

# CompSci 94

## Writing your own Functions

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# Announcements

- Sakai QZ and videos for Tuesday
- Assignment 4 due Oct 28

# Function vs Procedure

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- What is the difference between a function and a procedure?
  - Procedure is something to do – turn, move, dance
  - Function is a calculated value – a number, an object, a direction
  - A function by itself is not very useful, a function has to be used in some way based on the type of value it calculates

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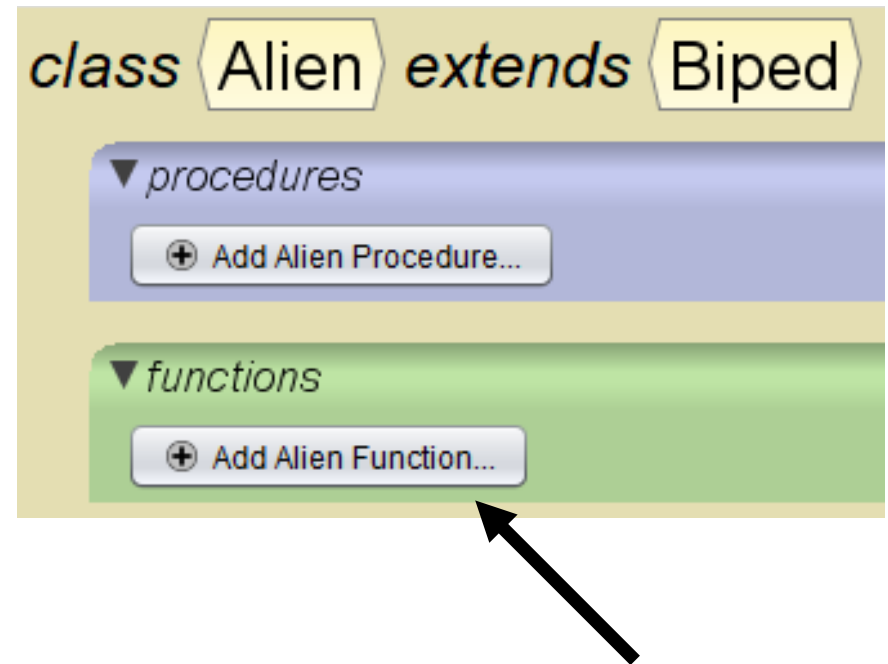
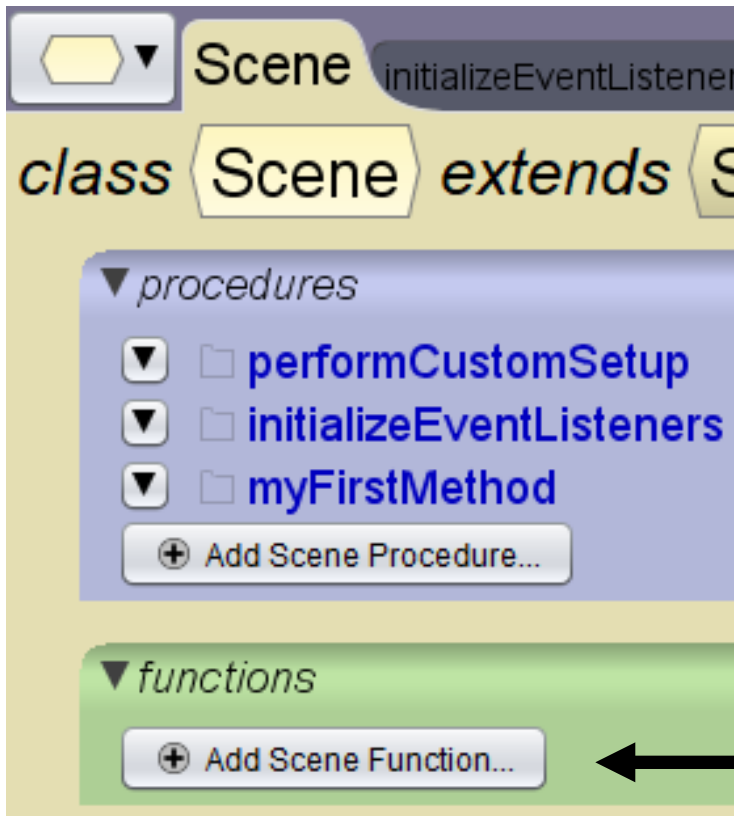
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  - Scene function
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  - DecimalNumber
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  - SJointedModel
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# Can write your own functions

