Python Object-Oriented Program with Libraries

Unit 2: I/O, File System and Exceptions

CHAPTER 1: EXCEPTIONS

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Topics

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- 2. Exception Handling
- 3. Exception Classes
- 4. Custom-Design Exceptions
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Overview for Exception Handling

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```
# oops.py
# ICS 32 Fall 2017
# Code Example
#
# This module contains a Python program that always crashes. Run this
# module and take a look at its output (a traceback). A valuable skill
# as a Python programmer is the ability to read a traceback and use it
# to help diagnose the cause of unexpected crashes.
def f():
    x = 3
    g(x)
def g(n):
   print(len(n))
if name == ' main ':
    f()
```

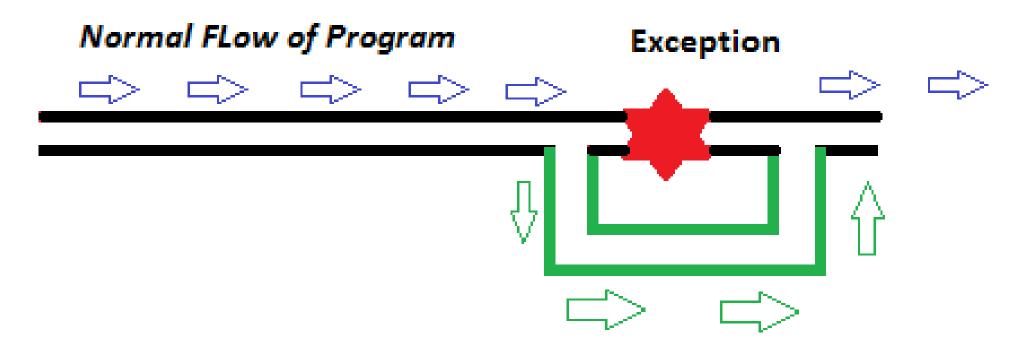
```
C:\Python\Python36\python.exe "C:/Eric Chou/Python Course/Python Object-Oriented Programming with Libraries/PyDev/U2 IO System/Chapter1/Exception/oops.py"
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "C:/Eric_Chou/Python Course/Python Object-Oriented Programming with Libraries/PyDev/U2 IO System/Chapter1/Exception/oops.py", line 22, in <module>
   f()
  File "C:/Eric_Chou/Python Course/Python Object-Oriented Programming with Libraries/PyDev/U2 IO System/Chapter1/Exception/oops.py", line 14, in f
   g(x)
