→ try and except Tutorial

In Python, errors that occur during runtime are called **exceptions**. If they are not handled, they will stop your program. To handle them gracefully, we use try and except.

1. Basic Structure

```
try:
    # Code that may cause an error
    result = 10 / 0
except:
    # Code to run if an error happens
    print("An error occurred")
#Here, dividing by zero causes an exception, and the program jumps to `except`.
```

→ An error occurred

2. Catching Specific Exceptions

Instead of catching all errors, you can catch specific exception types. This is a better practice because it avoids hiding other bugs.

```
try:
    num = int("abc") # invalid conversion
except ValueError:
    print("You must enter a number")
```

→ You must enter a number

3. Multiple Except Blocks

You can handle different types of errors separately:

```
try:
    value = 10 / int(input("Enter a number: "))
except ZeroDivisionError:
    print("You cannot divide by zero!")
except ValueError:
    print("That was not a valid number.")
```

4. Using else

The else block runs if no exception occurs:

```
try:
    num = int(input("Enter a number: "))
except ValueError:
    print("Invalid input!")
else:
    print(f"You entered {num}")
```

5. Using finally

→ You entered 10

The finally block runs no matter what happens (useful for cleanup like closing files):

```
try:
    file = open("test.txt", "r")
    content = file.read()
except FileNotFoundError:
    print("File not found!")
finally:
    print("Closing program...") # always runs
```

File not found!
Closing program...

6. Raising Exceptions Manually

You can raise your own exceptions with raise:

7. Custom Exceptions

You can create your own exception classes:

```
class NegativeAgeError(Exception):
    pass

try:
    age = -2
    if age < 0:
        raise NegativeAgeError("Age must be positive!")
except NegativeAgeError as e:
    print(e)</pre>
```

→ Age must be positive!

Task: Write a program that asks the user for two numbers and divides the first by the second.

- Handle the case when the user enters a non-number.
- · Handle division by zero.

♦ Exercise 2: File Reading

Task: Write a program that tries to open a file called data.txt and prints its content.

- Handle the case when the file does not exist.
- Always print "Program finished" at the end.

♦ Exercise 3: List Indexing

Task: You have a list: numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

- · Ask the user for an index and print the element at that index.
- · Handle the case when the user enters a non-integer.
- Handle the case when the index is out of range.

♦ Exercise 4: Multiple Exceptions

Task: Write a program that asks the user to enter a number and divides 100 by that number.

- Handle both ValueError and ZeroDivisionError separately.
- Print a success message if no error occurs.

Exercise 5: Raising Exceptions

Task: Write a program that asks the user to enter their age.

- If the age is negative, raise a ValueError with the message "Age cannot be negative".
- · Handle the exception and print the message.

Solutions

```
# Solution 1
try:
   a = float(input("Enter first number: "))
   b = float(input("Enter second number: "))
   print("Result:", a / b)
except ValueError:
   print("Please enter a valid number!")
except ZeroDivisionError:
   print("Cannot divide by zero!")
# Solution 2
   file = open("data.txt", "r")
   print(file.read())
except FileNotFoundError:
   print("File not found!")
finally:
   print("Program finished")
# Solution 3
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
   index = int(input("Enter index: "))
   print("Element:", numbers[index])
except ValueError:
    print("Invalid input, enter an integer!")
except IndexError:
   print("Index out of range!")
# Solution 4
   num = int(input("Enter a number: "))
   result = 100 / num
except ValueError:
   print("You must enter a number!")
except ZeroDivisionError:
   print("Cannot divide by zero!")
else:
   print("Success! Result is", result)
# Solution 5
   age = int(input("Enter your age: "))
   if age < 0:
       raise ValueError("Age cannot be negative")
except ValueError as e:
   print("Error:", e)
```

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Python Functions

A **function** in Python is a block of reusable code that performs a specific task. Functions help make code modular, readable, and maintainable.

1. Defining a Function

The def keyword is used to define a function:

```
def greet():
    print("Hello, World!")
```

- $def \rightarrow defines a function$
- greet \rightarrow function name
- () → parameters (empty here)
- · Code inside is indented

Calling the function:

```
greet() # Output: Hello, World!

Hello, World!
```

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2. Functions with Parameters

Functions can take inputs called parameters:

```
def greet_user(name):
    print(f"Hello, {name}!")

greet_user("Alice") # Output: Hello, Alice!
greet_user("Bob") # Output: Hello, Bob!
```

- Hello, Alice! Hello, Bob!
 - name is a parameter
 - Arguments are values we pass when calling the function

3. Return Values

Functions can return values using return:

```
def add(a, b):
    return a + b

result = add(5, 3)
print(result) # Output: 8
```

_ 8

Without return, a function returns None by default.

