

### Breaking Software





## Software tends not to break much on the happy path.

It breaks when there's unexpected input. Malicious users.
Systems going down.

When you're off in the wilderness.



# Logic Errors The logic of the program is incorrect.

```
if (age < 35) {
    System.out.println("You can president!");
} else {
    System.out.println("Wait a few years...");
}</pre>
```



#### Off-By-One Errors

A subset of logic errors where values are specified incorrectly by one unit.

```
if (age > 35) {
    System.out.println("You can president!");
} else {
    System.out.println("Wait a few years...");
}
```



# Rounding / Floating Point Errors Rounding or floating point give incorrect results.

```
double oneVal = 1.0 / 857.0;
double total = oneVal * 857.0;
System.out.println("Should be 1.0, actually = " + total);
boolean areEqual = (total == 1.0);
System.out.println("Are equal? " + areEqual);
```



#### Integration Errors

Errors at boundaries between systems/subsystems.

```
int startDistanceInKilometers = 14;
spacecraft.setDistance(startDistanceInKilometers);
...
public class Spacecraft
public void setDistance(int distanceInMiles) {
    ...
}
```



#### **Errors of Assumption**

The developer or system makes an assumption which turns out to be incorrect or at odds with other assumptions.

OutputFile.write(TAB\_DELIMITED);

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InputFile.read(COMMA\_DELIMITED);



#### Missing Data Errors

An error occurs because needed data is missing and the system cannot operate properly without it.

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    System.out.println(args[3]);
}
```



#### **Bad Data Errors**

System cannot handle improperly formatted or invalid data.

Enter two numbers to divide: 7 0
Exception in thread "main"
java.lang.ArithmeticException: / by zero



### Display Errors

The data is correct but not displayed properly.

double pi = Math.PI;
System.out.printf("Pi is equal to exactly... %.1f!", pi);



# Null Pointer Error The program dereferences a null pointer.

```
String oneILove = null;
oneILove = oneILove.toUpperCase();
System.out.printf(
"This one goes out to the one I love," + oneILove);
```



#### Network / File / I/O Error

The system encounters an unexpected state of disk, network, or other I/O and cannot handle it.

```
try {
  // read in file
} catch (FileNotFoundException e) {
  // AAAGH WHAT DO I DO
  System.exit(1);
}
```



#### **Configuration Errors**

The system could work correctly, but it was not configured to work correctly.

'javac' is not recognized as an internal or external command, operable program or batch file.



#### The list goes on...

Accessibility errors...

Domain-specific errors...

Version mismatch errors...

Distributed system errors...

Interface errors...

Logging errors...

Regulatory errors...

etc. etc.



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