  File "C:/Eric_Chou/Python Course/Python Object-Oriented Programming with Libraries/PyDev/U2 IO System/Chapter1/Exception/oops.py", line 18, in g
   print(len(n))
TypeError: object of type 'int' has no len()
```



oops.py

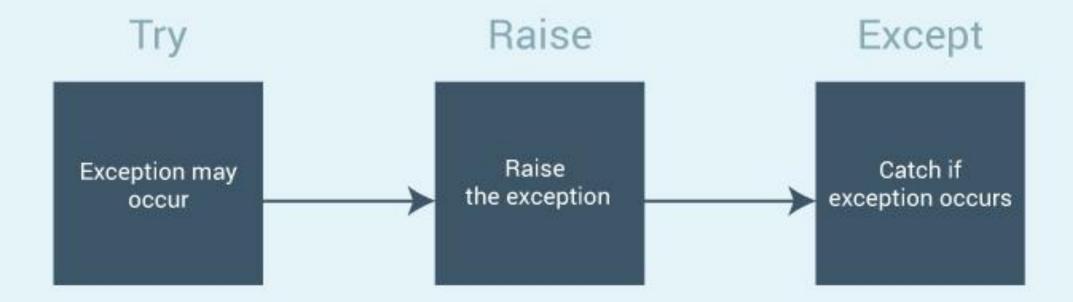
When you see a traceback like this, it's important to actually pay attention to what it says. Reading a traceback from the bottom up provides a lot of useful information, even if you don't quite understand the error message at first, because tracebacks don't only tell us what the error was, but also where the error occurred.

- The type of the exception exceptions are objects in Python, just like everything else is a TypeError.
- A more descriptive account of the problem is **object of type 'int' has no len()**. That's a hint that we were trying to get the length of an integer, but that integers have no length.
- The exception was actually raised by code in the function g(). (The traceback even shows us the code that's on the statement print(len(n)).)
- The function g() had been called by the function f().
- The function **f()** had been called by the "main" **if** statement.

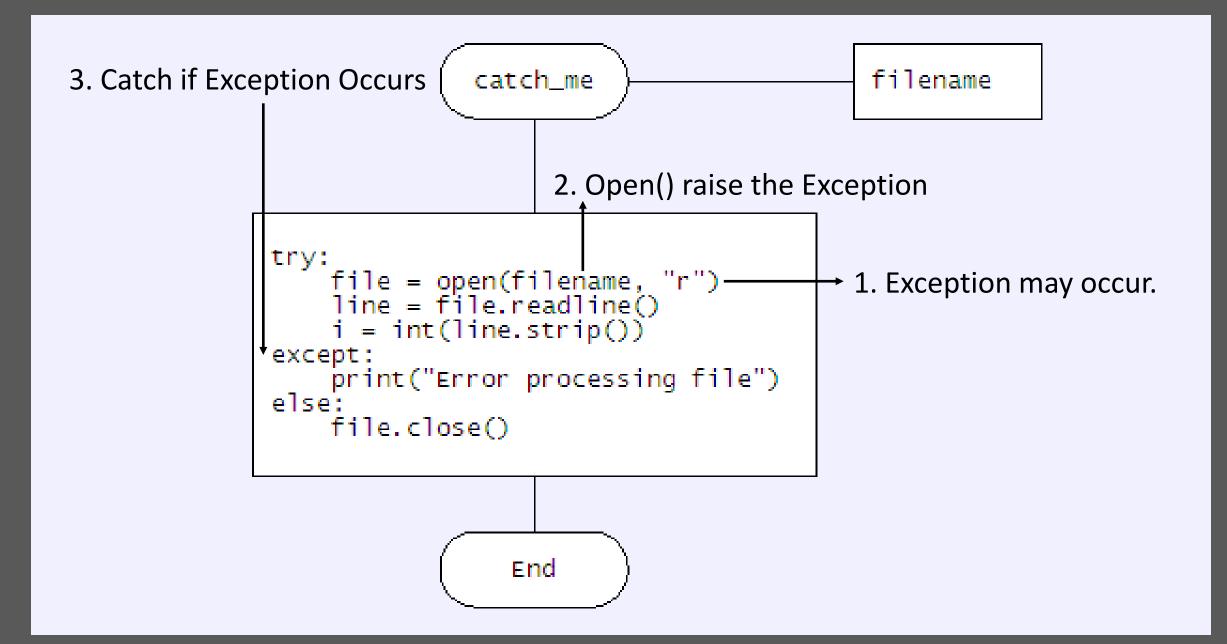


EXCEPTION HANDLING

Alternate way to continue flow of program



Exception handling in Python



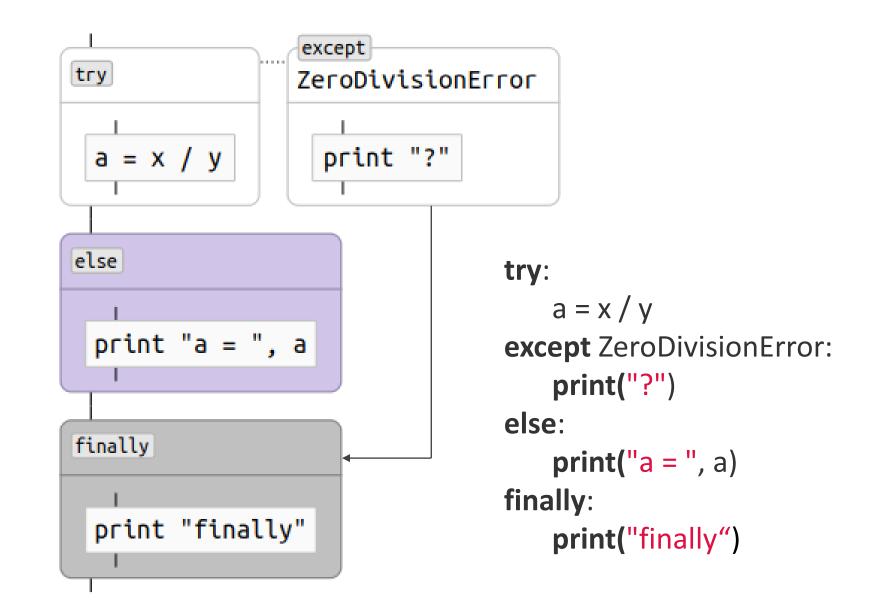


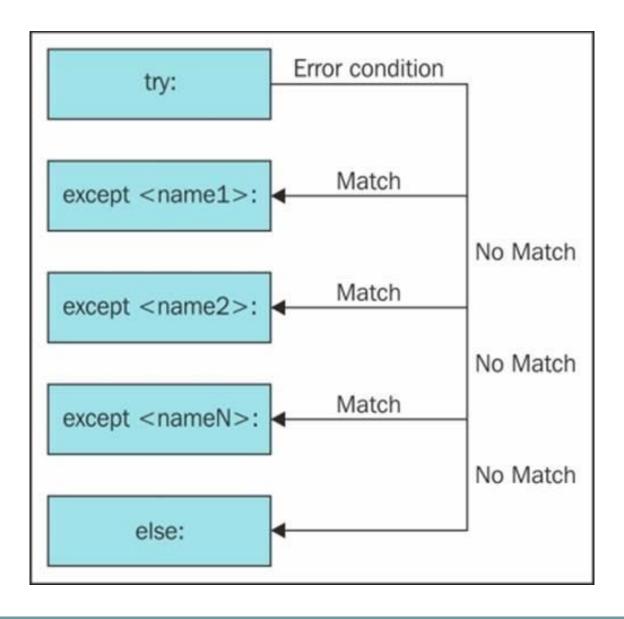
Understanding the difference between success and failure

In Python, when a **function** is called, it is being asked to do a job. Broadly speaking, just like in the case of sending your friend for coffee, there are two possible outcomes, even assuming the function has no bugs:

- •The function will **complete** its job successfully and return an object of a type you expect.
- •The function will **fail** to complete its job. Functions fail differently than they succeed in Python; rather than just returning an object that indicates failure, they don't return an object at all, but instead **raise an exception**.

Python: Try Except Else Finally







Catching an Exception

try:

statements that will be attempted once

if any exception is raised, control leaves the "try" clause immediately

except:

statements that will execute after any statement in the "try" clause raises an exception

else:

statements that will execute after leaving the "try", but only if no exception was raised

finally:

statements that will always execute after leaving the "try", whether an exception was raised or not note that these statements will happen after any in the "except" or "else" that also need to execute



Catching an Exception

There are a few combinations of these clauses that are legal; other combinations are illegal because they are nonsensical. (Think about why.) In both cases, the clauses must be listed in the order below:

- A try and a finally and nothing else
- A try, at least one except, (optionally) an else, and (optionally)
 a finally



Demo Program:

firstexception.py

Go PyCharm!!!