4. Default Parameters

You can assign default values to parameters:

```
def greet(name="Guest"):
    print(f"Hello, {name}!")
greet("Alice") # Hello, Alice!
greet() # Hello, Guest!
Hello, Alice!
```

Hello, Guest! 5. Keyword Arguments

You can pass arguments by **position** or by **name**:

```
def describe_pet(name, species="dog"):
    print(f"{name} is a {species}")
```

```
describe_pet("Buddy")  # Buddy is a dog
describe_pet(name="Kitty")  # Kitty is a dog
describe_pet(species="cat", name="Milo")  # Milo is a cat
```

```
Buddy is a dog
Kitty is a dog
Milo is a cat
```

6. Variable-Length Arguments

a) *args - Variable Positional Arguments

*args allows a function to accept any number of positional arguments.

Inside the function, args is treated as a tuple.

*args collects all extra positional arguments as a tuple

You can combine *args with normal parameters, but *args must come after regular parameters:

```
def greet(message, *names):
    for name in names:
        print(f"{message}, {name}!")

greet("Hi", "Alice", "Bob")

Thi, Alice!
    Hi, Bob!
```

b) **kwargs → for multiple keyword arguments

- **kwargs allows a function to accept any number of keyword arguments.
- Inside the function, kwargs is treated as a dictionary.

```
Role: Admin
Positional args: ('Alice', 'Bob')
```

```
Keyword args: {'age': 30, 'city': 'Cairo'}
```

Order matters:

```
def f(a, b, *args, **kwargs):
   ...
```

- Positional arguments \rightarrow a, b
- $\bullet \quad \text{Extra positional} \to \text{*args}$
- Keyword arguments → **kwargs

```
def flexible_function(required, *args, **kwargs):
    print("Required:", required)
    print("Additional args:", args)
    print("Additional kwargs:", kwargs)

flexible_function(
    "Hello",
    1, 2, 3,
    name="Alice",
    age=25
)
```

Required: Hello
Additional args: (1, 2, 3)
Additional kwargs: {'name': 'Alice', 'age': 25}

Using * and ** to Unpack Arguments

You can unpack lists/tuples into args and dictionaries into *kwargs.

```
def add(a, b, c):
    return a + b + c

numbers = [1, 2, 3]
print(add(*numbers)) # Output: 6

data = {'a': 10, 'b': 20, 'c': 30}
print(add(**data)) # Output: 60
```

7. Scope of Variables

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Local vs Global Variables

- · Variables inside a function are local
- · Variables outside are global
- You can use global keyword to modify a global variable:

```
x = 10  # global

def foo():
    y = 5  # local
    print("Inside:", x, y)

foo()    # Inside: 10 5
print(y)  # Error! y is local to foo
```

```
Inside: 10 5

NameError Traceback (most recent call last)

Cell In[14], line 8

5 print("Inside:", x, y)

7 foo() # Inside: 10 5

---> 8 print(y) # Error! y is local to foo
```

```
count = 0

def increment():
    global count
    count += 1

increment()
print(count) # 1
```

→ 1

8. Lambda Functions (Anonymous Functions)

NameError: name 'y' is not defined

- Lambda functions are anonymous (no def)
- Best used for short operations

For small one-line functions, Python allows lambda:

```
square = lambda x: x ** 2
print(square(5)) # Output: 25

1 25

# With two arguments
multiply = lambda a, b: a * b
print(multiply(3, 4)) # Output: 12

1 2
```

9. Nested Functions

· Useful for encapsulation and closures

Functions can be defined inside other functions:

```
def outer():
    def inner():
        print("Inside inner function")
    inner()

outer()
```

 \longrightarrow Inside inner function

10. Returning Functions (Closures)

Functions can return other functions:

```
def outer(msg):
    def inner():
        print(msg)
    return inner

f = outer("Hello Closure")
f() # Output: Hello Closure
# * This is called a **closure**
```

→ Hello Closure

11. Decorators (Advanced)

- 1. Functions are First-Class Objects
- · In Python, functions can be:
- · Assigned to variables
- · Passed as arguments
- · Returned from other functions

```
def greet():
    return "Hello!"

say_hello = greet  # assign function
print(say_hello())  # Output: Hello!
```

→ Hello!

