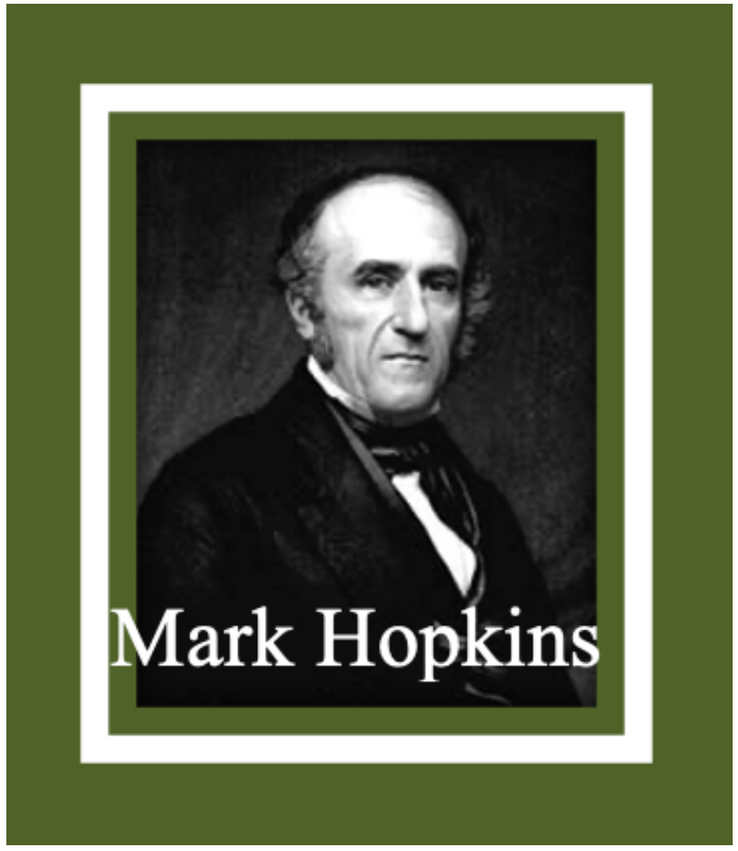
But also not an error!

Big Question: When we reuse variable names, how does Python know what a variable refers to?

Scope Diagram



- In Gladden & Carter "Mark Hopkins" refers to Mark Hopkins '1824, President of Williams College 1836-1872.
- In TCL, "Mark Hopkins" refers to Professor Mark Hopkins, who started working at Williams in 2022.



Gladden

Carter

TCL

Let's see it in python!

scope.py

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    al = 223456 # Al’s student ID number
    ann = 287654 # Ann’s student ID number
    print(al, ann, mar_hop)

def carter():
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    print(brady, blake, mar_hop)

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    mar_hop = 998877 # Mark Hopkins ’2022 student ID number
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if __name__ == '__main__':
    gladden() # prints?
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    tcl() # prints?
```

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    print(ann)
```

What if we print(ann) in dorm_b() or dorm_cs()?

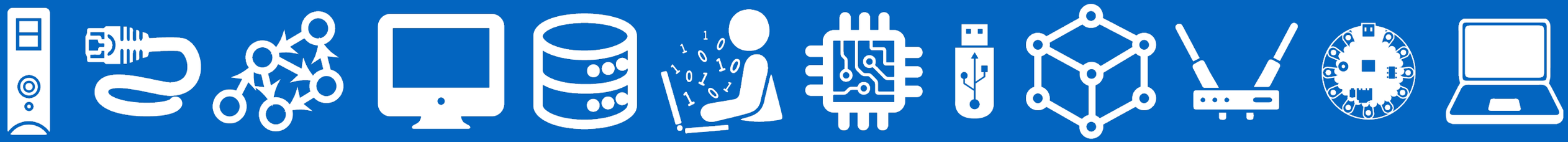
```
if __name__ == '__main__':
    gladden()
    carter()
    tcl()
```

```
NameError: name 'ann'
is not defined
```

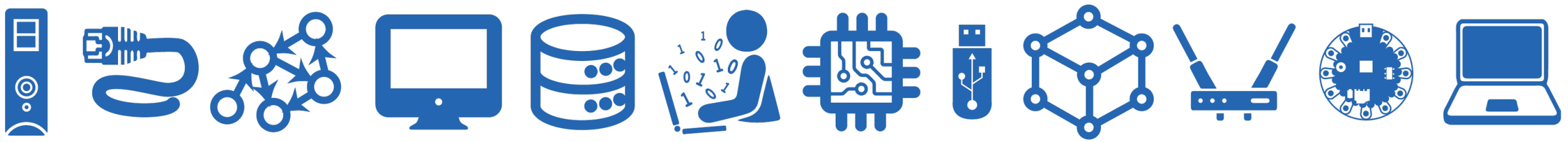
Local Before Global

*When python encounters a new term, like a variable or function name, it **first** looks **local**ly, before looking higher up.*

If python can't ever find the value assigned to the term, you get a `NameError`.



`triple(num)`
A Small Example



Example: triple(num)

A

```
def triple(num):
    multiplier = 3
    return multiplier * num
answer = triple(5)
print(answer)
```

in function

B

```
multiplier = 3
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above/before function

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after function call

What will each of these print?

Example: triple(num)

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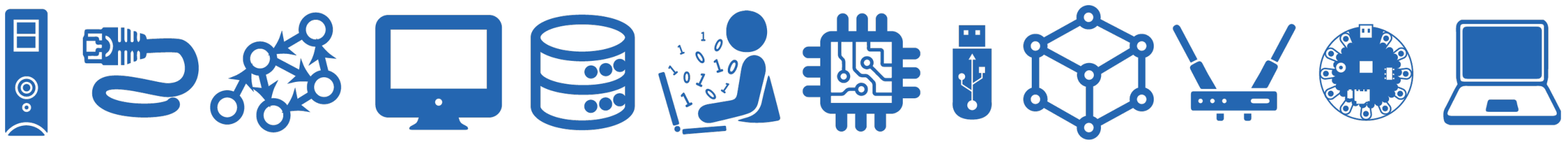
Function Frame Model



Scope: Function Frame Model

- By default, Python reads code one line at a time, starting from line 0

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```

Scope: Function Frame Model

- At first, when variables are assigned, their values are stored in the **global frame**

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Global Frame

multiplier : 3

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- Function definitions are treated like a single line of code
- A `def` statement does **not** call the function, it just defines it

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Global Frame

