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\* Demonstrate creating a new Exception so program will not end due to an error

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\* When creating an exception, it's Pythonic to create an Exception class that can be used for all exceptions within the project.

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\* Create a Base class exception for all of the exceptions used within the project, beng able to subclass off that base class to use for specific errors, and with all exceptions (parent and children) being able to take advantage of anything done in the base class, such as logging to a file.

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\* The class should end in 'Error'

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\* This way features can be incorporated across all exception handling

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\* The general 'Exception' object should be sub-classed within the created class.

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\* In creating an Exception class, override the \_\_init\_\_ method for that particular class

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\* Exception class will accept:

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\* 'self' to refer to the instance

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\* \*args for any number of positional arguements

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\* \*\*kwargs for any number of keyword arguements (pronounced k-w-args)

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nl = '\n'

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# Use time to timestamp log files with the time module

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from time import strftime, localtime # import the Time module to be able to format & obtain the current time. The strftime() function formats a time object. The localtime () function returns a time object

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# Base class for all errors in project code logs errors

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class ProjectBaseError(Exception): # Being a generic base class for other classes, it's Pythonic to not name any specific positional arguments

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def \_\_init\_\_(self, \*args, \*\*kwargs): # overriding the \_\_init\_\_ method, \*args, and \*kwargs

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if len(args) > 2 and args[2]: # If the length of the number of arguments is greater than 2, and, there is a third argument that has a true value (args[2]), then the variable logfile will be set to the args of 2 (args[2]) (the 3rd argument in the tuple of args)

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logfile = args[2] # This will allow a filename to be passed instead of using a default file, allowing a user to specify the file that will be used for logging.

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else:





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26 else:
27     logfile = __file__ + '.log' # If an argument is not passed for that file (the
                                # third argument), then the logfile variable will default to the special
                                # variable, __file__ which represents the filename of this file, lastly
                                # concatenating '.log' to it.
28     # Now there is a logfile, either with the default file name (except_class.py.log),
                                # or a filename passed as an argument
29     with open(logfile, mode='a') as logout: # use 'with' contacts to open the log
                                # file in a append mode as a file object named logout
30     # Then using the file object, logout, a write method can write a string that
                                # is a string of the string formatted time, or strftime
31     logout.write(str(strftime('%Y%m%d%H%M%S', localtime()) + '\t')) # formatted
                                # with year, month, day, hour, minute, second for the localtime() function
                                # which is the current time. Then a tab is written.
32     logout.write(str(self.__class__) + '\t') # writes this instance special
                                # attribte __class__, giving the name of the actual class causing the error,
                                # and write a following tab to the logout file
33     logout.write(str(args) + '\n') # since only primarily concerned with the
                                # 'args' list, use the logout file object to write the string of those args
                                # and a new line.
34
35 print(' 1st Try code block - Creating a simple class for error handling')
36 try: # to demonstrate working with the ProjectBaseError directly, there is a error
                                # handling block with a Try
37     raise ProjectBaseError('Demonstrating base class for project') # code will raise the
                                # ProjectBaseError with a message
38 except ProjectBaseError as exception: # uses the except to catch or handle the exception
                                # object named exception
39     print('Handling ProjectBaseError:', exception) # prints with the error details
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41 # Deriving a class based upon the parent class (ProjectBaseError) resulting in an error
                                # more specific to a project area
42 print(nl, '2nd Try code block - Deriving a class based upon the parent class
                                (ProjectBaseError) resulting in an error more specific to a project area')
43 class ProjectRequiredValueError(ProjectBaseError): # An error specific to the project
44     def __init__(self, message, requested_value, *args): # only need to override the
                                __init__ method in creating the class WHY?? 'self' represents the instance itself,
                                the first 'message' like argument, the 'requested_value' which is specific for
                                'ProjectRequiredValueError', and '*args' accepts any number of arguments that may
                                be passed
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be passed
self.requested_value = requested_value # the instance (self) itsef stores the
    request_value attribute with the requested_value (after the equal) that was
    used in creating the object
self.message = message # the instance stores a message attribute for the message
    passed when creating the object
ProjectBaseError.__init__(self, message, requested_value, *args) # using the
    parent class calling its special __init__ method with the same parameter list
    as above
48 try:
49     raise ProjectRequiredValueError('Missing value for first name', 'firstname') #
        raising this error with 2 parameters, the message and the requested_value
50 except ProjectRequiredValueError as exception: # when the except occurs, the except block
    for the specific error (ProjectRequiredValueError) as the exception object (exception)
51     print('Handling ProjectRequiredValueError:', exception.message) # access the
        instances message
52     print('Request value was:', exception.requested_value) # access the instances
        requested_value
53
54 print(nl, '3rd Try code block - similar to 2nd but with the addition of a log file')
55 ''' Because 'ProjectRequiredValueError' is a subclass of the 'ProjectBaseError', it still
    does logging operations each time an instance is created because the
    parent-special-__init__ method is called ('ProjectBaseError.__init__')
56 '''
57 try:
58     raise ProjectRequiredValueError('Missing value for last name', 'lastname',
        'lastname.log') # # raising this error with 3 parameters, the message, the
        requested_value, and a log-file-entry.
59     ''' When this instance is created, the 3rd parameter is passed in ('def __init__(self,
        *args, **kwargs)'), and the 'args[2]' in the ProjectBaseError uses this filename
        as the logfile instead of the default file name. '''
60 except ProjectRequiredValueError as exception: # when the except occurs, the except block
    for the specific error (ProjectRequiredValueError) as the exception object (exception)
61     print('Handling ProjectRequiredValueError:', exception.message,
        exception.requested_value) # access the instances message
62     # NOTE: ?? THIS NEXT LINE IS NOT PRINTING, AND THE PREVIOUS LINE IS NOT PRINTING A
        COMPLETE MESSAGE (('Missing value for last name', 'lastname', 'lastname.log'))
        WHY??
63     print('Request value was:', exception.requested_value) # access the instances
        requested_value
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