Function for Scene OR Function for character



Use scene function if it involves multiple objects

# Create Scene function tallerHeight

- Inputs: two objects
- Output (return value): the height of the taller object
- Return type: decimalNumber

**Add Scene Function**

preview: declare **DecimalNumber** function **tallerHeight**

return type: **DecimalNumber**  is array

name: **tallerHeight**



# Parameters - SJointedModel

Gallery Class

## Filtering

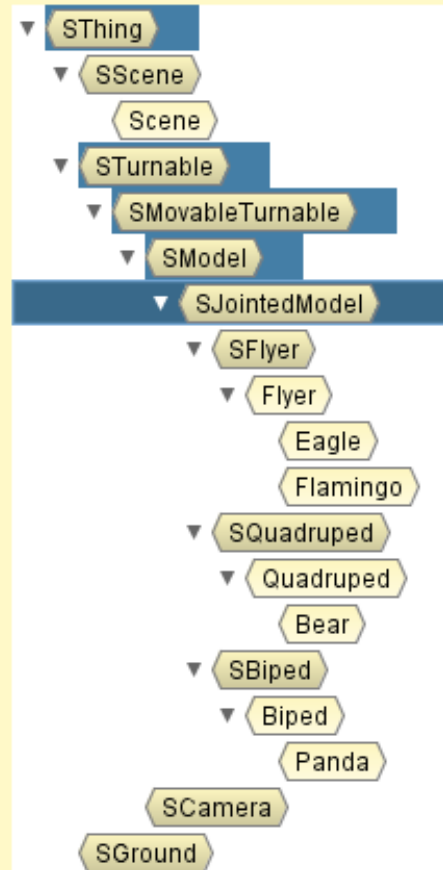
Assignable From **Contains**

Select class via the lowest common ancestor assignable from the items below:

myScene  
ground  
camera

eagle  
 flamingo  
 bear  
 panda

## Selection



## Available Procedures, Functions, and Properties

### class SJointedModel

*procedures*

- straightenOutJoints
- say
- think

### class SModel (*inherit*)

*procedures*

- setVehicle
- setPaint
- setOpacity
- setWidth
- setHeight
- setDepth
- resize
- resizeWidth
- resizeHeight
- resizeDepth