```
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triple : multiplier * num
```

Scope: Function Frame Model

- Function definitions are treated like a single line of code
- A `def` statement does **not** call the function, it just defines it
- Effectively, it assigns the name of the function to a blueprint for computing the function

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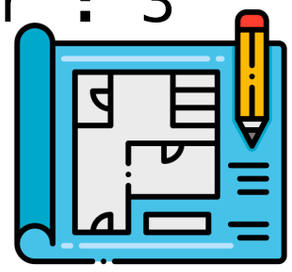

Scope: Function Frame Model

- To execute an assignment statement, python first computes the value of the expression on the **right-hand side**
- In this case, the **right-hand side** calls the `triple` function

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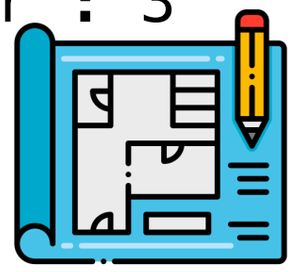

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- When a function is called, a new frame is created to record the variables used by that function

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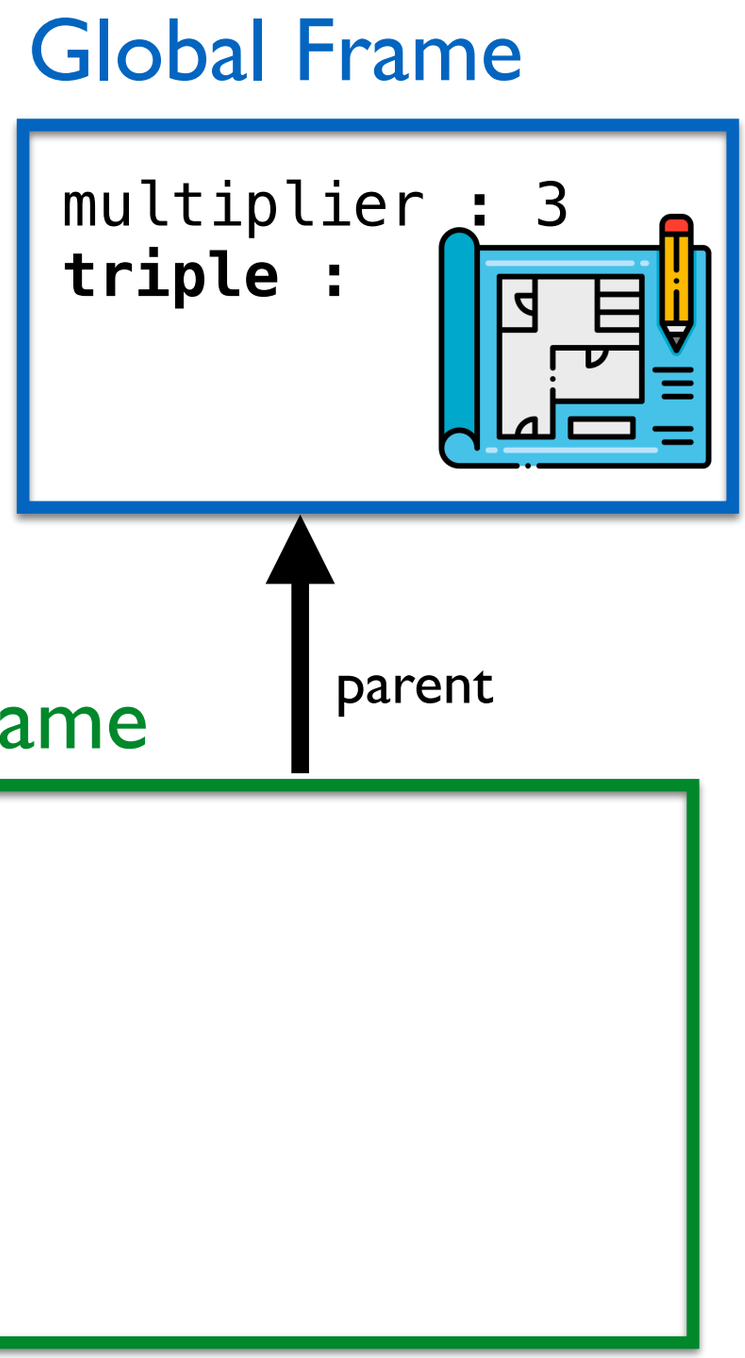

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- First, the values of the argument variables are recorded in the call frame

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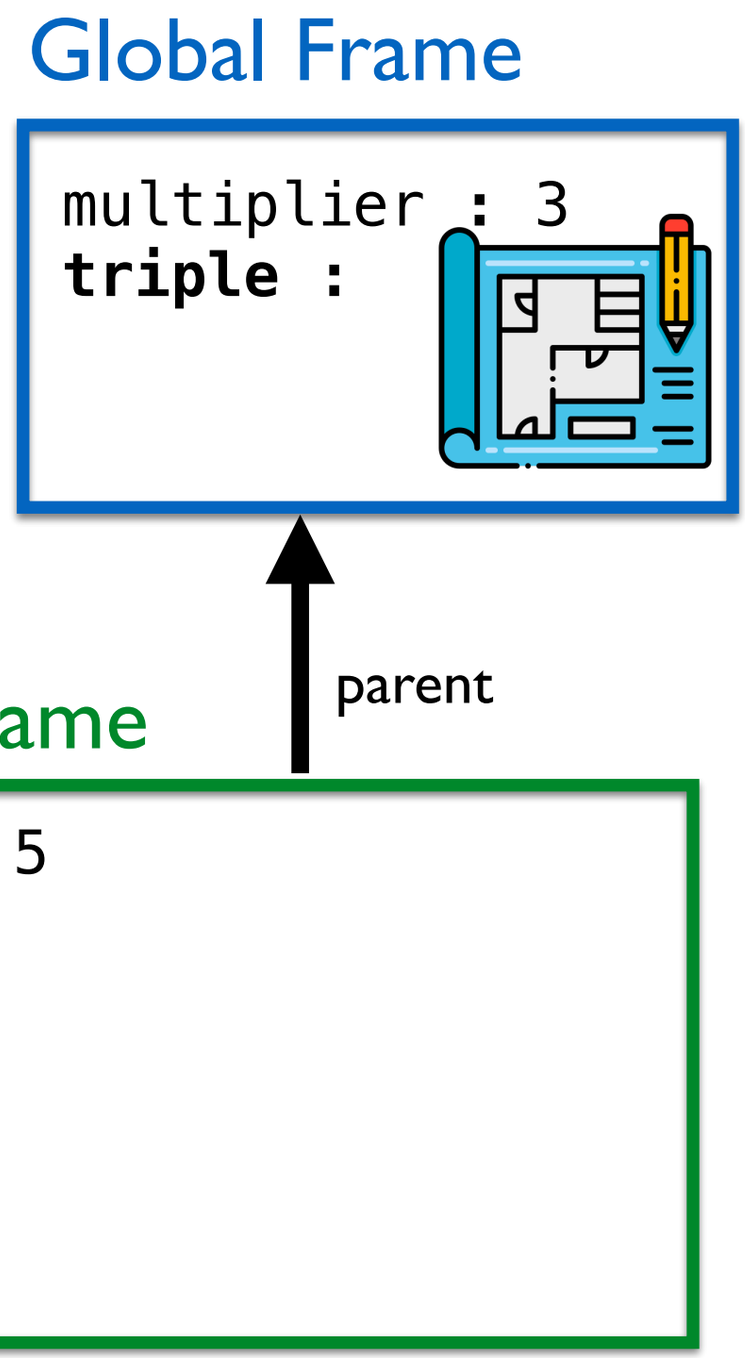

Scope: Function Frame Model

- Then, the lines of the function are executed in order
- To look up the value of a variable, first python looks in the **call frame**

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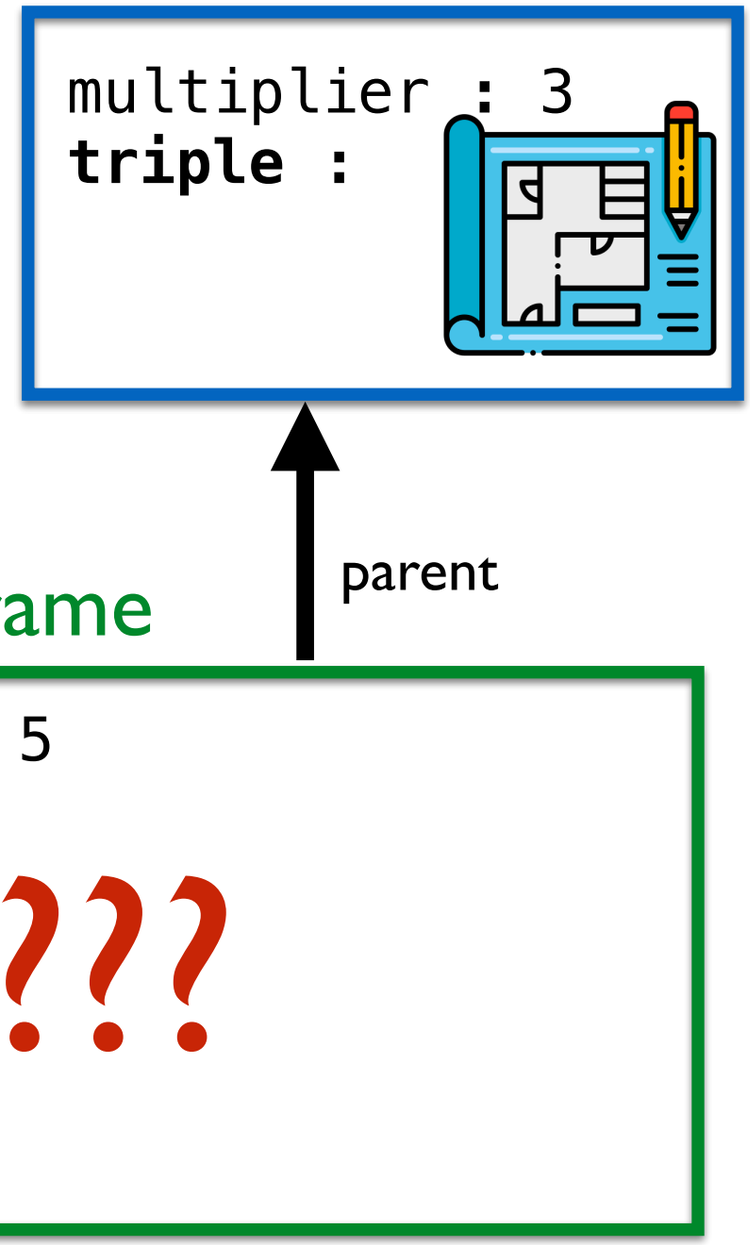

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- If the variable isn't found in the call frame, then python looks in the parent frame