This property allows decorators to exist.

2. Basic Decorator

A simple decorator wraps a function:

```
def decorator(func):
    def wrapper():
        print("Before the function runs")
        func()
        print("After the function runs")
    return wrapper

def say_hello():
    print("Hello!")

# Apply decorator manually
say_hello = decorator(say_hello)
say_hello()
```

Before the function runs Hello!

After the function runs

3. Using the @ Syntax

Python provides a shorthand @decorator:

```
@decorator
def say_hello():
    print("Hello!")

say_hello()
# This is equivalent to: say_hello = decorator(say_hello)
```

Before the function runs
Hello!
After the function runs

4. Decorators with Arguments

To decorate functions that accept arguments, the wrapper function must also accept *args and **kwargs:

```
def decorator(func):
    def wrapper(*args, **kwargs):
        print("Before function")
        result = func(*args, **kwargs)
        print("After function")
        return result
    return wrapper

@decorator
def greet(name):
    print(f"Hello, {name}!")

greet("Alice")

Before function
Hello, Alice!
After function
```

5. Returning Values

Decorators can also modify or return values:

```
def uppercase(func):
    def wrapper(*args, **kwargs):
        result = func(*args, **kwargs)
        return result.upper()
    return wrapper

@uppercase
def greet(name):
    return f"Hello, {name}"

print(greet("Alice")) # Output: HELLO, ALICE
```

→ HELLO, ALICE

6. Stacking Decorators

- Decorators are applied bottom to top.
- You can apply multiple decorators to a single function:

```
def bold(func):
    def wrapper(*args, **kwargs):
        return f"<b>{func(*args, **kwargs)}</b>"
    return wrapper

def italic(func):
    def wrapper(*args, **kwargs):
        return f"<i>{func(*args, **kwargs)}</i>"
    return wrapper

@bold
@italic
def greet(name):
    return f"Hello, {name}"

print(greet("Alice")) # Output: <b><i>Hello, Alice</i></b>
```

→ <i>Hello, Alice</i>

7. Decorators with Arguments (Parameterized Decorators)

Sometimes you want the decorator itself to accept arguments:

```
def repeat(times):
    def decorator(func):
        def wrapper(*args, **kwargs):
            for _ in range(times):
                func(*args, **kwargs)
            return wrapper
    return decorator
```

```
@repeat(3)
def greet(name):
    print(f"Hello, {name}!")
greet("Alice")

Hello, Alice!
Hello, Alice!
Hello, Alice!
```

8. Preserving Metadata with functools.wraps

Without functools.wraps, the decorated function loses its name, docstring, and metadata:

```
import functools

def decorator(func):
    @functools.wraps(func)
    def wrapper(*args, **kwargs):
        print("Before function")
        return func(*args, **kwargs)
    return wrapper

@decorator
def greet():
    """This function says hello"""
    print("Hello!")

print(greet.__name__)  # Output: greet
print(greet.__doc__)  # Output: This function says hello
```

9. Practical Examples

a) Logging

```
def log(func):
    @functools.wraps(func)
    def wrapper(*args, **kwargs):
        print(f"Calling {func.__name__} with args={args}, kwargs={kwargs}")
        return func(*args, **kwargs)
    return wrapper

@log
def add(a, b):
    return a + b
print(add(2, 3))
```

```
import time

def timer(func):
    @functools.wraps(func)
    def wrapper(*args, **kwargs):
        start = time.time()
        result = func(*args, **kwargs)
        end = time.time()
        print(f"{func.__name__}} took {end - start:.4f} seconds")
        return result
    return wrapper

@timer

def compute():
    time.sleep(1)
    print("Done computing!")

compute()
```

12. Recursion

A function can call itself:

```
def factorial(n):
    if n == 0:
        return 1
    else:
        return n * factorial(n-1)

print(factorial(5)) # Output: 120

→ 120
```

13. Type Hints (Python 3.5+)

You can hint the type of parameters and return value:

```
def greet(name: str) -> str:
    return f"Hello, {name}"

print(greet("Alice"))
```

14. Docstrings (Documentation Strings)

Document your functions using """:

```
def add(a, b):
    """
    This function returns the sum of a and b.
    Parameters:
        a (int or float)
        b (int or float)
    Returns:
        int or float
    """
    return a + b
```

```
Help on function add in module __main__:

add(a, b)

This function returns the sum of a and b.

Parameters:

a (int or float)

b (int or float)

Returns:

int or float
```