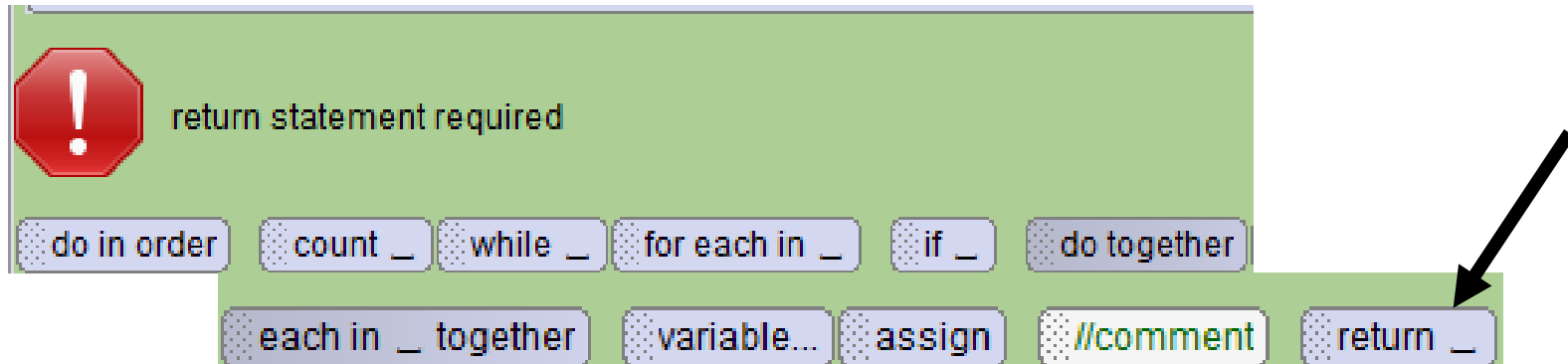
*functions*

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- Return statement!
  - Must return the same type as the specified return value.



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The image shows a code editor interface. At the top, there is a tab labeled "Scene" with a yellow hexagon icon and a dropdown arrow. Below the tab, there are three buttons: "initializeEventListeners", "myFirstMethod", and "tallerHeight" (which is highlighted in green and has a close icon). Below the buttons, the text "declare" is followed by a button labeled "DecimalNumber", then the word "function" in italics, and the function name "tallerHeight" in bold. Below this, the text "with parameters:" is followed by two buttons labeled "SJointedModel" and "animal1", a comma, another "SJointedModel" button, and "animal2". To the right of these buttons is a button labeled "Add Parameter...".

```
declare DecimalNumber function tallerHeight  
with parameters: SJointedModel animal1 , SJointedModel animal2 Add Parameter...
```

# Q2 What is the code for tallerHeight?

declare `DecimalNumber` function **tallerHeight**

with parameters: `SJointedModel` `animal1` , `SJointedModel` `animal2`

do in order

if `animal1` `getHeight` `>` `animal2` `getHeight` is true then

return `animal1` `getHeight`

else

return `animal2` `getHeight`

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declare procedure myFirstMethod
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```
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```

```
this.panda
```

```
say
```

```
"The taller height of bear and flamingo is "
```

```
+
```

```
this
```

```
tallerHeight
```

```
animal1:
```

```
this.bear
```

```
,
```

```
animal2:
```

```
this.flamingo
```



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The taller height of bear and flamingo is 1.647032954975202



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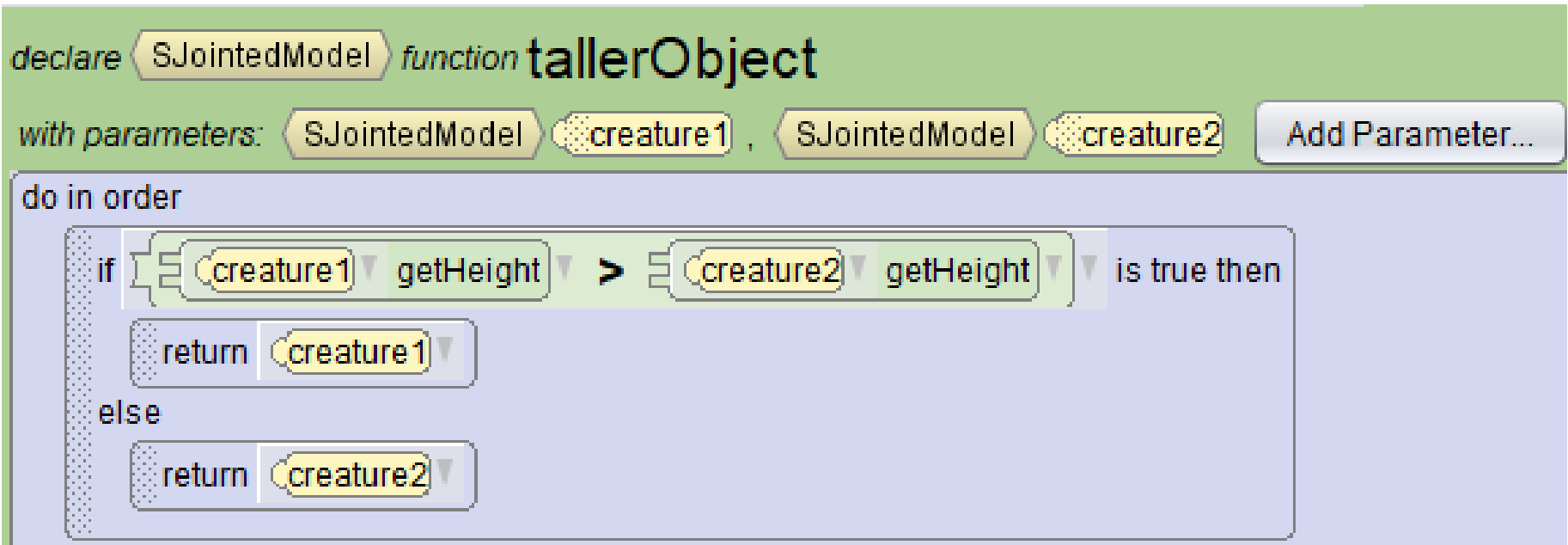
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*declare* SJointedModel *function* tallerObject