  - (the frame we were in when the function was called)

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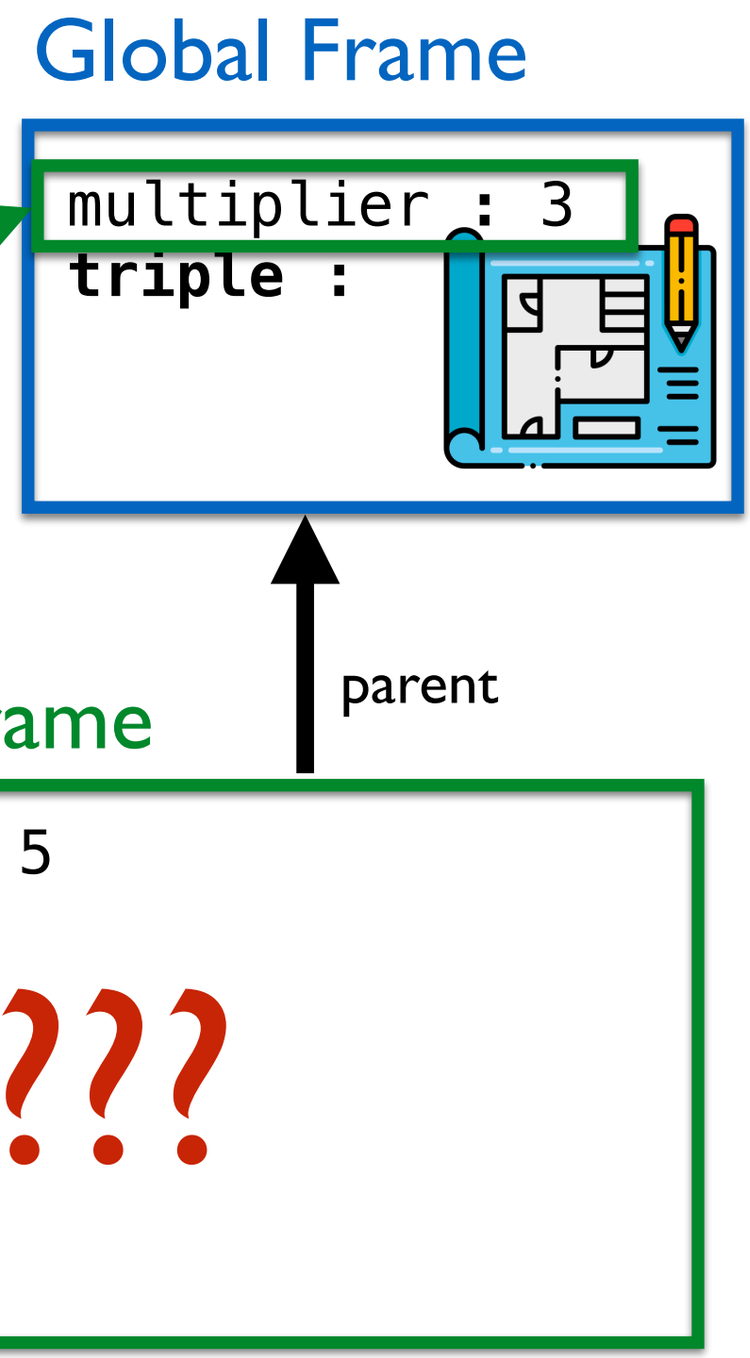

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- Ultimately, a return value is computed for the function call

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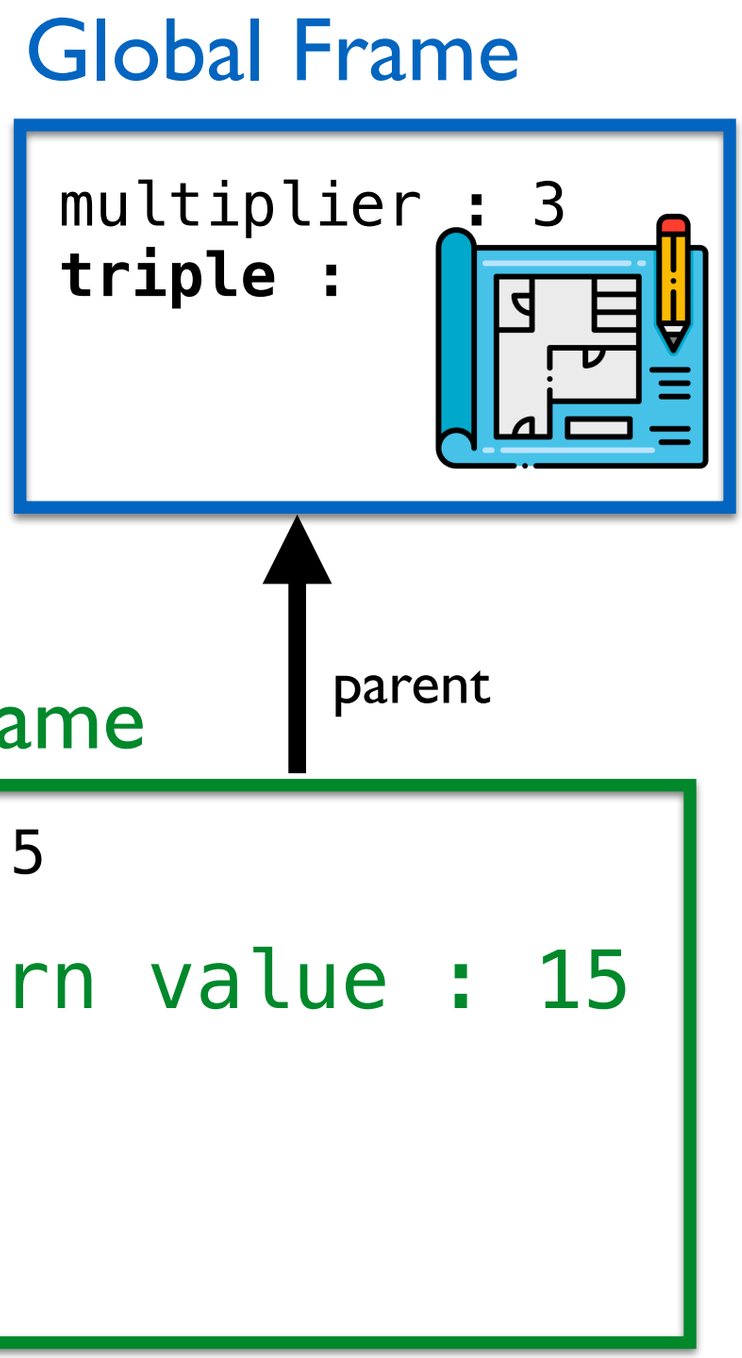

Scope: Function Frame Model

- The call frame is destroyed when the function returns

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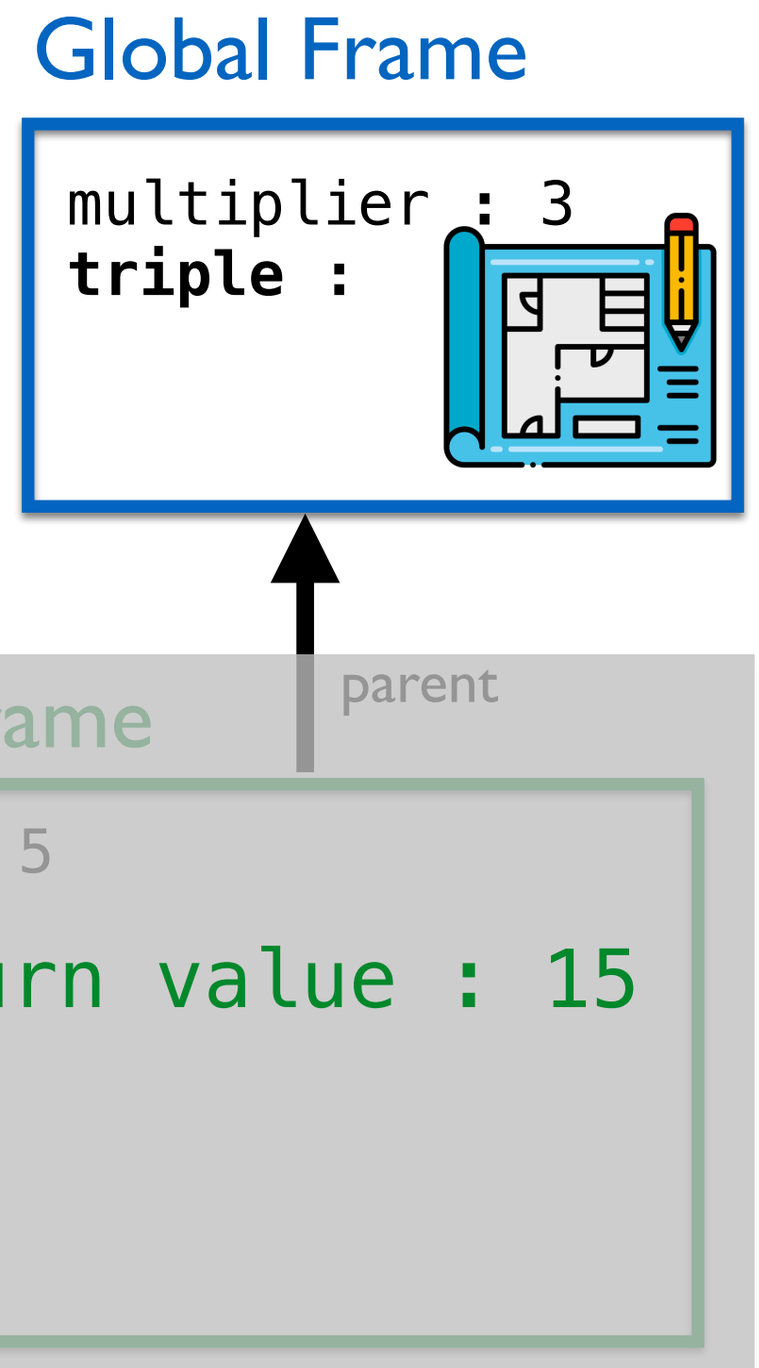

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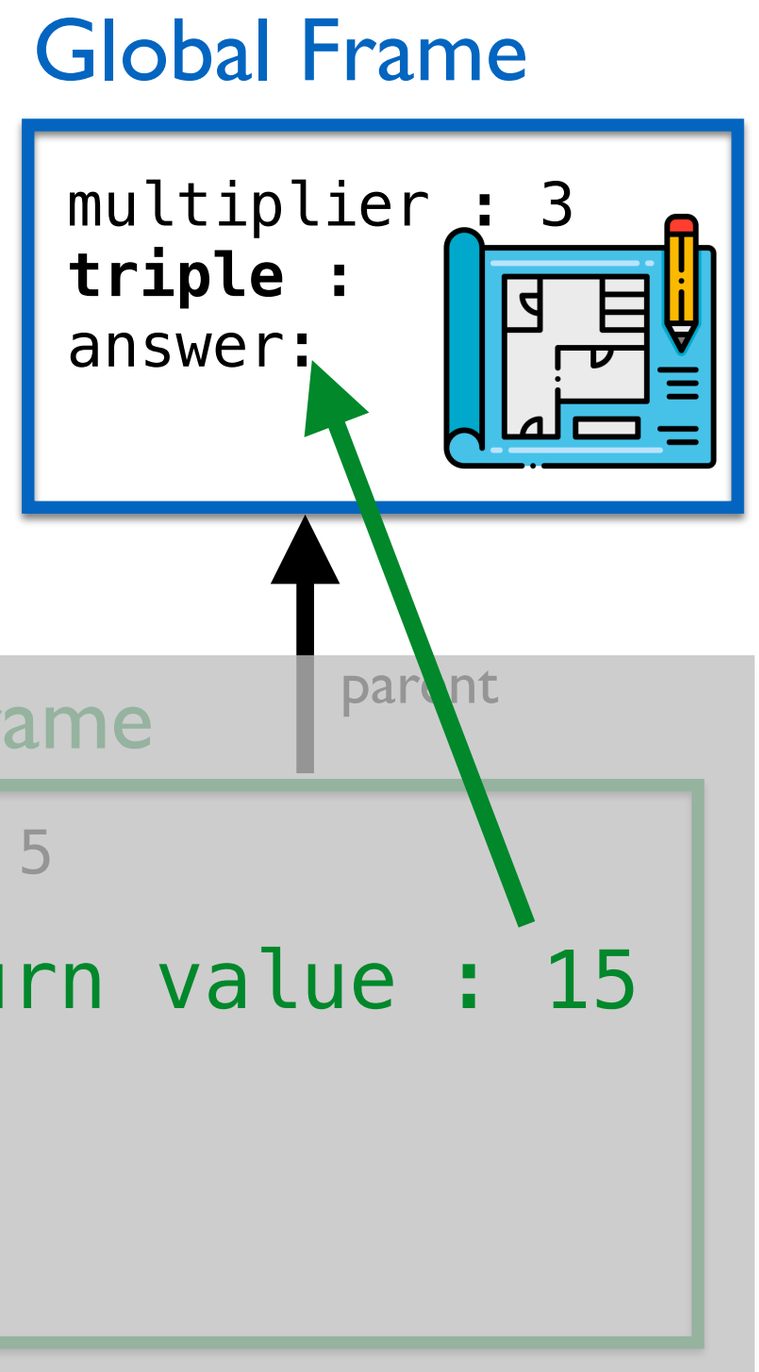

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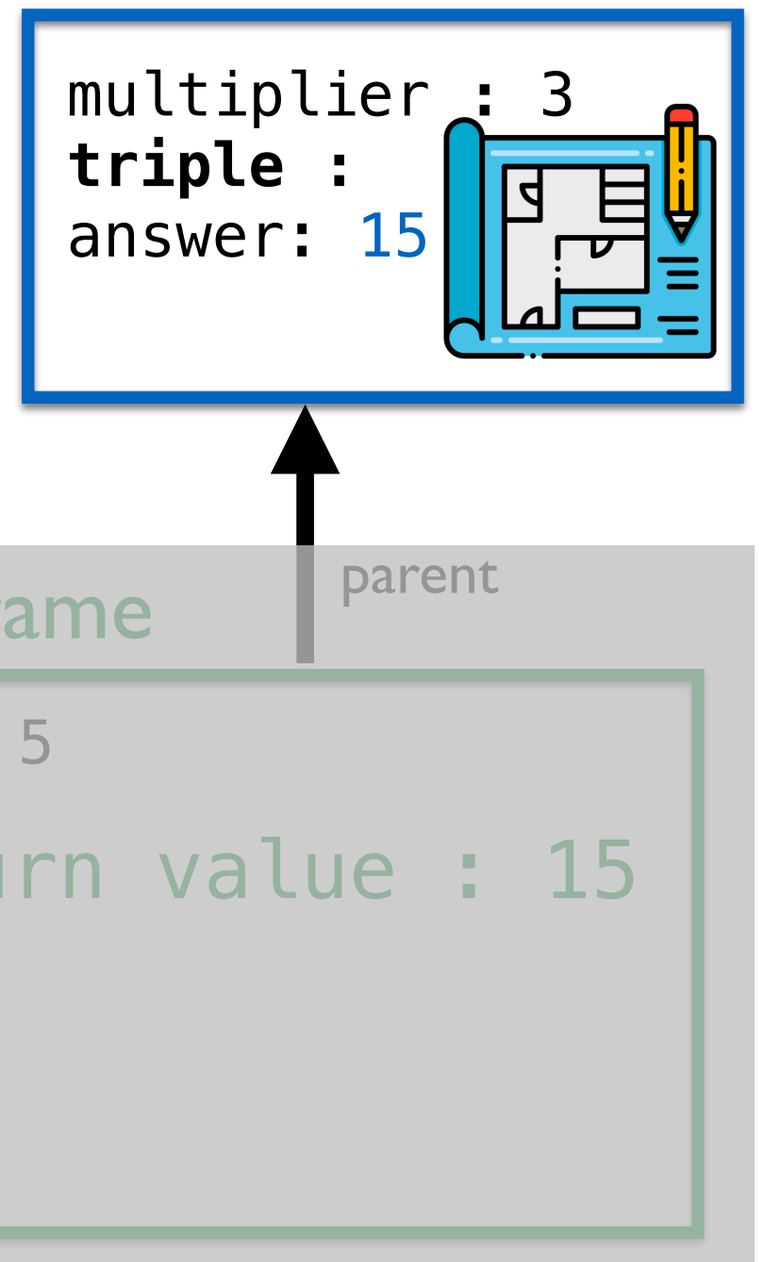

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- Finally, the value of `answer` is looked up in the global frame
