



Problem Solving Using Python



Unit III – Exception Handling and Libraries

Topics Covered:

- **Introduction to exceptions and errors**
- Handling exceptions using `try-except-else-finally`
- **Introduction to Pandas:** DataFrames and Series
 - Basic operations using Pandas
 - Reading and writing CSV files using Pandas



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Notes Features:

- ✓ Detailed explanations with simple examples
- ✓ Step-by-step walkthrough of concepts
- ✓ Practical exercises for hands-on practice
- ✓ Beautifully structured and easy-to-read format



"Learning Python is the first step to solving real-world problems efficiently!"



Unit III – Exception Handling and Libraries

1 Introduction to Errors and Exceptions

What is an Error?

An **error** is a problem in a program that **prevents it from executing properly**.

Errors can occur due to:

- Wrong syntax
- Wrong operations (like dividing by zero)
- Missing files or invalid inputs

When Python finds an error, it **stops the program immediately** and shows an **error message**.

Types of Errors

Type	Description	Example
Syntax Error	Occurs when the code violates Python syntax rules	<code>print("Hello"</code>
Runtime Error (Exception)	Occurs while executing a correct program	<code>10 / 0</code>
Logical Error	Code runs, but gives incorrect result	Using <code>+</code> instead of <code>-</code>

Example: Syntax Error

```
# Missing closing parenthesis  
print("Welcome to Python"
```

Output:

```
SyntaxError: unexpected EOF while parsing
```

Explanation:

Python detects the syntax mistake **before execution** and stops the program.

Example: Runtime Error

```
a = 10  
b = 0  
print(a / b)
```

Output:

ZeroDivisionError: division by zero

Explanation:

The program runs but crashes at runtime when division by zero occurs.

What Happens When an Error Occurs?

1. Python stops normal execution.
 2. Creates an **exception object** describing the error.
 3. If not handled, it **terminates the program** with an error message.
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2 What is an Exception?

Definition

An **Exception** is an **event** that occurs during program execution that disrupts the normal flow.

Example:

- Dividing by zero
 - Accessing a file that doesn't exist
 - Converting text to integer (invalid conversion)
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Difference Between Error and Exception

Feature	Error	Exception
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Feature	Error	Exception
Definition	Problems in the code itself	Issues during runtime
When occurs	Before execution	During execution
Can be handled?	No	Yes
Example	<code>SyntaxError</code>	<code>ZeroDivisionError</code> , <code>ValueError</code>

3 Need for Exception Handling

When exceptions are not handled, the program **crashes** suddenly.

To prevent this, we use **exception handling** to:

- Handle errors gracefully
 - Display friendly messages
 - Continue program execution safely
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4 Handling Exceptions using `try` and `except`

Concept Explanation

The `try` and `except` blocks are used to handle exceptions in Python.

- Code that might cause an error → written inside `try` block
 - Code that handles the error → written inside `except` block
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Syntax

```
try:
    # Code that may cause an error
except:
    # Code to handle the error
```

Example 1: Simple Try-Except

```
try:  
    a = int(input("Enter a number: "))  
    b = int(input("Enter another number: "))  
    print("Result:", a / b)  
except:  
    print("⚠️ Oops! Something went wrong.")
```

💻 Output (if user enters b = 0):

⚠️ Oops! Something went wrong.

✳️ Explanation:

The program doesn't crash even if division by zero occurs.

The error is handled gracefully by the `except` block.

✳️ Example 2: Handling Specific Exceptions

```
try:  
    num = int(input("Enter number: "))  
    result = 10 / num  
    print("Result:", result)  
except ZeroDivisionError:  
    print("✖️ You cannot divide by zero!")  
except ValueError:  
    print("✖️ Please enter a valid number!")
```

💻 Output (if input = 0):

✖️ You cannot divide by zero!

✳️ Explanation:

We can catch **specific exception types** to handle different errors differently.

