



Built-in Errors

How to read an Error?

Last line = the actual exception →
e.g. **IndentationError**: expected an
indented block after 'if' statement
on line 1

Lines above = where it happened
(the traceback). Start from the
bottom, then look at the file/line
just above the last line.

```
ERROR!  
Traceback (most recent call last):  
  File "<main.py>", line 2  
    print("True")  
    ^^^^^  
IndentationError: expected an indented block after 'if' statement on  
line 1  
  
=== Code Exited With Errors ===
```



Most Common Errors

SyntaxError

- **What it means:** Python couldn't parse your code.
- **Common triggers:** missing `)`, `]`, `:`, stray commas, typos in keywords.
- **Quick fix:** jump to the line shown and check recent edits.

```
if n % 2 == 0      # ← missing colon  
    print("even")
```

```
ERROR!  
Traceback (most recent call last):  
  File "<main.py>", line 1  
    if n % 2 == 0      # ← missing colon  
                        ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^  
SyntaxError: expected ':'
```

IndentationError

- **What it means:** indentation is wrong or mixed tabs/spaces.
- **Fix:** use 4 spaces per indent, never tabs; let your editor fix indentation.

```
if 2 > 3:  
print("True") # ← No Indentation
```

ERROR!

Traceback (most recent call last):

File "<main.py>", line 2

print("True")

^^^^

IndentationError: expected an indented block after 'if' statement on line 1

NameError

- **What it means:** you used a variable/function name that doesn't exist yet.
- **Triggers:** typos; using a variable before assigning it.
- **Fix:** check spelling and order of definitions.

```
print(username) # ← NameError
```

ERROR!

Traceback (most recent call last):

```
File "<main.py>", line 1, in <module>  
NameError: name 'username' is not defined
```

TypeError

- **What it means:** you used the right idea but wrong type or wrong number of arguments.
- **Triggers:** "2" + 2, calling a non-callable, wrong param count.
- **Fix:** convert or adjust arguments.

```
print("2" + 2)
```

ERROR!

Traceback (most recent call last):

File "<main.py>", line 1, in <module>

TypeError: can only concatenate str (not "int") to str

ValueError

- **What it means:** type is fine, but the value isn't.
- **Triggers:** `int("abc")`
- **Fix:** validate or sanitize input first; handle with `try/except`.

```
name = int(input("Enter a number: "))
```

```
Enter a number: five
```

```
ERROR!
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
```

```
  File "<main.py>", line 1, in <module>
```

```
ValueError: invalid literal for int() with base 10: 'five'
```


AttributeError

- **What it means:** the object doesn't have that attribute/method.
- **Triggers:** `None.some_method()`, typos like `appendd`.
- **Fix:** print the object/type; check docs or `dir(obj)`.

```
[1,2].strip() # ← AttributeError
```

ERROR!

Traceback (most recent call last):

File "<main.py>", line 1, in <module>

AttributeError: 'list' object has no attribute 'strip'

IndexError

- **What it means:** list/tuple index is out of range.
- **Fix:** check length before indexing; use safe loops.

```
nums = [10,20]  
print(nums[4])
```

ERROR!

```
Traceback (most recent call last):  
  File "<main.py>", line 2, in <module>  
IndexError: list index out of range
```



KeyError

- **What it means:** dict key doesn't exist.
- **Fix:** use **in**, **.get()**, or **dict.setdefault**.

```
fruit = {"name": "apple", "color": "red"}  
print(fruit["price"])
```

ERROR!

Traceback (most recent call last):

File "<main.py>", line 2, in <module>

KeyError: 'price'



ZeroDivisionError

- **What it means:** divisor is zero.
- **Fix:** guard against zero; show a friendly message or special-case.

```
print(10/0)
```

ERROR!