- And printed to the screen

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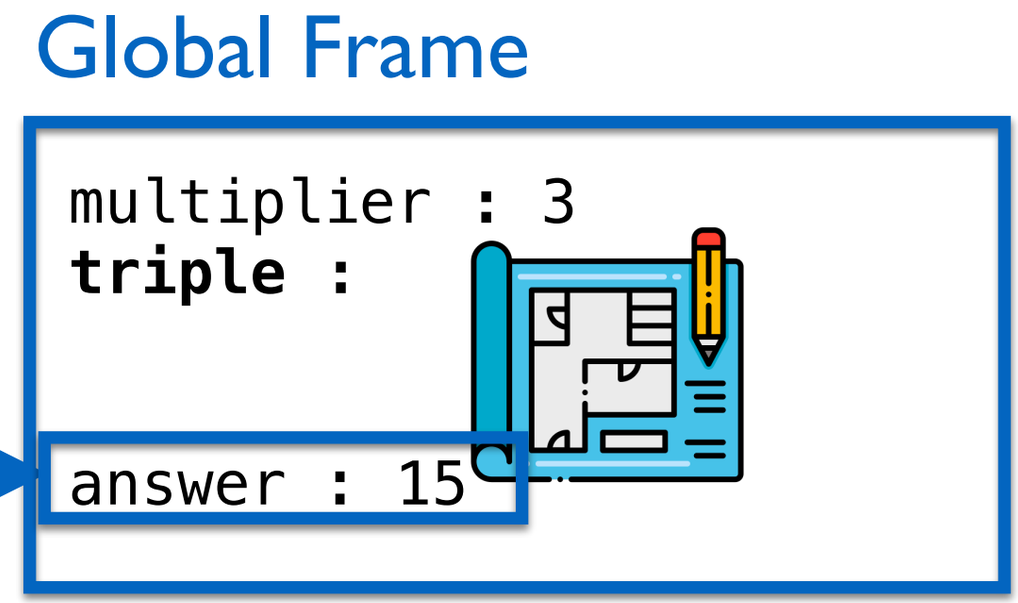
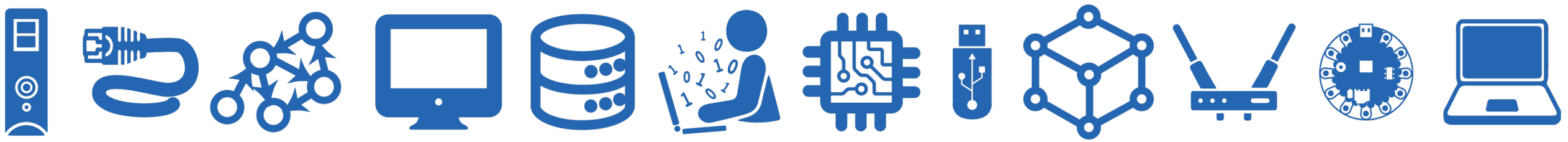


Function Frame Model:
Side-by-Side
Example



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after function call

Let's use these principles to trace the execution of these two programs

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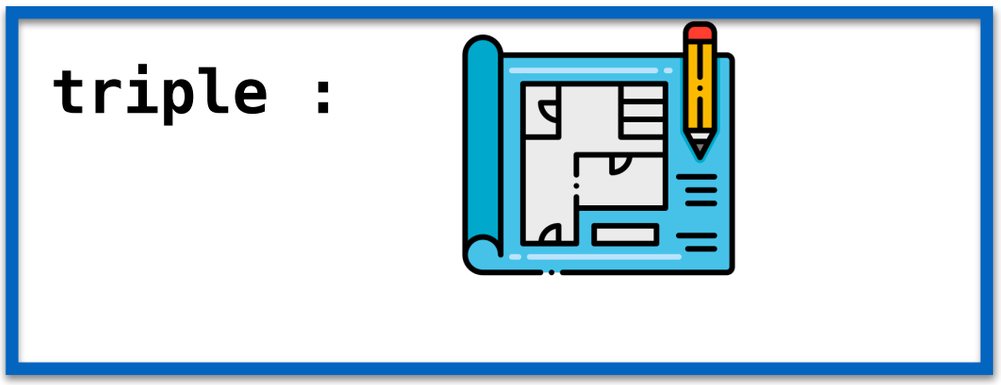

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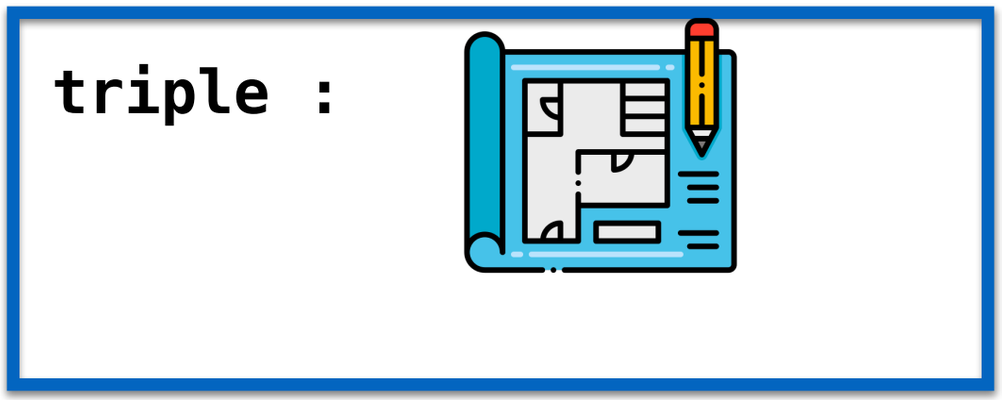

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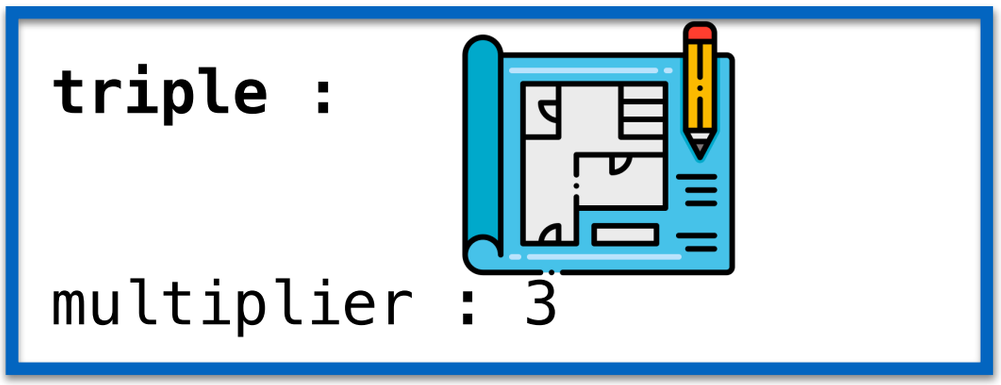

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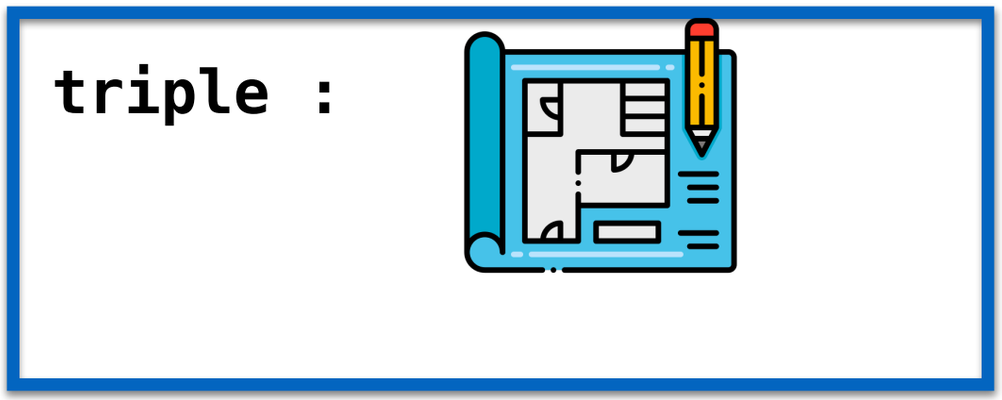

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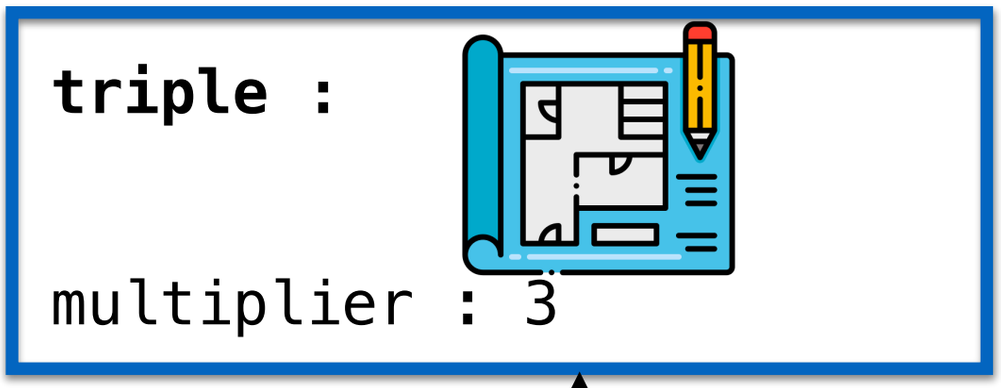