```
x = int(input("Enter the nominator: "))
y = int(input("Enter the denominator:"))

try:
    a = x / y
except ZeroDivisionError:
    print("?")
else:
    print("a = ", a)
finally:
    print("finally")
```

```
Enter the nominator: 4
Enter the denominator:0
?
finally

Enter the nominator: 3
Enter the denominator:3
a = 1.0
finally
```

Exception Handling

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Exception Handling

- •An exception is an **error** that happens during the execution of a program.
- •Exceptions are known to non-programmers as instances that do not conform to a general rule.
- •The name "exception" in computer science has this meaning as well: It implies that the problem (the exception) doesn't occur frequently, i.e. the exception is the "exception to the rule".
- •Exception handling is a construct in some programming languages to handle or deal with errors automatically.



Exception Handling

Catch-block (except) can be considered as a exception object receiving function.

- •Error handling is generally resolved by saving the state of execution at the moment the error occurred and interrupting the normal flow of the program to execute a special function or piece of code, which is known as the exception handler (a function receiving exception object).
- •Depending on the kind of error ("division by zero", "file open error" and so on) which had occurred, the error handler can "fix" the problem and the program can be continued afterwards with the previously saved data.



Exceptions

Exceptions are events that can modify the flow or control through a program.

They are automatically triggered on errors.

try/except: catch and recover from raised by you or Python exceptions

try/finally: perform cleanup actions whether exceptions occur or not

raise: trigger an exception manually in your code

assert: conditionally trigger an exception in your code



Exception Roles

Error handling

- Wherever Python detects an error it raises exceptions
- Default behavior: stops program.
- Otherwise, code try to catch and recover from the exception (try handler)

Event notification

Can signal a valid condition (for example, in search)

Special-case handling

Handles unusual situations

Termination actions

Guarantees the required closing-time operators (try/finally)

Unusual control-flows

A sort of high-level "goto"



Being careful about what kinds of exceptions you catch

- •Exceptions are Python objects; like all objects, they have a type.
- •An exception's type classifies what kind of failure occurred.
- •When you see a traceback, the exception's type is included in what's displayed, which helps you to understand what went wrong. For example, the last line of the traceback in the example above said this:

TypeError: object of type 'int' has no len()

- •In this case, the type of exception that was raised was one called TypeError, a type built into Python that represents a problem revolving around incompatibility of types with the operations you're trying to perform on them
- •There are other types of exceptions that are built into Python that you might have seen before, as well, such as **ValueError**, **NameError**, and **IndexError**; these represent other ways that functions can fail.



Catching only one type of exception

An except clause can specify a type of exception by simply listing its name after the word except.

```
def read_number_and_print_square() -> None:
    try:
        number = int(input())
        print('The square of the number you entered is {}'.format(number * number))
        except ValueError:
        print('That is not a number')
```

In this example, we're catching only the **one** type of exception that we reasonably expect might go wrong. The call to int() may fail if the user's input is something that can't be converted into an integer; if that's the case, it will raise a **ValueError**. So, here, we've handled just the **ValueError**. If we had misspelled the name of a variable or made any other minor mistake in writing this function, it would have manifested itself in a different kind of exception, one that this function does not know how to handle.



Example

```
Raise Built-in Exception Type
                                                                     #Note: except: is the
                                             Raise String Exception Type
                                                                     way to catch string
def division(x, y):
                                             def div(x, y):
                                                                      exception in python 3.x
     try:
                                                 try:
         return x/y
                                                      if y==0: raise "zero"
     except ZeroDivisionError:
                                                      return x/y
         print("division by zero")
                                                 except: print("ZERO")
                                            print(div(3, 4))
division(3, 0)
                                            div(3, 0)
print(division(5, 2))
                           exception01.py
                                                                  exception02.py
division(5, 0)
                                            Output:
Output:
division by zero
                                             C:\Python\Python36\python.exe
2.5
                                             0.75
division by zero
                                             ZERO
```



try/except/else

try:

#main code to run

except <name1>: #handler for exception

<blook of statements>

except <name2>,<data>: #handler for exception with outgoing parameter from raise function

<blook of statements>

except (<name3>,<name4>): #handler for exception

<blook of statements>

except: #handler for all exception (strong exception)

<blook of statements>

else: # optional, runs if no exception occurs

<blook of statements>



Universal except

except clauses with no type listed can handle **any** kind of exception, though these are somewhat dangerous in practice, because they'll handle every kind of problem the same way, meaning even a program bug will be handled the same way as the kinds of problems you expect.

```
def foo():
    return 14

def bar():
    b1 = 3 * foo()
    return bi

def example():
    try:
        answer = bar()
        print('The answer is {}'.format(answer))
    except:
    print('ERROR')
```



Example

```
>>>try:
     action()
    except NameError(): ...
   except IndexError(): ...
    except KeyError(): ...
    except (AttributeError,TypeError,SyntaxError):...
   else: ....
•General catch-all clause: add empty except.
•It may catch unrelated to your code system exceptions.
•It may catch exceptions meant for other handler (system exit)
```



try/else

else is used to verify if no exception occurred in **try**.

- •You can always eliminate *else* by moving its logic at the end of the *try* block.
- •However, if "else statement" triggers exceptions, it would be misclassified as exception in try block.



try/finally

 In try/finally, finally block is always run whether an exception occurs or not

try:

<blook of statements>

finally:

<blook of statements>

- Ensure some actions to be done in any case
- •It can not be used in the *try* with *except* and *else*.



Examples (finally): final message

```
print(3/0)

finally: print("finish")

finish

Traceback (most recent call last):

File "C:/Eric_Chou/Python Course/Python Object-Oriented Programming with Libraries/PyDev/U2 IO System/Chapter1/Exception/exception03.py", line 2, in <module>
print(3/0)

