Day54_Exception_Handling

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Python Exception Handling: From Basics to Advanced

What is Exception Handling? Exception Handling in Python is a mechanism that allows you to gracefully respond to errors (called **exceptions**) that occur during program execution. Instead of crashing, your program can catch the error and continue or display a meaningful message.

Why Use It?

- Prevents your program from crashing on runtime errors
- Helps in debugging and maintaining large applications
- Allows clean-up operations (e.g., closing files, releasing resources)

How It Works:

When Python encounters an error during code execution, it:

- 1. Raises an exception.
- 2. Looks for a **try block** to catch it.
- 3. If found, runs the corresponding except block.
- 4. Optionally runs **else** (if no error occurred).
- 5. Always runs **finally**, whether there was an exception or not.

Syntax of Exception Handling:

```
try:
    # Code that might cause an exception
except SomeException:
    # Code that runs if exception occurs
else:
    # Runs if no exception occurs
finally:
    # Always runs (clean-up code)
```

Built-in Exception Types:

| Exception | Description |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| ZeroDivisionError | Dividing by zero |
| ValueError | Invalid type (e.g., string to int) |
| IndexError | Invalid index for list/tuple |
| KeyError | Accessing invalid dict key |
| TypeError | Wrong type of operation |

1 Basic Examples

1.1 Division by Zero

```
[1]: try:
    result = 10 / 0
    except ZeroDivisionError:
        print("You cannot divide by zero!")
```

You cannot divide by zero!

1.2 String Conversion Error

```
[2]: try:
    age = int("twenty")
    except ValueError as ve:
        print("Invalid input, please enter a number:", ve)
```

Invalid input, please enter a number: invalid literal for int() with base 10: 'twenty'

2 else, finally, and Multiple Exceptions

3 Using else

```
[3]: try:
    num = int(input("Enter a number: "))
    except ValueError:
        print("That's not a valid number!")
    else:
        print("Input was successfully processed.")
```

Enter a number: 8

Input was successfully processed.

```
[4]: try:
    num = int(input("Enter a number: "))
    except ValueError:
        print("That's not a valid number!")
    else:
        print("Input was successfully processed.")
```

Enter a number: *8*

That's not a valid number!

3.1 Using finally

```
[5]: try:
    f = open("sample.txt", "r")
    print(f.read())
except FileNotFoundError:
    print("File not found.")
finally:
    print("This runs no matter what!")
```

File not found.
This runs no matter what!

3.2 Multiple Exception Types

```
[6]: try:
    nums = [1, 2, 3]
    print(nums[5])
    except IndexError:
        print("Index is out of range.")
    except Exception as e:
        print("Some other error occurred:", e)
```

Index is out of range.

4 Raising and Custom Exceptions

4.1 Raising Errors with raise

```
[7]: age = -5
   if age < 0:
      raise ValueError("Age cannot be negative!")</pre>
```

4.2 Custom Exception Class

```
[8]: class WeakPasswordError(Exception):
    pass

def check_password(password):
    if len(password) < 6:
        raise WeakPasswordError("Password is too short!")

try:
    check_password("123")
except WeakPasswordError as wpe:
    print("Custom error:", wpe)</pre>
```

Custom error: Password is too short!

5 Best Practices & Exception Tree

5.1 Avoid Generic except:

```
[9]: try:
    x = 10 / 2
    except Exception as e:
        print("Handled error:", e)
```

5.2 Use Logging Instead of Print

```
[10]: import logging
logging.basicConfig(level=logging.ERROR)

try:
    result = 10 / 0
except ZeroDivisionError as e:
    logging.error("ZeroDivisionError occurred: %s", e)
```

ERROR:root:ZeroDivisionError occurred: division by zero

Python Exception Hierarchy - BaseException - Exception - ArithmeticError - LookupError - ValueError - etc.

6 Real-Life Fun Examples

6.1 Pizza Sharing (Divide by Zero)

```
[11]: people = 0
try:
    print("Each person gets", 8 // people, "slices")
except ZeroDivisionError:
```

```
print("You can't divide pizza by zero people!")
```

You can't divide pizza by zero people!

6.2 ATM Withdrawal

```
[12]: balance = 1000
      withdraw = int(input("Enter amount to withdraw: "))
      try:
          if withdraw > balance:
              raise Exception("Insufficient Balance")
          balance -= withdraw
          print("New balance:", balance)
      except Exception as e:
          print(e)
     Enter amount to withdraw: 855
     New balance: 145
[13]: balance = 1000
      withdraw = int(input("Enter amount to withdraw: "))
      try:
          if withdraw > balance:
              raise Exception("Insufficient Balance")
          balance -= withdraw
          print("New balance:", balance)
      except Exception as e:
          print(e)
     Enter amount to withdraw: 5000
     Insufficient Balance
[14]: balance = 1000
      withdraw = int(input("Enter amount to withdraw: "))
      try:
          if withdraw > balance:
              raise Exception("Insufficient Balance")
          balance -= withdraw
          print("New balance:", balance)
      except Exception as e:
```

Enter amount to withdraw: 1000

New balance: 0

print(e)

6.3 Login System

```
[15]: def login(username, password):
    if username != "admin" or password != "123":
        raise ValueError("Invalid credentials")
    return "Login Successful"

try:
    print(login("user", "wrong"))
except ValueError as e:
    print(e)
```

Invalid credentials

7 Practice Challenges (With Solutions)

7.1 Handle input error

7.2 Custom Exception for Bank

```
[17]: class InsufficientBalance(Exception):
    pass

def withdraw(balance, amount):
    if amount > balance:
        raise InsufficientBalance("Not enough money!")
    return balance - amount

try:
    print(withdraw(500, 800))
except InsufficientBalance as e:
    print("Banking Error:", e)
```

Banking Error: Not enough money!

7.3 Marks Validator

```
[18]: def validate_marks(marks):
    if not 0 <= marks <= 100:
        raise ValueError("Marks must be between 0 and 100")
    return "Valid"</pre>
```

```
print(validate_marks(75))
# print(validate_marks(120)) # Uncomment to test
```

Valid

Summary

- Always use specific exceptions (ValueError, ZeroDivisionError, etc.)
- Use else for code that should only run if no error occurs
- Use finally for clean-up actions
- Raise custom errors for more readable and maintainable code

Exception handling is a **superpower** that makes your code **robust**, **secure**, **and production-ready**.

Keep practicing by adding exception handling to every mini project you build!