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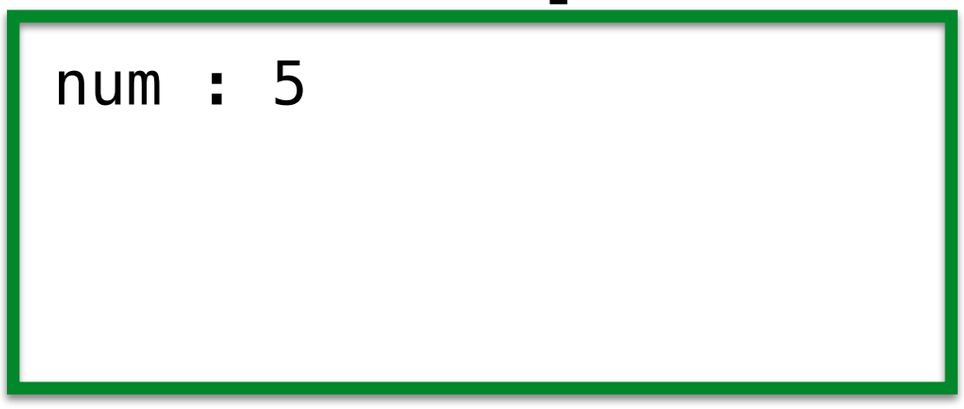
Call Frame



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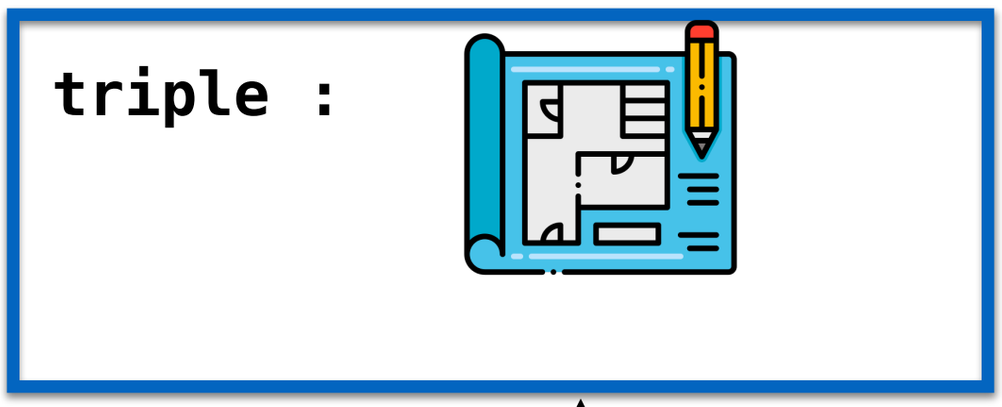

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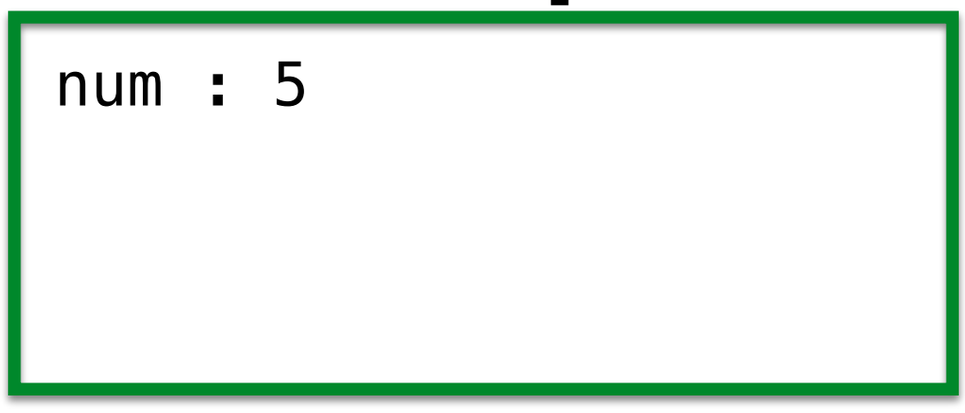

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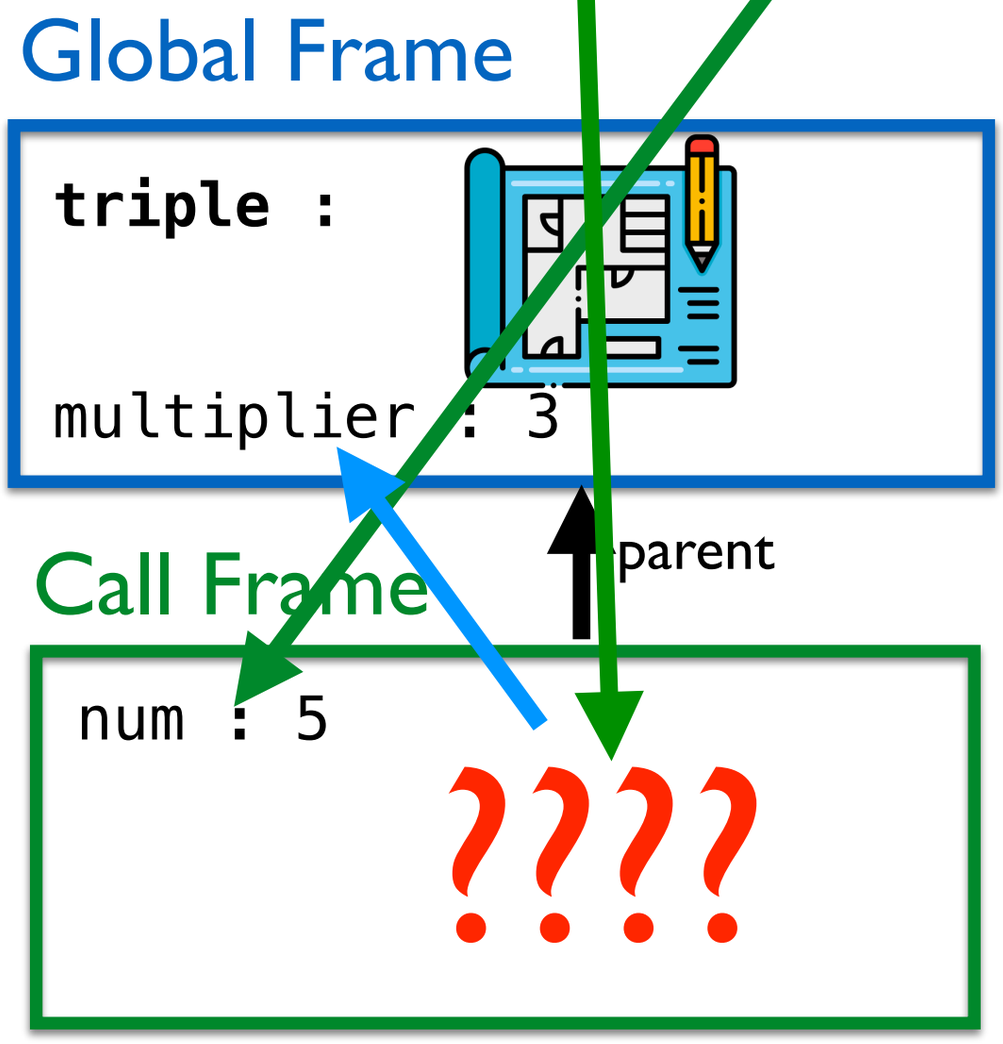

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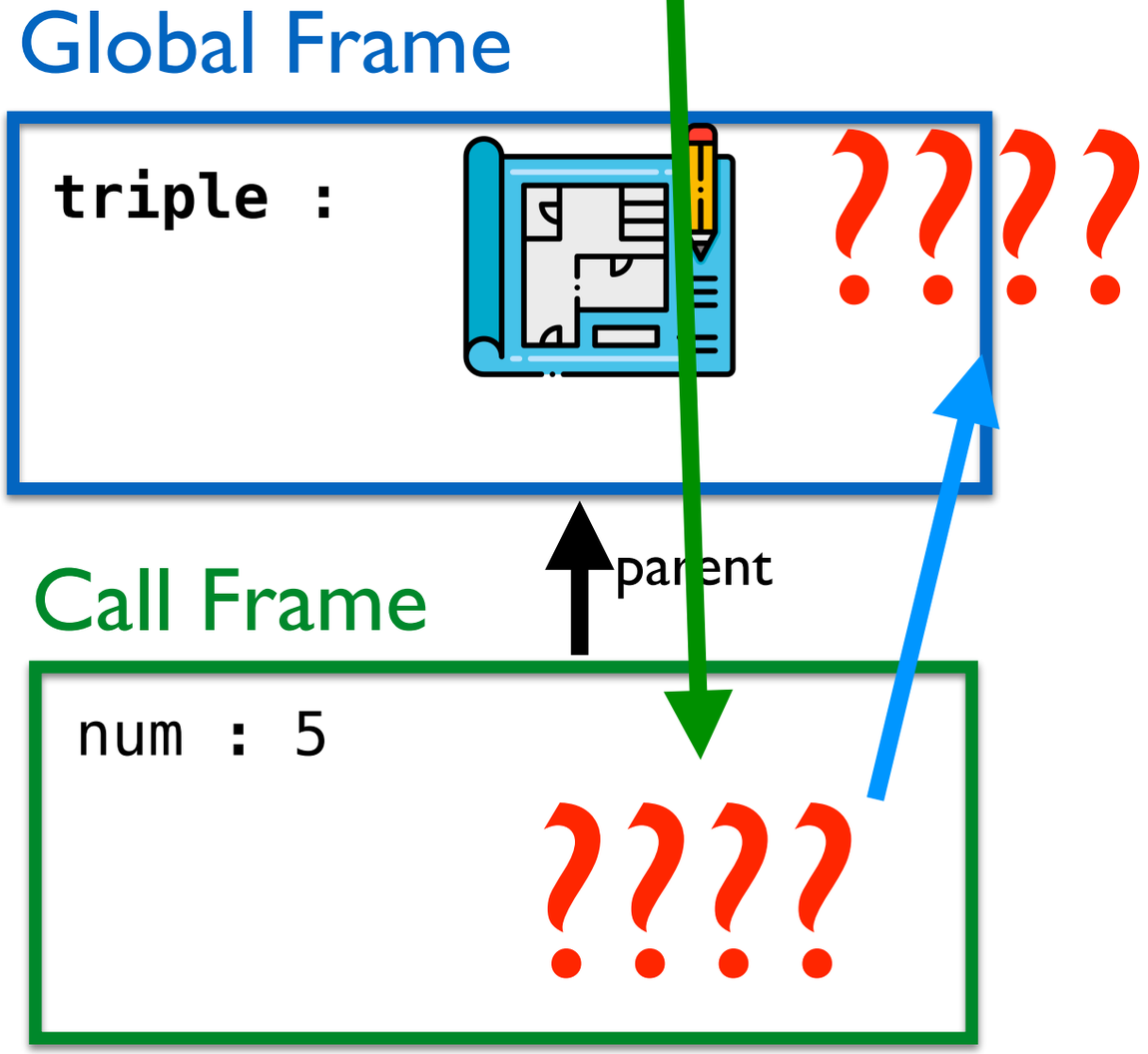

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num : 5

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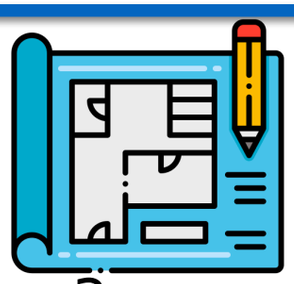

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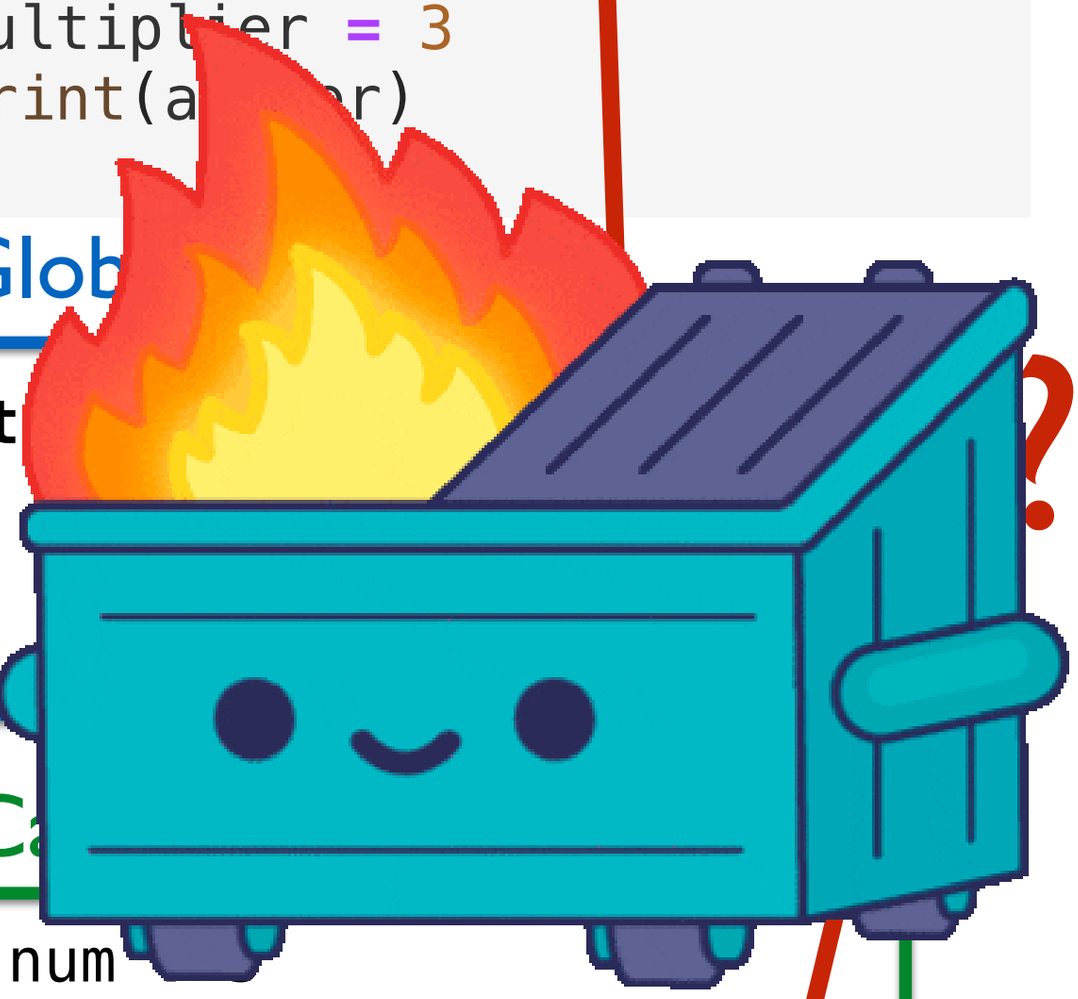

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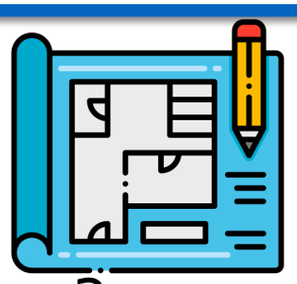