Traceback (most recent call last):

File "<main.py>", line 1, in <module>

ZeroDivisionError: division by zero



FileNotFoundError

- **What it means:** the file/path doesn't exist.
- **Fix:** check the path, working directory, and spelling; create file if needed

```
open("txt")
```

ERROR!

Traceback (most recent call last):

File "<main.py>", line 1, in <module>

FileNotFoundError: [Errno 2] No such file or directory: 'txt'



ImportError / ModuleNotFoundError

- **What it means:** Python couldn't import something.
- **Triggers:** package not installed, wrong module name, wrong import path.
- **Fix:** pip install package, check spelling, or use the right import.

```
import wtfrit                                # ← ModuleNotFoundError
from random import abc                       # ← ImportError
```

```
ERROR!
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<main.py>", line 1, in <module>
ModuleNotFoundError: No module named 'wtfrit'
```

```
ERROR!
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<main.py>", line 1, in <module>
ImportError: cannot import name 'abc' from 'random' (/usr/local/lib
/python3.12/random.py)
```

AssertionError

What it means: Raised when an assert statement fails (the condition is False).

Fix: Make sure the condition inside assert is correct, or replace with explicit error handling if it's user input (since assert is mainly for debugging, not for validating input).

```
x = -5
assert x >= 0, "x must be non-negative"
```

```
ERROR!
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<main.py>", line 2, in <module>
AssertionError: x must be non-negative
```



Other Errors

ArithmeticError	AttributeError	Exception	EOFError	FloatingPointError
GeneratorExit	KeyboardInterrupt	LookupError	MemoryError	NotImplementedError
OSError	OverflowError	ReferenceError	RuntimeError	StopIteration
TabError	SystemError	SystemExit	UnboundLocalError	UnicodeError
UnicodeEncodeError	UnicodeDecodeError	UnicodeTranslateError		

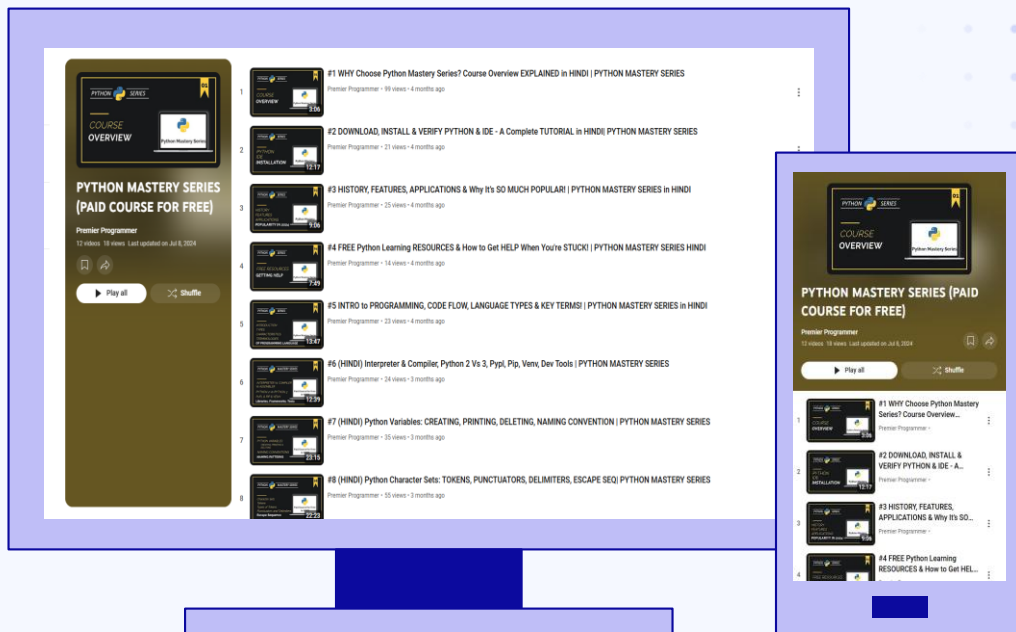


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