

Python types of errors

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When writing code in Python, you may encounter errors that prevent your program from running properly. These errors fall into three main categories: syntax errors, runtime errors, and logic errors. In this pdf, i'll try to explain each type of error.

1. Syntax Errors:

What It Is:

Syntax errors are like grammatical mistakes in a sentence. They occur when the code does not follow the rules of the Python language. The Python interpreter detects these errors before the program is executed.

When It Occurs:

During the parsing phase, before the program runs.

Examples:

Missing Colon (: at the end of a conditional sentence

```
if x == 5
    print("x is 5")
```

Error Message:

```
SyntaxError: invalid syntax
```

Mismatched Parentheses (in built in function Print()

```
print("Hello, World!")
```

Error Message:

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

2. Runtime Errors (Exceptions):

What It Is:

Runtime errors occur when the program is running. These errors are not detected during the parsing phase but arise when the program tries to perform an invalid operation.

When It Occurs:

During the execution of the program.

Examples:

NameError: the variable `y` is not defined before we call it

```
print(y)
```

Error Message:

```
NameError: name 'y' is not defined
```

TypeError:

```
result = "5" + 3
```

Error Message:

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

IndexError: when you are trying to access an index that is out of range of our variable

```
my_list = [1, 2, 3]  
print(my_list[5])
```

Error Message:

```
IndexError: list index out of range
```

ZeroDivisionError: Division by zero is mathematically undefined.

```
result = 10 / 0
```

Error Message:

```
ZeroDivisionError: division by zero
```

KeyError: when you are trying to access a key that does not exist in the dictionary

```
my_dict = {"name": "Alice"}  
print(my_dict["age"])
```

Error Message:

```
KeyError: 'age'
```

FileNotFoundError: like you are trying to open file that does not exist

```
myFile = open("C:\\AI\\MohamedHamed.txt", "r")
```

Error Message:

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

AttributeError: like you are trying to use method with wrong object

```
my_list = [1, 2, 3]
my_list.append(4) # Correct
my_list.add(5)    # Incorrect
```

Error Message:

```
AttributeError: 'list' object has no attribute 'add'
```

***Note:** see the difference between **TypeError** and **AttributeError**

TypeError: Imagine you are trying to add an apple and a banana. That doesn't make sense, right? In Python, if you try to add a number (5) and a word ("hello"), Python gets confused because they are different types—just like an apple and a banana.

AttributeError: Imagine you have a toy car, and you tell it to "fly." But toy cars don't have wings! Python does the same thing—it gets confused when you ask something (like a list) to do something it wasn't designed to do. (read again and i hope you get it)

3. Logical Errors:

What It Is:

Logical errors occur when the program runs without crashing but produces incorrect results due to flawed logic.

When It Occurs:

During execution, but no exceptions are raised.

Examples:

Incorrect Formula:

```
def calculate_area(radius):  
    return 2 * 3.14 * radius #Logical error: formula for circumference instead of area
```

Error: the formula calculates the circumference of a circle instead of the area, even if we don't get an error, but that's still not our intention. the correct formula for area is `3.14 * radius ** 2`

Incorrect Condition:

```
def is_even(number):  
    return number % 2 != 0 # Logical error: checks for odd instead of even
```

Error: this checks for odd numbers instead of even.

Summary Table of Errors:

Error Type	Description	When It Occurs	Example
Syntax Error	Violation of Python's syntax rules.	Before execution, during parsing.	Missing colon, incorrect indentation.
Runtime Error	Errors during execution.	During execution.	NameError, TypeError, IndexError.
Logical Error	Code runs but produces incorrect results.	During execution, but no exceptions are raised.	Incorrect formula, loop logic, or condition.