

* Stored functions :-

Functions :- Functions like procedures are the named PL/SQL block stored in the database. The same rules are followed for creating them.

The main difference between **function** and **procedure** is that a function must return a value.

Stored function A stored function in MySQL is a set of SQL statements that perform some task and return a single value.

→ The function parameter may contain only the IN parameter.

→ The stored function can return only a single value.

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Syntax CREATE FUNCTION <funname> (fun_parameter(s))
RETURNS data-type
BEGIN
fun-body;
END [<function name>];
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Parameter Used :-

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fun-name :- It is the name of the stored function that we want to create in the database.

fun-parameter :- It contains the list of parameters used by the function body. It does not allow to specify IN, OUT, INOUT parameters.

data-type :- datatype of return value of the function.

fun-body :- SQL statements to perform the operations.

Creating function and Calling it :-

```
CREATE FUNCTION welcome_msgfunc (p_name IN VARCHAR2)
RETURN VARCHAR2
IS
BEGIN
RETURN ('welcome ' || p_name);
END;
```

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Function
Created

Output:

Function created

DECLARE

print_msg VARCHAR2(250);

BEGIN

print_msg := welcome_msg_fun('jpwebdevelopers');

dbms_output.put_line(print_msg);

END;