✓ Summary Table

Concept	Example	Notes
Define Function	def foo():	Basic structure
Parameters	<pre>def greet(name):</pre>	Inputs to function
Return	return a+b	Sends value out
Default Arguments	def f(x=5)	Optional parameters
*args	def f(*args)	Variable positional args
kwargs	<pre>def f(kwargs)</pre>	Variable keyword args
Global & Local	global var	Scope rules
Lambda	lambda x: x+1	Anonymous function
Nested Functions	<pre>def outer(): def inner():</pre>	Encapsulation
Closure	return inner	Function returning function
Decorator	@decorator	Modify function behavior
Recursion	<pre>def fact(n): fact(n-1)</pre>	Function calls itself
Type Hints	def f(x: int) -> int	Optional typing
Docstrings	"""docstring"""	Documentation

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Comprehensive Python Questions

Question 1: Student Grades Analyzer

Scenario: You are asked to create a program to analyze student grades for a class.

Requirements:

- Define a dictionary where the keys are student names and values are lists of grades (integers between 0-100).
- Write a function average_grade(grades) that calculates the average grade for a student.
- · Loop through all students and print their name, grades, and average.
- Create a set of students who scored above 90 in any subject.
- Save the **summary report** to a text file <code>grades_report.txt</code>.

Skills Covered: Variables, dictionary, list, function, loop, set, file operations, conditionals.

Question 2: Text File Word Processor

Scenario: You are given a text file input.txt containing several lines of text.

Requirements:

- · Read the file line by line.
- Create a function word_count(text) that returns the number of words in a line.
- For each line, print: "Line <n>: <number_of_words> words".
- Find all unique words in the file (ignore case) and store them in a set.
- Save these unique words in a file unique_words.txt, one word per line.

Skills Covered: File operations, function, string operations, loops, set, case handling.

Question 3: Inventory Management System

Scenario: You are designing a simple inventory system for a store.

Requirements:

- Represent the inventory as a **list of dictionaries**, each containing name, quantity, and price.
- · Write functions:
 - total_value(item) → returns total value (quantity * price) of one item.
 - \circ inventory_value(inventory) \rightarrow returns total value of all items.
- Print a table showing each item, quantity, price, and total value.
- Find the most expensive item and item with highest quantity using tuple unpacking and max() function.

Skills Covered: List, dictionary, tuple unpacking, functions, loops, conditionals, built-in functions.

Question 4: Number Analysis Tool

Scenario: Create a program that analyzes a list of numbers input by the user.

Requirements:

- · Ask the user to input a series of numbers separated by commas and convert them into a list of integers.
- · Write functions:
 - even_numbers(numbers) → returns a list of even numbers.
 - o odd_numbers(numbers) → returns a list of odd numbers.
 - o prime_numbers(numbers) → returns a list of prime numbers.
- Calculate and print: sum, max, min, average of the numbers.
- Store the results in a dictionary with keys 'sum', 'max', 'min', 'average', 'even', 'odd', 'prime'.

Skills Covered: Variables, input handling, lists, loops, conditionals, functions, dictionary, mathematical operations.

Perfect! We can replace **Question 5** with a new one that specifically covers **decorators** and *args / `kwargs`**, while keeping it detailed and realistic. Here's the updated version:

Question 5: Flexible Task Logger

Scenario: You are building a task logging system where any function performing a task should automatically log its execution details.

Requirements:

- Write a decorator task_logger that:
 - Prints "Starting task: <function_name>" before the function runs.Prints "Finished task: <function_name>" after the function runs.
 - Prints "Arguments: <args>" and "Keyword Arguments: <kwargs>".
- Create at least three different functions representing tasks:
 - 1. $send_email(recipient, subject) \rightarrow prints$ "Email sent to $\langle recipient \rangle$ with $subject \langle subject \rangle$ ".
 - 2. generate_report(name, pages=1) → prints "Report <name> generated with <pages> pages".
 - 3. backup_files(*files) → prints "Backing up files: <file list>".
- Apply the task_logger decorator to all three functions.
- Call the functions with **different combinations of positional and keyword arguments** to demonstrate that the decorator correctly logs everything.