✳️ Example 3: Multiple Exceptions Together

```
try:  
    x = int(input("Enter X: "))  
    y = int(input("Enter Y: "))  
    print(x / y)
```

```
except (ZeroDivisionError, ValueError):
    print("⚠️ Error: Either division by zero or invalid input!")
```

Output(if y = 0):

⚠️ Error: Either division by zero or invalid input!

Example 4: Catching All Exceptions

```
try:
    print(10 / 0)
except Exception as e:
    print("Error:", e)
```

Output:

Error: division by zero

Explanation:

We can use `Exception as e` to **display the actual error message**.

5 Using `try`, `except`, `else`, and `finally`

Concept Explanation

- **try:** code that may cause an exception
 - **except:** runs if exception occurs
 - **else:** runs if no exception occurs
 - **finally:** runs no matter what (used for cleanup, closing files, etc.)
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Syntax

```
try:
    # Code that may raise error
except:
    # Code to handle the error
else:
```

```
# Executes when no error
finally:
    # Always executes
```

Example 1: Try-Except-Else

```
try:
    num = int(input("Enter number: "))
    print("Square:", num ** 2)
except ValueError:
    print("X Invalid input!")
else:
    print("✓ No errors occurred!")
```

Output (if input = 5):

Square: 25
✓ No errors occurred!

Explanation:

`else` block executes only if there is **no error** in the try block.

Example 2: Try-Except-Finally

```
try:
    f = open("data.txt", "r")
    print(f.read())
except FileNotFoundError:
    print("⚠ File not found!")
finally:
    print("✓ Program execution completed.")
```

Output (if file does not exist):

⚠ File not found!
✓ Program execution completed.

Explanation:

Even if an error occurs, the `finally` block **always runs**.

Example 3: Full Try–Except–Else–Finally

```
try:  
    a = int(input("Enter A: "))  
    b = int(input("Enter B: "))  
    result = a / b  
except ZeroDivisionError:  
    print("X Cannot divide by zero!")  
else:  
    print("Result =", result)  
finally:  
    print("✓ End of Program.")
```

Output (if a=10, b=2):

Result = 5.0
✓ End of Program.

6 Raising Exceptions using `raise`

Concept Explanation

Sometimes, you may want to **forcefully raise** an exception when certain conditions occur.
Use the `raise` keyword to generate exceptions manually.

Syntax

```
raise ExceptionType("Custom error message")
```

Example 1: Raise ValueError

```
age = int(input("Enter your age: "))  
if age < 0:  
    raise ValueError("Age cannot be negative!")  
else:  
    print("Your age is", age)
```

Output (if age = -5):

ValueError: Age cannot be negative!

Explanation:

The program stops and displays a **custom error message**.

Example 2: Custom Exception for Input Validation

```
marks = int(input("Enter marks: "))
if marks > 100:
    raise Exception("Marks cannot exceed 100!")
else:
    print("Marks recorded successfully!")
```

Output (if marks = 120):

Exception: Marks cannot exceed 100!

7 Nested Try Blocks

Concept Explanation

You can use **try blocks inside another try** block to handle specific sections of code separately.

Example

```
try:
    x = int(input("Enter a number: "))
    try:
        print("Result:", 10 / x)
    except ZeroDivisionError:
        print("⚠ Division by zero not allowed!")
except ValueError:
    print("⚠ Please enter a valid integer.")
```

Output (if x = 0):

 Division by zero not allowed!

Explanation:

The inner try handles the division, while the outer try handles invalid input.

8 Common Exception Types

Exception Type	Description	Example
<code>ZeroDivisionError</code>	Dividing by zero	<code>10 / 0</code>
<code>ValueError</code>	Invalid value (e.g., converting text to int)	<code>int('abc')</code>
<code>FileNotFoundException</code>	File doesn't exist	<code>open('abc.txt')</code>
<code>TypeError</code>	Wrong data type used	<code>5 + 'hi'</code>
<code>IndexError</code>	Invalid index in list	<code>a[5]</code>
<code>KeyError</code>	Missing key in dictionary	<code>d['name']</code>

