

Lesson Summary

This lesson covers additional Python simple statements beyond **expressions**, **assignments**, and **imports**. Specifically it introduces exceptions, raise statements to trigger exceptions, and assert statements to validate conditions.

Key points:

- Exceptions will stop execution of a program when an error occurs
- Raise statements **manually raise exception errors**
- Assert statements validate conditions, **raising errors if they fail**
- These mechanisms help handle errors and validate assumptions in code

Reflection Questions

1. What are some common exceptions you might encounter when writing Python code? *↳ Zero Division Error*
2. When might you want to manually raise an exception in your code? *↳ When we have defined a function but have not defined its behavior yet.*
3. How could you use assert statements to validate the inputs to a function? *↳ assert condition message*
4. What exception handling code could you add to make your programs more robust? *↳ Nope, it showed which is our mistake in this program*
5. Why is it useful to raise errors and handle exceptions in programming? *↳ defined which is type of error*

Challenges

1. Add a raise statement to throw a custom exception when invalid parameters are passed to a function
2. Use try/except blocks to catch errors and handle them gracefully
3. Validate numeric inputs to functions with assert statements
4. Research built-in Python exceptions and choose ones relevant for a program you are writing
5. Handle possible exceptions from importing external libraries or modules

Code Examples

```
1  import pandas as pd
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3  def analyze_series(s):
4      """Analyze pandas Series.
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6      Demonstrates assertions and exception handling.
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9      # Validate inputs
10     assert isinstance(s, pd.Series), "Input must be a pandas Series"
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12     try:
13         # Attempt processing
14         mean = s.mean()
15         median = s.median()
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17     # Catch errors
18     except Exception as e:
19         # Manually raise exception
20         raise ValueError("Error analyzing series") from e
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22     # Assert reasonable results
23     assert (mean > 0) & (median > 0), "Mean and median are invalid!"
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25     return mean, median
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27 s = pd.Series([1, 2, 3])
28 analyze_series(s)
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