*with parameters:* SJointedModel creature1 , SJointedModel creature2

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```
declare SJointedModel function tallerObject
with parameters: SJointedModel creature1 , SJointedModel creature2 Add Parameter...
do in order
  if creature1.getHeight > creature2.getHeight is true then
    return creature1
  else
    return creature2
```



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```
this tallerObject creature1: this.flamingo , creature2: this.bear say "I'm taller"
```





# Q7 How do you write code for ?

- The taller of the bear and flamingo to turn around once
- The bear to double in size (so it is taller)
- The taller of the bear and flamingo to turn around once.

# Q7 How do you write code for ?

do in order

`this` tallerObject creature1: `this.bear` , creature2: `this.flamingo` turn `RIGHT` , `1.0`

`this.bear` resize `2.0` add detail

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Use tallerObject function in place of an object.

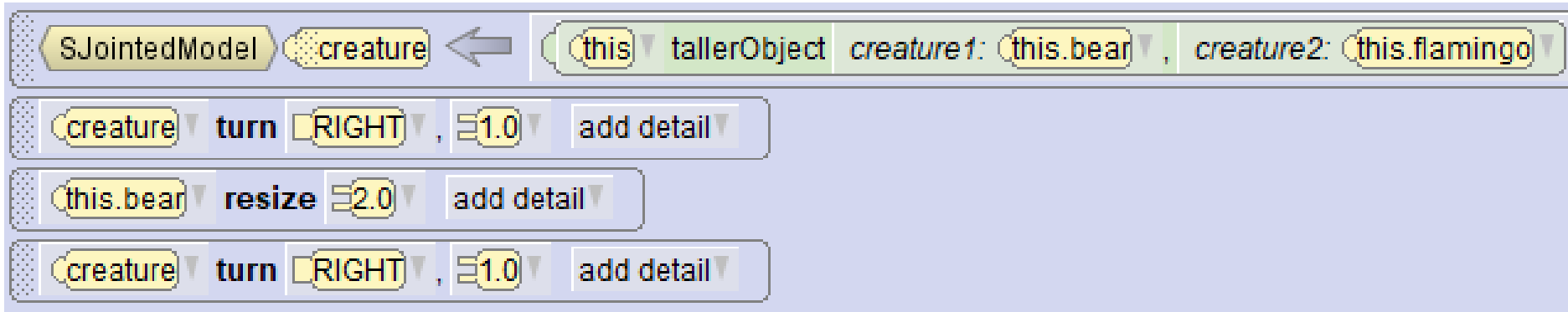
# Q7 When code runs...