9 Real-Life Example: File Handling

```
try:  
    f = open("myfile.txt", "r")  
    data = f.read()  
    print(data)  
except FileNotFoundError:  
    print("✗ File not found.")  
finally:  
    print("✓ Closing file process complete.")
```

Output:

-  File not found.
 -  Closing file process complete.
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10 Example: Division Calculator

```
try:  
    a = int(input("Enter numerator: "))
```

```

b = int(input("Enter denominator: "))
result = a / b
except ZeroDivisionError:
    print("X Denominator cannot be zero!")
except ValueError:
    print("⚠ Invalid number entered!")
else:
    print("Result:", result)
finally:
    print("✓ Program executed successfully.")

```

Output (if a=10, b=0):

- X Denominator cannot be zero!
 - ✓ Program executed successfully.
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11 Exercises for Practice

1. Write a program to handle division by zero and invalid inputs.
 2. Handle file not found error using `try` and `except`.
 3. Use `try-except-else-finally` to divide two numbers safely.
 4. Raise an exception if user enters a negative number.
 5. Write a program that opens a file, reads data, and closes it safely.
 6. Write a program to raise an exception if age > 150.
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12 Summary

Keyword	Description
<code>try</code>	Contains risky code that may cause an error
<code>except</code>	Handles the error when it occurs
<code>else</code>	Runs only when no error occurs
<code>finally</code>	Always runs (cleanup)
<code>raise</code>	Used to raise exceptions manually

✓ Conclusion:

Exception handling ensures your Python program doesn't crash unexpectedly.
It provides a safe, predictable way to handle errors and maintain program stability.



Introduction to Python Libraries

What is a Library?

Definition

A **library** in Python is a **collection of pre-written modules and functions** that make programming easier.

Instead of writing code from scratch, we can simply **import** these libraries and use their ready-made features.

Explanation

Python has thousands of libraries for various purposes:

- **Math operations** → `math` , `statistics`
 - **File and OS handling** → `os` , `shutil`
 - **Data analysis** → `pandas` , `numpy`
 - **Visualization** → `matplotlib` , `seaborn`
 - **Web development** → `flask` , `django`
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Example

```
import math

print(math.sqrt(25))      # Square root
print(math.pow(2, 3))     # Power
```

Output:

5.0
8.0

Explanation:

The `math` library provides predefined mathematical functions such as `sqrt()` and `pow()`.

We just **import** and use them – no need to write the formulas ourselves!

1 Introduction to Pandas

What is Pandas?

Pandas is a **powerful Python library** used for **data manipulation and analysis**.

It allows us to work with **tabular data** easily – similar to how we handle data in **spreadsheets or databases**.

Why Use Pandas?

Normally in Python, handling large data using lists or loops is time-consuming.

Pandas provides special data structures and built-in functions to:

- Read, write, and clean data
 - Filter, sort, and group data
 - Analyze and visualize data efficiently
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Installation and Import

If Pandas is not installed, install it first:

```
pip install pandas
```

Then import it in your Python program:

```
import pandas as pd
```

`pd` is the standard alias name used for Pandas.

Example: Simple Use of Pandas

```
import pandas as pd
```

```
data = [10, 20, 30, 40]
s = pd.Series(data)
print(s)
```

Output:

```
0    10
1    20
2    30
3    40
dtype: int64
```

Explanation:

- We created a simple **Series** using a Python list.
 - Pandas automatically generated the **index (0, 1, 2, 3)** for each value.
 - Each index-value pair represents one element of the Series.
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2 Pandas Data Structures

Pandas provides two major data structures:

Data Structure	Dimension	Description
Series	1D	A single column of data with labels
DataFrame	2D	A table with rows and columns

3 Series in Pandas

What is a Series?

A **Series** is a **one-dimensional labeled array** that can hold any data type such as integers, floats, or strings.

Think of a **Series** like a single **column in an Excel sheet** – it has values and labels (index).