ZeroDivisionError: division by zero

Uncatched, unhandled exception.
```



Examples (finally): close file

```
exception04.py
ltry:
     f= open("data.txt", "r")
    print("file opened")
finally:
    f.close()
    print("file closed.")
     exception04
      C:\Python\Python36\python.exe
      file opened
      file closed.
```



raise

raise triggers exceptions explicitly (throw in Java)

```
raise <name>
raise <name>,<data> # provide data to handler
raise #re-raise last exception

>>>try:
    raise 'zero', (3,0)
    except 'zero': print("zero argument")
    except 'zero', data: print(data)
```

- •Last form may be useful if you want to propagate caught exception to another handler.
- •Exception name: built-in name, string, user-defined class



Example (Rethrow of Exception - Propagation)

```
C:\Python\Python36\python.exe "C:/Eric_Chou/Python Course/Python Object-Oriented Programming with Libraries/PyDev/U2 IO System/Chapter1/Exception/exception05.py"

Propagate

Traceback (most recent call last):

File "C:/Eric_Chou/Python Course/Python Object-Oriented Programming with Libraries/PyDev/U2 IO System/Chapter1/Exception/exception05.py", line 2, in <module>
raise KeyboardInterrupt

KeyboardInterrupt
```



exception06.py

assert

f(-3, -4)

assert is a **conditional** *raise*

```
assert x > 0, "x must be positve"
                                                                                          assert y < 0, "y must be negative"
              assert <test>, <data>
                                                                                          return v**x
              assert <test>
                                                                                      print(f(4, -3))
                                                                                      f(-3, -4)
Traceback (most recent call last):
 File "C:/Eric Chou/Python Course/Python Object-Oriented Programming with Libraries/PyDev/U2 IO System/Chapter1/Exception/exception06.py", line 7, in <module>
 File "C:/Eric Chou/Python Course/Python Object-Oriented Programming with Libraries/PyDev/U2 IO System/Chapter1/Exception/exception06.py", line 2, in f
```

def f(x,y):

If <test> evaluates to false, Python raises AssertionError with the <data> as the exception's extra data.

assert x > 0, "x must be positve"

AssertionError: x must be positve



Exception Objects

String-based exceptions are any string object

```
myException = "String"

try:
    raise(myException) # need to use parentheses for python 3
    raise(myException) # to catch string exception, don't use "expect myException"

except:
    print("caught") exception07.py

Run exception07

    C:\Python\Python36\python.exe
    caught
```

Class-based exceptions are identified with classes. They also identify categories of exceptions.

- String exceptions are matched by object identity: is
- •Class exceptions are matched by superclass identity: except catches instances of the mentioned class and instances of all its subclasses lower in the class tree.



Class Exception Example

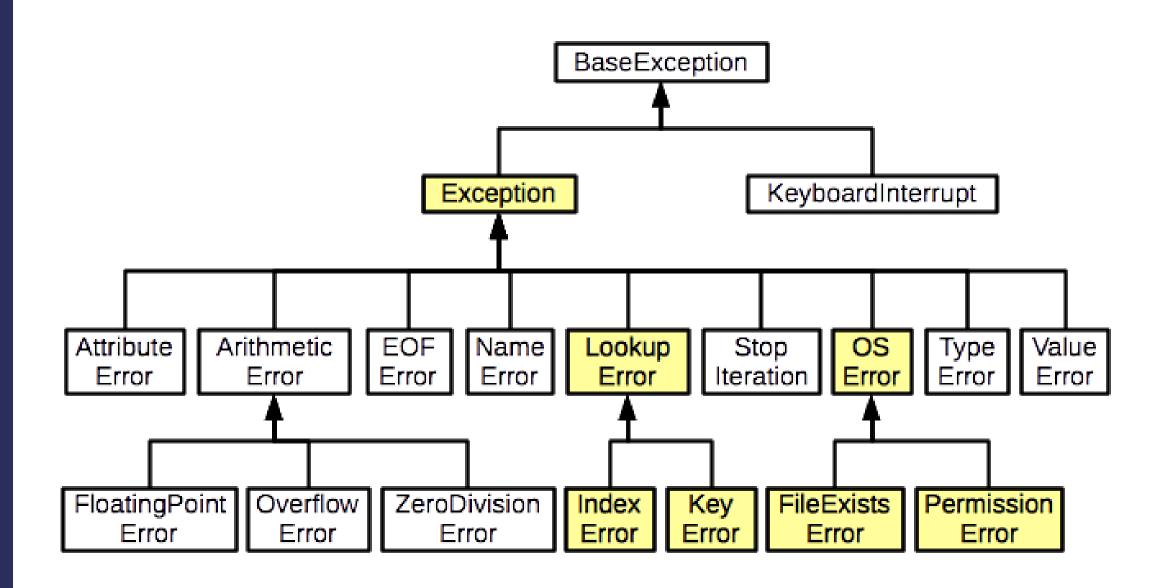
Any Exception class must Inherit BaseException