Skills Covered:

- · Function decorators
- *args and **kwargs
- Function arguments (positional and keyword)
- · Printing and string formatting
- Function metadata (__name___)

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Question 1: Student Grades Analyzer

```
# Define the student grades dictionary
students = {
   "Alice": [85, 92, 78],
   "Bob": [95, 88, 91],
   "Charlie": [70, 65, 80],
    "Diana": [100, 98, 92]
# Function to calculate average grade
def average_grade(grades):
    return sum(grades) / len(grades)
# Set to store students who scored above 90 in any subject
high_achievers = set()
# Open a file to save the summary report
with open("grades_report.txt", "w") as file:
   for student, grades in students.items():
       avg = average_grade(grades)
       print(f"{student}: Grades = {grades}, Average = {avg:.2f}")
       file.write(f"{student}: Grades = {grades}, Average = {avg:.2f}\n")
       if any(grade > 90 for grade in grades):
           high_achievers.add(student)
print("Students who scored above 90 in any subject:", high_achievers)
```

Question 2: Text File Word Processor

```
# Function to count words in a line
def word_count(text):
   words = text.split()
    return len(words)
unique_words = set()
# Read the input file line by line
with open("input.txt", "r") as infile, open("unique_words.txt", "w") as outfile:
   for i, line in enumerate(infile, start=1):
       count = word_count(line)
       print(f"Line {i}: {count} words")
       # Add lowercase words to the set for uniqueness
       for word in line.strip().split():
            unique_words.add(word.lower())
   # Save unique words to file
   for word in sorted(unique_words):
       outfile.write(word + "\n")
print("Unique words saved to unique_words.txt")
```

Question 3: Inventory Management System

```
# Inventory represented as list of dictionaries
inventory = [
   {"name": "Laptop", "quantity": 5, "price": 800},
   {"name": "Mouse", "quantity": 50, "price": 20},
   {"name": "Keyboard", "quantity": 30, "price": 35},
   {"name": "Monitor", "quantity": 10, "price": 150}
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# Function to calculate total value of one item
def total_value(item):
    return item['quantity'] * item['price']
# Function to calculate total inventory value
def inventory_value(inventory):
    return sum(total_value(item) for item in inventory)
print("Inventory Table:")
print(f"{'Item':10} {'Qty':>5} {'Price':>7} {'Total':>7}")
for item in inventory:
   total = total_value(item)
   print(f"\{item['name']:10\} \ \{item['quantity']:5\} \ \{item['price']:7\} \ \{total:7\}")
# Find most expensive item
most_expensive = max(inventory, key=lambda x: x['price'])
print("Most expensive item:", most_expensive['name'])
# Find item with highest quantity
highest_qty = max(inventory, key=lambda x: x['quantity'])
print("Item with highest quantity:", highest_qty['name'])
print("Total inventory value:", inventory_value(inventory))
```

Question 4: Number Analysis Tool

```
# Input numbers from user
numbers_input = input("Enter numbers separated by commas: ")
numbers = [int(num.strip()) for num in numbers_input.split(",")]
```

```
# Function to get even numbers
def even_numbers(nums):
    return [n for n in nums if n % 2 == 0]
# Function to get odd numbers
def odd_numbers(nums):
    return [n for n in nums if n % 2 != 0]
# Function to get prime numbers
def prime_numbers(nums):
   primes = []
   for n in nums:
        if n > 1 and all(n \% i != 0 \text{ for } i \text{ in range}(2, int(n**0.5)+1)):
            primes.append(n)
    return primes
# Calculations
results = {
    "sum": sum(numbers),
    "max": max(numbers),
    "min": min(numbers),
    "average": sum(numbers)/len(numbers),
    "even": even_numbers(numbers),
   "odd": odd_numbers(numbers),
    "prime": prime_numbers(numbers)
# Print results
for key, value in results.items():
    print(f"{key.capitalize()}: {value}")
```

Question 5: Flexible Task Logger (Decorator + *args, `kwargs`)**

```
import functools
# Decorator to log task execution
def task_logger(func):
   @functools.wraps(func)
   def wrapper(*args, **kwargs):
       print(f"\nStarting task: {func.__name__}")
       print(f"Arguments: {args}")
       print(f"Keyword Arguments: {kwargs}")
       result = func(*args, **kwargs)
       print(f"Finished task: {func.__name__}}")
       return result
    return wrapper
# Task functions
@task_logger
def send_email(recipient, subject):
    print(f"Email sent to {recipient} with subject '{subject}'")
@task_logger
def generate_report(name, pages=1):
   print(f"Report '{name}' generated with {pages} pages")
@task_logger
def backup_files(*files):
   print(f"Backing up files: {files}")
# Test the functions
```