Syntax

```
pandas.Series(data, index, dtype, name)
```

Parameter	Description
data	The data(list, array, dictionary, etc.)
index	Custom labels for data
dtype	Data type of values
name	Optional name for the Series

Example 1: Create Series from a List

```
import pandas as pd

numbers = [10, 20, 30, 40]
s = pd.Series(numbers)
print(s)
```

Output:

```
0    10
1    20
2    30
3    40
dtype: int64
```

Explanation:

- Here, [10, 20, 30, 40] is the list converted into a Pandas Series.
- The index(0, 1, 2, 3) is automatically assigned.
- The `dtype` shows the data type as integer.

Example 2: Create Series with Custom Index

```
marks = [85, 90, 78, 92]
students = ['John', 'Sara', 'Ali', 'Priya']

series = pd.Series(marks, index=students)
print(series)
```

Output:

```
John      85
Sara      90
Ali       78
Priya     92
dtype: int64
```

Explanation:

- Each mark is associated with a **student name**.
 - You can now access data using **index labels** like '**Sara**' instead of numeric indexes.
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Example 3: Create Series from a Dictionary

```
data = {'a': 10, 'b': 20, 'c': 30}
s = pd.Series(data)
print(s)
```

Output:

```
a      10
b      20
c      30
dtype: int64
```

Explanation:

- The keys become **indexes** and values become **data**.
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Example 4: Accessing Elements

```
print(series['Sara'])
print(series[2])
```

Output:

```
90
78
```

Explanation:

- You can access elements either by **index label ('Sara')** or by **numeric position (2)**.
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Example 5: Performing Operations on Series

```
print(series + 5)          # Adds 5 to all values  
print(series.mean())       # Calculates average marks  
print(series.max())        # Finds highest marks
```

Output:

```
John      90  
Sara      95  
Ali       83  
Priya     97  
dtype: int64
```

Average Marks: 86.25

Highest Marks: 92

Explanation:

- Pandas performs **vectorized operations** automatically on all elements without using loops.
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Useful Series Functions

Function	Description	Example
<code>series.head()</code>	Shows first 5 elements	<code>series.head()</code>
<code>series.tail()</code>	Shows last 5 elements	<code>series.tail()</code>
<code>series.sum()</code>	Sum of all elements	<code>series.sum()</code>
<code>series.mean()</code>	Average of all elements	<code>series.mean()</code>
<code>series.sort_values()</code>	Sorts the Series	<code>series.sort_values()</code>



DataFrame in Pandas

What is a DataFrame?

A **DataFrame** is a **two-dimensional labeled data structure**.

It is similar to a table or an Excel spreadsheet – containing **rows and columns**.

Each column in a DataFrame is a **Series**.

Syntax

```
pandas.DataFrame(data, index, columns, dtype)
```

Parameter	Description
data	Data (list, dict, array, Series, etc.)
index	Row labels
columns	Column labels
dtype	Data type of the elements

Example 1: Create DataFrame from Dictionary

```
import pandas as pd

data = {
    'Name': ['John', 'Sara', 'Ali', 'Priya'],
    'Age': [21, 20, 22, 19],
    'Marks': [85, 90, 78, 92]
}

df = pd.DataFrame(data)
print(df)
```

Output:

```
Name  Age  Marks
0   John    21     85
1   Sara    20     90
2    Ali    22     78
3  Priya   19     92
```

Explanation:

- Each **key** in the dictionary becomes a **column**.
 - Each **value list** becomes the **data** in that column.
 - Pandas automatically assigns indexes (0-3).
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Example 2: Access Columns and Rows

```
print(df['Name'])                      # Access single column  
print(df[['Name', 'Marks']])           # Access multiple columns  
print(df.iloc[0])                     # Access first row  
print(df.loc[2, 'Marks'])              # Access specific cell
```

Output:

```
0      John  
1      Sara  
2      Ali  
3     Priya  
Name: Name, dtype: object
```

```
      Name  Marks  
0    John    85  
1    Sara    90  
2     Ali    78  
3   Priya    92
```

```
Name      John  
Age       21  
Marks     85  
Name: 0, dtype: object
```