```
class General(BaseException):
    pass
class Specific1(General):
    pass
class Specific2(General):
    pass
def raiser0():
    X = General()
    raise(X)
def raiser1():
    raise (Specific1)
def raiser2():
    X = Specific2()
    raise(X)
for func in (raiser0, raiser1, raiser2):
    try: func()
    except General:
        import sys
        print('caught:', sys.exc info())
    except:
                                     exception08.py
        print("All other types")
```

```
caught: (<class '__main__.General'>, General(), <traceback object at 0x000001452F6785C8>)
caught: (<class '__main__.Specific1'>, Specific1(), <traceback object at 0x000001452F678648>)
caught: (<class '__main__.Specific2'>, Specific2(), <traceback object at 0x000001452F678608>)
```

Exception Classes

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Some exceptions

- The full list of exceptions is regrettably big.
- The exceptions also have a hierarchy. Some are special cases of general error, e.g. IndexError and KeyError are special cases of LookupError.

https://docs.python.org/3/library/exceptions.html

Some of the more important are:

IndexError sequence subscript out of range

KeyError dictionary key not found

ZeroDivisionError division by 0

ValueError value is inappropriate for the built-in function

TypeError function or operation using the wrong type

IOError input/output error, file handling

EOFError end-of-file error



BaseException

Excéption

ArithmeticError LookupError ImportError

ZeroDivisionError KéyError

IndexError

SystemExit

KeyboardInterrupt



Error Type ValueError:

Demo Program: valueerror.py

Output:

```
Please enter an integer: IOMega
No valid integer! Please try again ...
Please enter an integer: 3
Great, you successfully entered an integer!
```



Error ZeroDivisionError:

Demo Program: zerodivision.py

```
print("Three")
                             zerodivision.py
                                                       Output:
value = 10 / 2
                                                      Three
print("Two")
value = 10 / 1
                                                      Two
print("One")
                                                      One
d = 0
                                                      Error: division by zero
try:
                                                      Ignore to continue ...
   # This division has problem, divided by 0.
                                                      Let's qo!
   # An error has occurred here (ZeroDivisionError).
   value = 10 / d
   print("value = ", value)
except ZeroDivisionError as e:
    print("Error: ", str(e))
   print("Ignore to continue ...")
print("Let's go!")
```



Multiple Exception Classes

- •A try statement may have more than one except clause for different exceptions. But at most one except clause will be executed.
- •Our next example shows a try clause, in which we open a file for reading, read a line from this file and convert this line into an integer. There are at least two possible exceptions:
 - IOError
 - ValueError



Error Type IOError and ValueError:

Demo Program: iovalue.py

```
import sys
                                                           Output:
                                            iovalue.py
try:
    f = open('integers.txt')
                                                            Note:
    s = f.readline()
                                                            10Error: file not found
    i = int(s.strip())
except IOError as e:
                                                            IOError as e:
    errno, strerror = e.args
    print("I/O error({0}): {1}".format(errno, strerror))
    # e can be printed directly without using .args:
    # print(e)
except ValueError:
    print("No valid integer in line.")
                                                            example.
except:
    print("Unexpected error:", sys.exc_info()[0])
    raise
```

```
C:\Python\Python36\python.exe "C:/Eric Chou
I/O error(2): No such file or directory
ValueError: data format mismatch
  e is the exception object which you can
  obtain exception related information.
strip() is the same function as .trim() in Java
```

Multiple Exception types are caught in this



Combined Multiple Exception Detection

An except clause may name more than one exception in a tuple of error names, as we see in the example below:

Output:

```
C:\Python\Python36\python.exe
An I/O error or a ValueError occurred
```

```
f = open('integers.txt')
    s = f.readline()
    i = int(s.strip())

except (IOError, ValueError):
    print("An I/O error or a ValueError occurred")

except:
    print("An unexpected error occurred")
    raise
```

iovalue2.py



Exceptions Happen in Functions

Demo Program: functionException.py

We want to demonstrate now, what happens, if we call a function within a try block and if an exception occurs inside the function call:

```
functionException.py
                      def f():
                           x = int("four")
                        try:
                           f()
                       except ValueError as e:
                           print("got it :-) ", e)
                       print("Let's get on")
Output:
     got it :-) invalid literal for int() with base 10: 'four'
     Let's get on
```



Exceptions Happen in Functions Demo Program: functionException3.py

Finding the exception handling locally and globally.

functionException3.py

```
def f():
         try:
             x = int("four")
         except ValueError as e:
             print("got it in the function :-) ", e)
             raise
                              Exception handled by local handler in f()
     try:
         f()
     except ValueError as /e:
         print("got it :-) ", e)
     print("Let's get on")
             ^\prime And, also by global handler outside of f()
Output:
     got it in the function :-) invalid literal for int() with base 10: 'four'
     got it :-) invalid literal for int() with base 10: 'four'
     Let's get on
```



Exceptions Happen in Functions Demo Program: functionException4.py

Finding the exception handling only globally (by propagation). functionException4.py

```
def f():
    try:
        | x = int("four")
        except ValueError as e:
        | raise
    try:
        f()
    except ValueError as e:
        print("got it :-) ", e)
    print("Let's get on")

Output:
    got it :-) invalid literal for int() with base 10: 'four'
    Let's get on
```

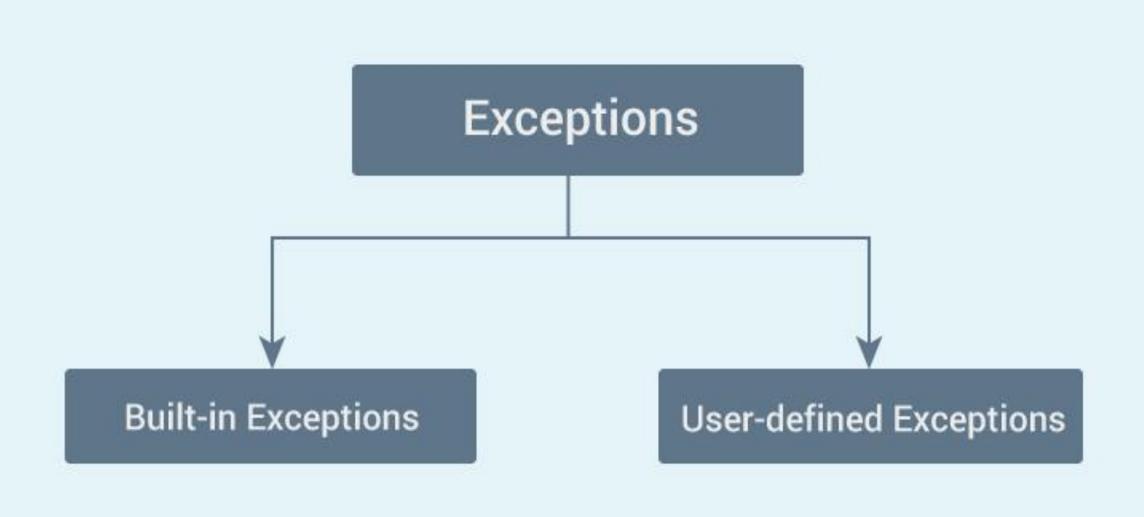


About Exception Handling

- 1. Special exception handler for each exception type can be used.
- 2. Exception can be re-raised and handled by upper functional level.
- 3. Exception handler can be at local level, global level, multiple level or no handler.
- 4. If no exception handler, Python default exceptional description will show up.

Custom-Defined Exceptions

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Built-in Exception Classes

Exception – top-level root superclass of exceptions.

StandardError – the superclass of all built-in error exceptions.

ArithmeticError – the superclass of all numeric errors.

OverflowError – a subclass that identifies a specific numeric error.

- >>>import exceptions
- >>>help(exceptions)



Custom-made Exceptions

Demo Program: custom1.py

It's possible to create Exceptions yourself: (Create one **SyntaxError** exceptional object)

```
raise SyntaxError("Sorry, my fault!")

