Writing your own functions in R FN.5 - FN.11













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Depending on data movement, there are 4 different ways to structure a function.

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prettyPrint("no-name laptop", 25, 750)
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```
value <- function(quantity, price){
  return(quantity * price)
}
quantity <- 25
item <- "no name laptop"
price <- 750
line1 <- paste("In inventory we have", quantity, "of", item)
line2 <- paste("They sell for $", price, "each for a total value of $",
value(quantity, price))
print(line1)
print(line2)</pre>
```

Summary

When writing your own functions, consider the following:

- 1. what part of the program's "job" can be compartmentalized into a function?
- does the function need to receive any data in order to do its job?
 a. if so, exactly what data does it need?
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- 3. does the calling program need to receive any results from the function?
 - a. if so, how will those results be used by the calling program?

Answer these questions and think about the control and data flow **before** you start to code!!!