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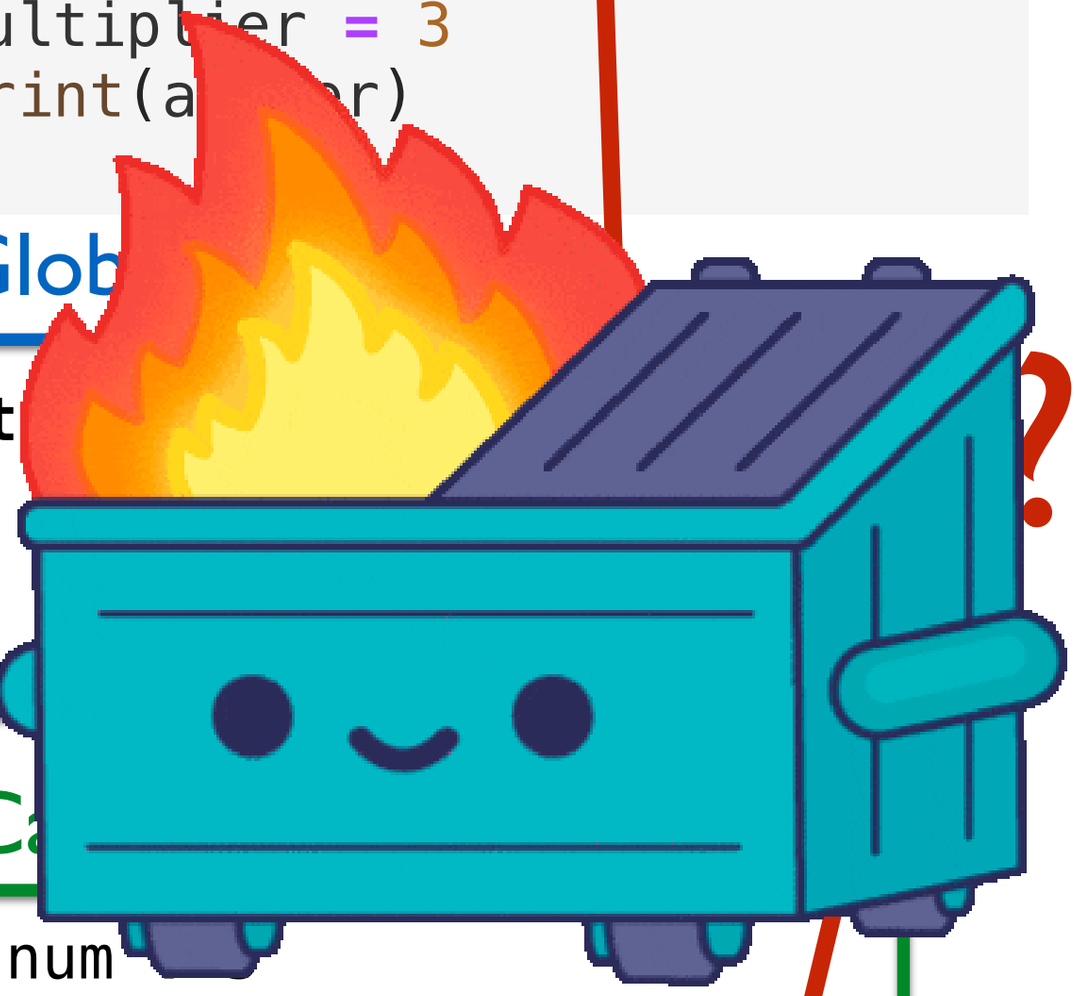

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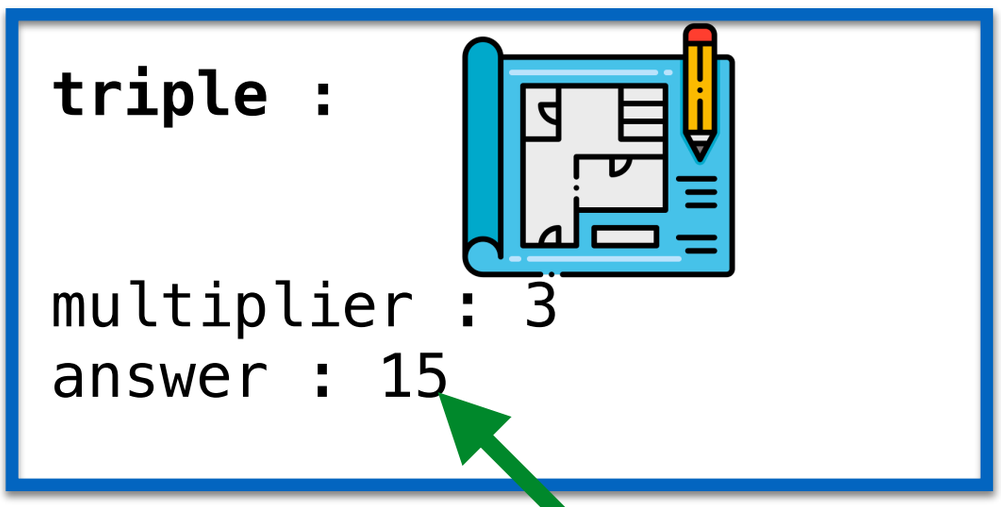

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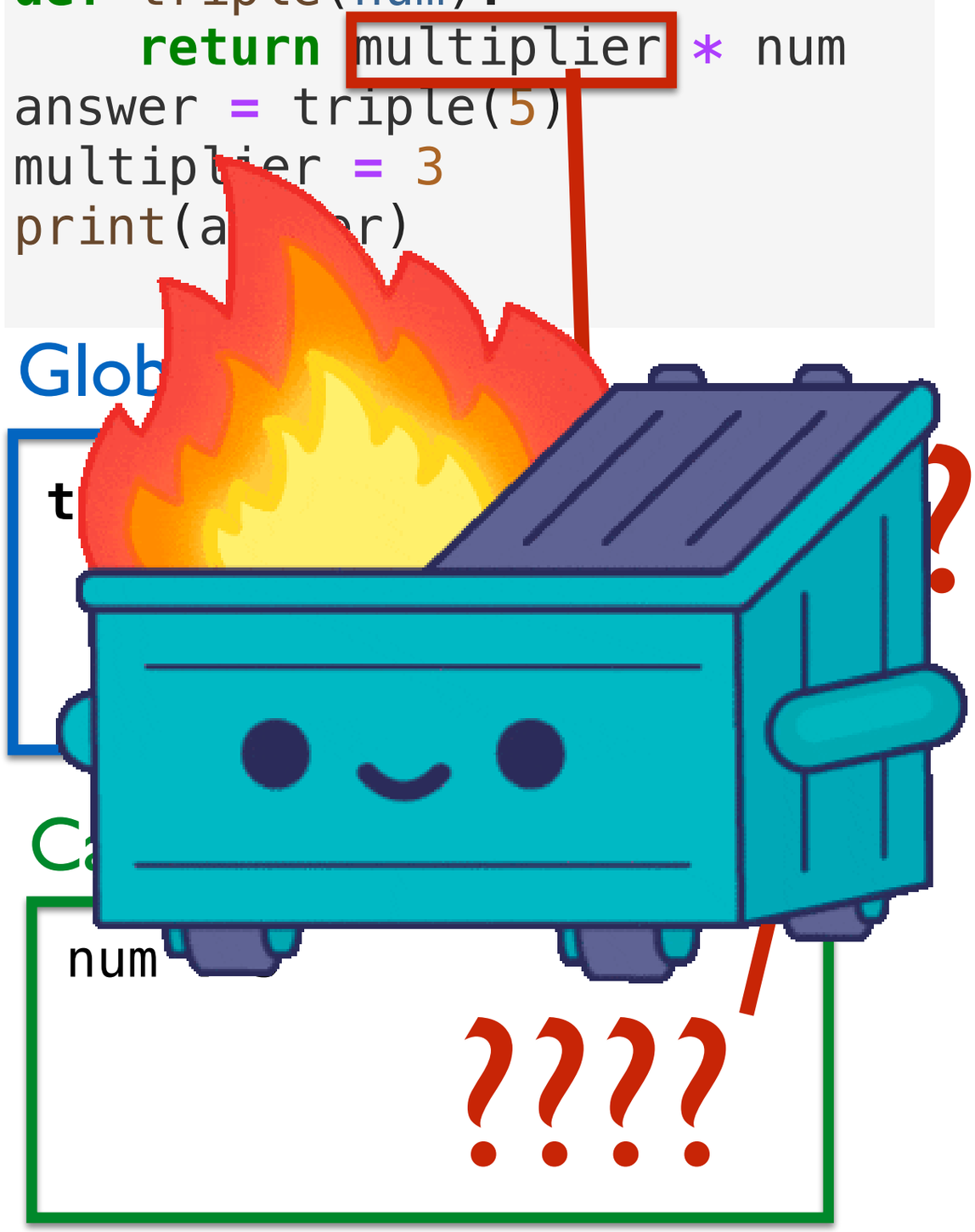

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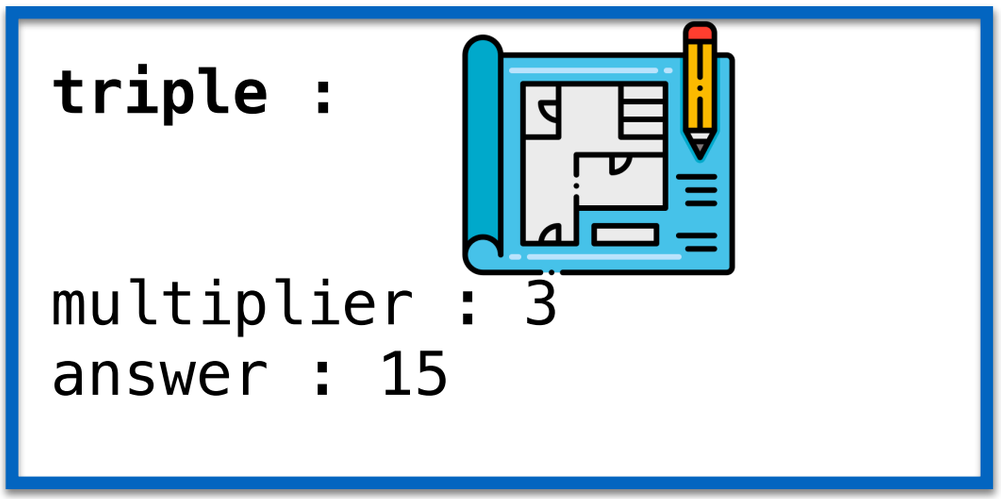

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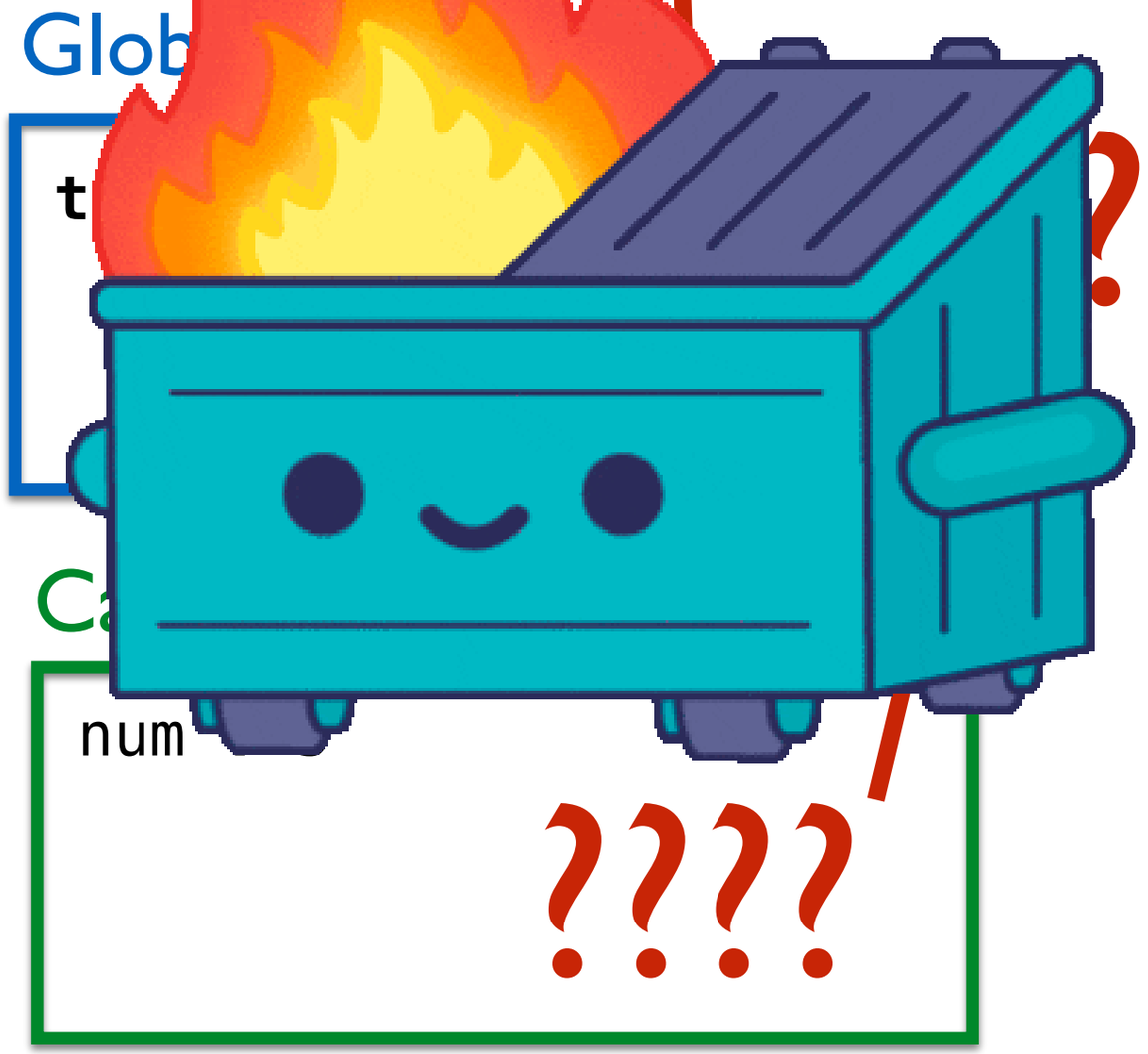
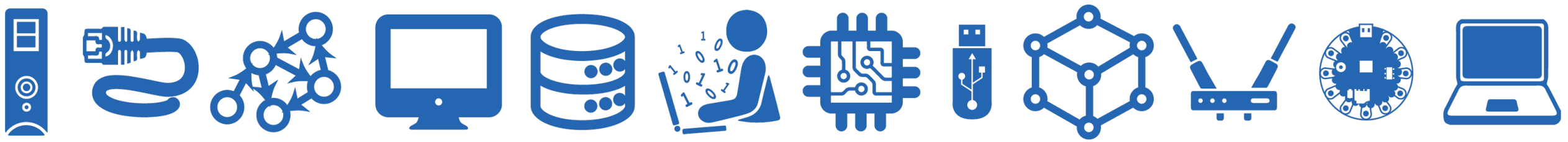


More Examples



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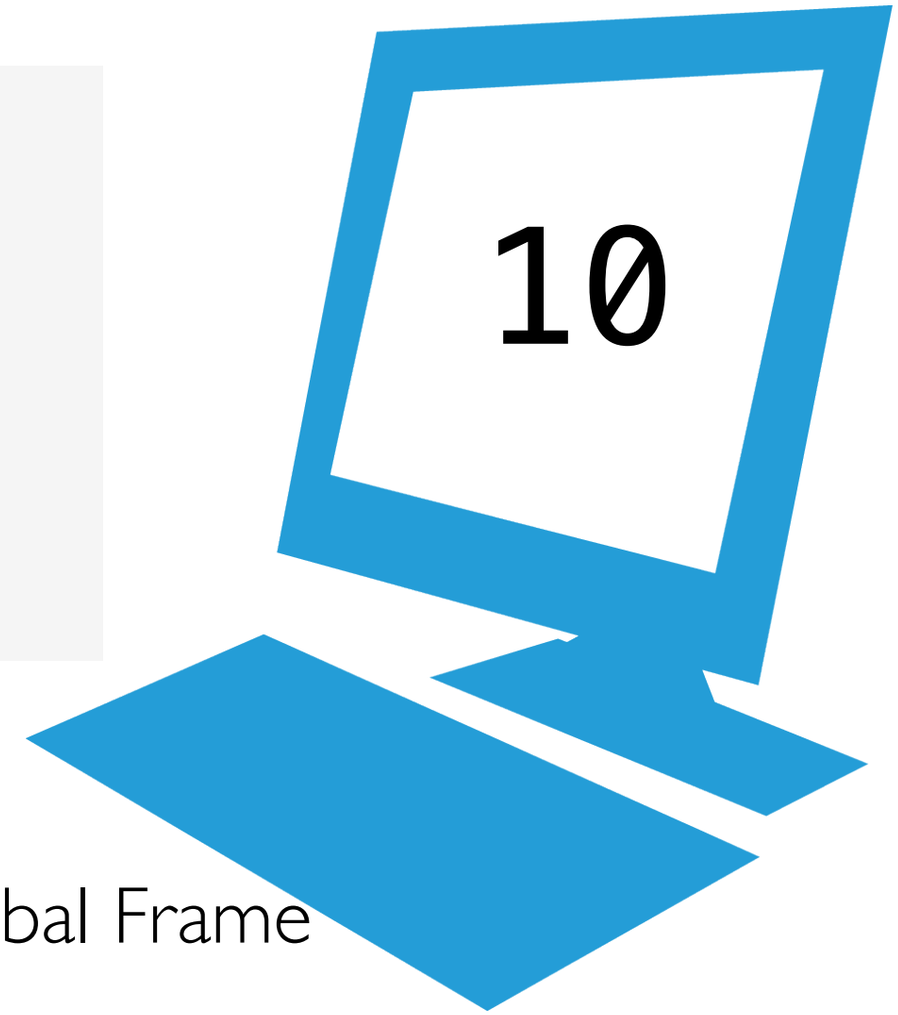

- `multiplier` is recorded as 3 on the Global Frame
- Then the `mystery()` blueprint is recorded on the Global Frame