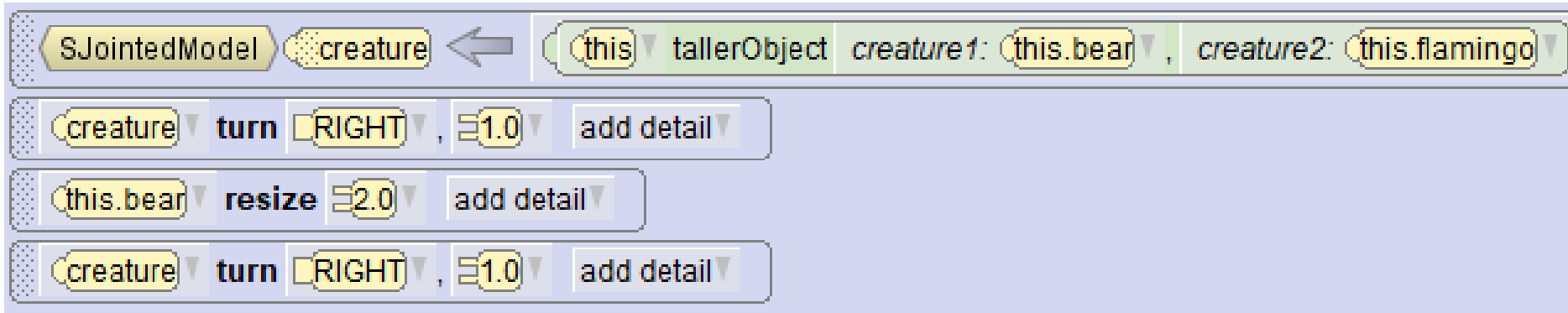
1. Flamingo turns
2. Bear gets bigger
3. Bear turns

# One more Question

# What does this code do?

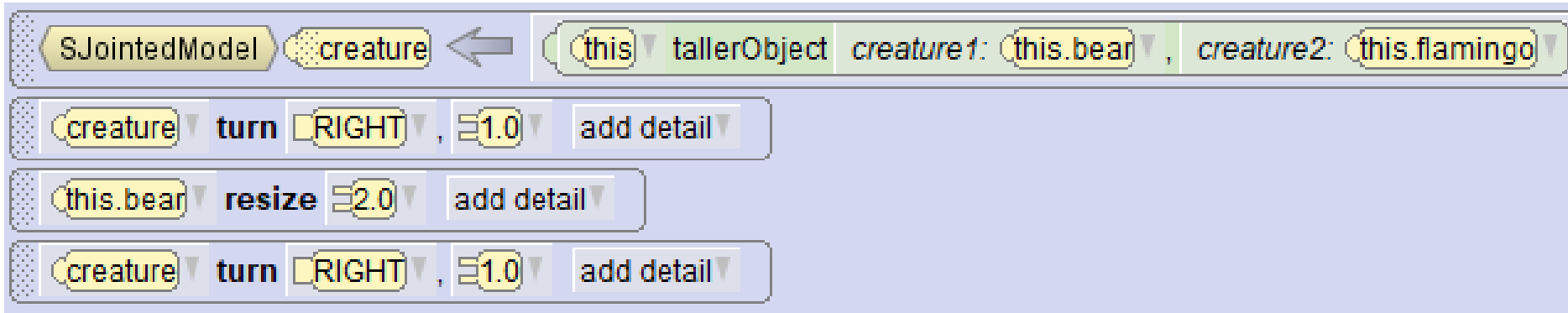


# What does this code do?



- The taller animal (flamingo) is stored in variable creature.
- Flamingo turns around, then **bear** gets bigger.
- Then Flamingo turns around again!

# What does this code do?



- In the last line if we want the taller of the two to turn around, we **MUST** call the function again to recalculate the taller one, since the bear changed its height

# Class Today

- Jumping cat calculating how high and how far to jump, and other things...