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Explanation:

- `iloc[]` → integer location based (by position).
 - `loc[]` → label-based access (by index name or column label).
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Example 3: Adding and Removing Columns

```

df['Result'] = ['Pass', 'Pass', 'Fail', 'Pass']
print(df)

df = df.drop('Result', axis=1)
print(df)

```

Output:

	Name	Age	Marks	Result
0	John	21	85	Pass
1	Sara	20	90	Pass
2	Ali	22	78	Fail
3	Priya	19	92	Pass

	Name	Age	Marks
0	John	21	85
1	Sara	20	90
2	Ali	22	78
3	Priya	19	92

Explanation:

- New columns can be added easily.
 - Use `drop(column, axis=1)` to remove a column.
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Example 4: Basic Operations

```

print(df.head())           # First 5 rows
print(df.shape)            # (rows, columns)
print(df.describe())       # Statistics summary
print(df.columns)          # Column names
print(df.dtypes)           # Data types

```

Output (partial):

	Name	Age	Marks
0	John	21	85
1	Sara	20	90
2	Ali	22	78
3	Priya	19	92

(4, 3)

	Age	Marks
count	4.0	4.000000
mean	20.5	86.25
std	1.29	6.19
min	19.0	78.0
max	22.0	92.0

Explanation:

- `head()` gives a preview of data.
 - `shape` shows how big the dataset is.
 - `describe()` gives useful numerical stats.
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Example 5: Filtering and Sorting Data

```
high_scorers = df[df['Marks'] > 80]
print(high_scorers)

print(df.sort_values('Marks'))
```

Output:

	Name	Age	Marks
0	John	21	85
1	Sara	20	90
3	Priya	19	92

	Name	Age	Marks
2	Ali	22	78
0	John	21	85
1	Sara	20	90
3	Priya	19	92

Explanation:

- You can **filter rows** using conditions.
 - `sort_values()` arranges data in ascending order by default.
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Reading and Writing CSV Files



What is a CSV File?

A **CSV (Comma-Separated Values)** file is a simple text file used to store tabular data, separated by commas.

Example CSV content:

```
Name,Age,Marks  
John,21,85  
Sara,20,90  
Ali,22,78  
Priya,19,92
```

Reading CSV Files

```
import pandas as pd  
  
df = pd.read_csv('students.csv')  
print(df)
```

Output:

```
Name    Age   Marks  
0     John    21     85  
1     Sara    20     90  
2     Ali     22     78  
3     Priya   19     92
```

Explanation:

- `read_csv()` reads the CSV file and converts it into a **DataFrame**.

Writing DataFrame to CSV File

```
df.to_csv('output.csv', index=False)  
print("✅ Data saved successfully!")
```

Explanation:

- `to_csv()` saves your DataFrame to a file.
 - `index=False` avoids saving row numbers.
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Example: Display Top Rows and Statistics

```
print(df.head(2))          # First 2 rows  
print(df.describe())       # Summary statistics
```

Output:

```
Name    Age    Marks  
0  John     21      85  
1  Sara     20      90  
  
           Age        Marks  
count    4.0    4.000000  
mean    20.5    86.25  
std      1.29    6.19  
min     19.0    78.0  
max     22.0    92.0
```

6 Exercises for Practice

1. Create a Pandas Series for 5 products and their prices.
 2. Create a DataFrame of students (Name, Age, Marks).
 3. Add a new column `Result` = "Pass" if Marks > 40 else "Fail".
 4. Read a CSV file named `data.csv` and display first 3 rows.
 5. Write your DataFrame to `result.csv`.
 6. Sort DataFrame by `Marks` in descending order.
 7. Display average, minimum, and maximum marks.
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Summary

Concept	Description
Series	1D labeled array
DataFrame	2D labeled table
read_csv()	Reads CSV data
to_csv()	Writes CSV data
head(), tail()	Show data preview
describe()	Show statistics summary
filtering	Select specific data
sorting	Arrange data in order