- Then `multiplier` is re-assigned the value 2 on the Global Frame
- `mystery(5)` evaluates to 10, since `multiplier` is 2 in the global frame and `num` is 5 in the call frame

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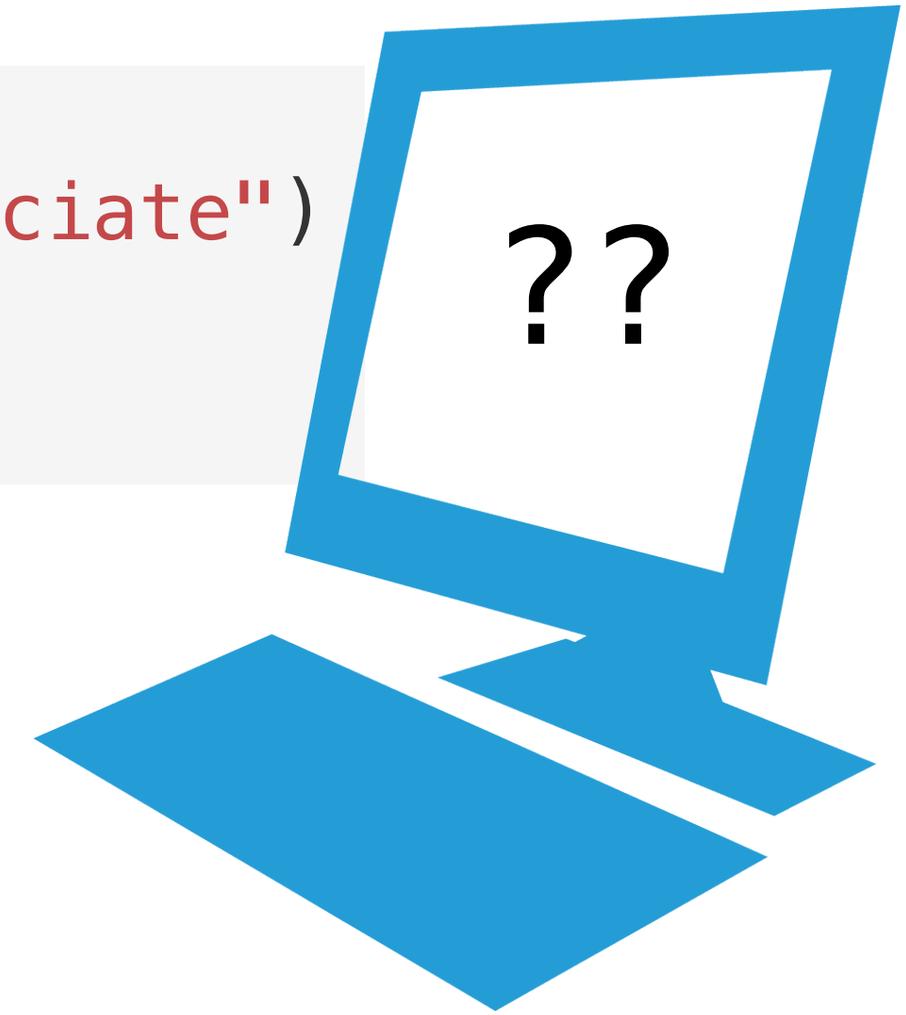

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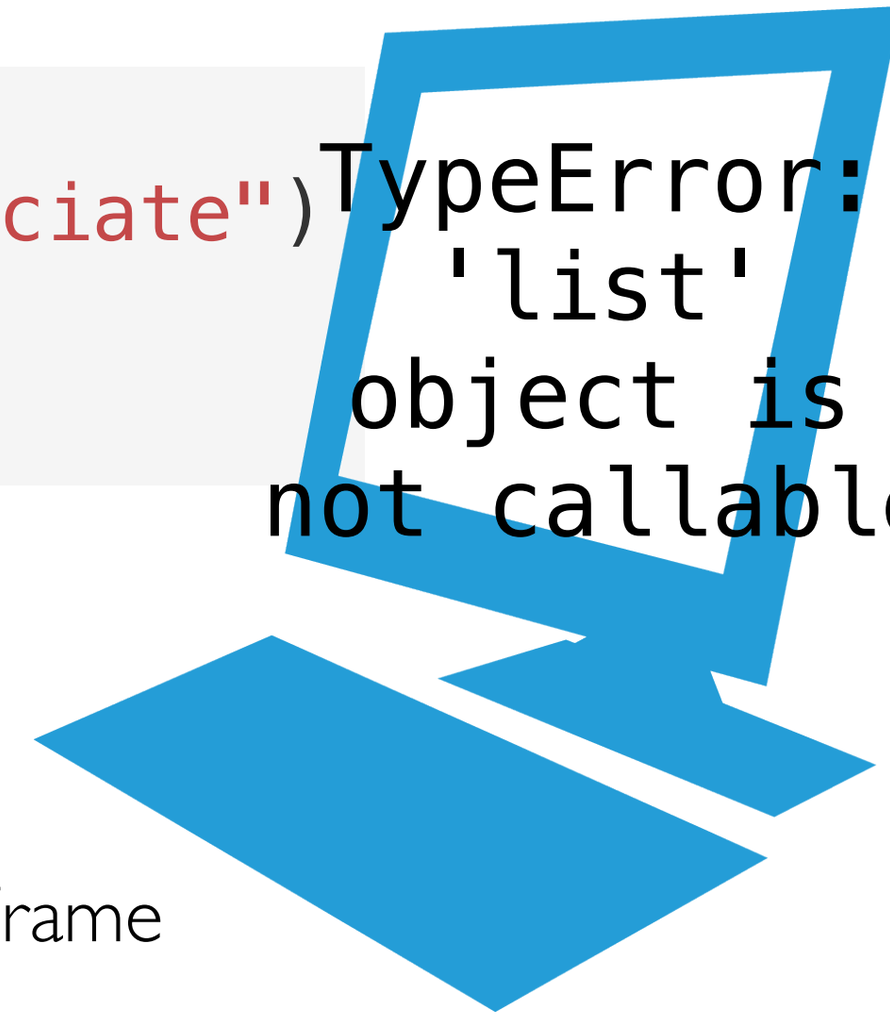
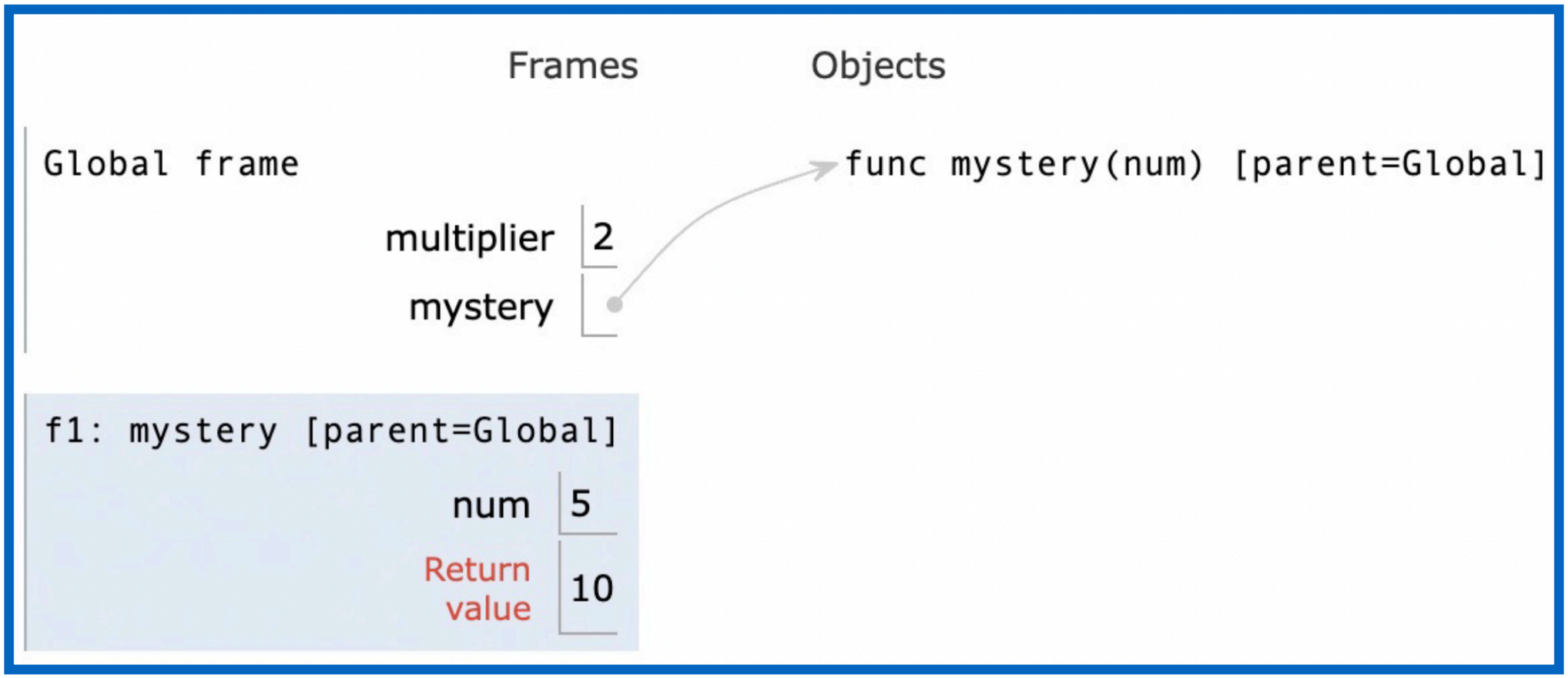


- `list` is a python keyword, in the Global Frame
- `list = ...` reassigns the value of list in the Global Frame
  - It's no longer the keyword, it's now an integer object
- So you can't call `list(..)` as the built-in list-casting function!
- ...This is why we should never use python keywords as variable names!!!

Helpful External Tool for Learning How python Executes Code:

- https://pythontutor.com/cp/composingprograms.html



The end!