C:\Python\Python36\python.exe "C:/Eric_Chou/Python Course/
Traceback (most recent call last):
   File "C:/Eric_Chou/Python Course/Python Object-Oriented
    raise SyntaxError("Sorry, my fault!")
SyntaxError: Sorry, my fault!
```



Custom-made Exceptional Object

Demo Program: custom2.py

Simple Exceptional Object:

```
class MyException(Exception):
    pass

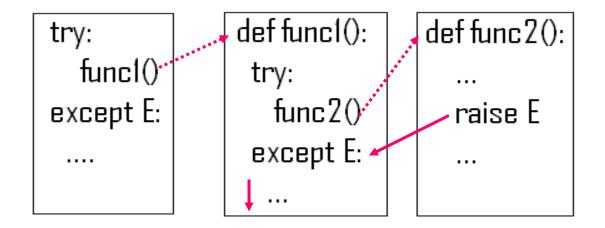
raise MyException("An exception doesn't always prove the rule!")

Traceback (most recent call last):
    File "C:/Eric_Chou/Python Course/Python Object-Oriented Programming raise MyException("An exception doesn't always prove the rule!")
    _main__.MyException: An exception doesn't always prove the rule!
```

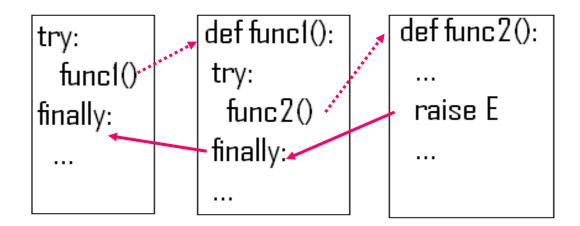
Advanced Topics I: finally, Re-throwing, and Chained Exception Handling



Nesting Exception Handlers



Once the exception is caught, it's life is over. (Unless it is raised again.)



finally does not kill exception – just specify code to be run on the way out.

```
def func3():
    try:
        print("Tried Function 3")
        x = 9 / 0
    except:
        print("Handled in Except 3")
def func2():
    try:
        print("Tried Function 2")
        func3()
    except:
        print("Handled in Except 2")
def func1():
    try:
        print("Tried Function 1")
        func2()
    except:
        print("Handled in Except 1")
def main():
    try:
        print("Tried Function main()")
        func1()
    except:
        print("Handled in Except main()")
if name == " main ":
    main()
```

Output:

```
Tried Function main()
Tried Function 1
Tried Function 2
Tried Function 3
Handled in Except 3
```

```
def func3():
    try:
        print("Tried Function 3")
        x = 9 / 0
    except:
        print("Forwarded in Except 3")
        raise
def func2():
    try:
        print("Tried Function 2")
        func3()
    except:
        print("Forwarded in Except 2")
        raise
def func1():
    try:
        print("Tried Function 1")
        func2()
    except:
        print("Handled in Except 1")
def main():
    try:
        print("Tried Function main()")
        func1()
    except:
        print("Handled in Except main()")
if name == " main ":
    main()
```

Output:

```
Tried Function main()
Tried Function 1
Tried Function 2
Tried Function 3
Forwarded in Except 3
Forwarded in Except 2
Handled in Except 1
```

```
def func3():
    try:
        print("Tried Function 3")
      x = 9 / 0
    finally:
       print("In finally 3")
def func2():
    try:
        print("Tried Function 2")
        func3()
    finally:
       print("In finally 2")
def func1():
    try:
        print("Tried Function 1")
        func2()
    finally:
       print("In finally 1")
def main():
    try:
        print("Tried Function main()")
       func1()
    finally:
       print("In finally main()")
if name == " main ":
    main()
```

Output:

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
Tried Function main()
Tried Function 1
Tried Function 2
Tried Function 3
In finally 3
In finally 2
In finally 1
In finally main()
  File "C:/Eric Chou/Python Course/Python
   main()
  File "C:/Eric Chou/Python Course/Python
    func1()
  File "C:/Eric Chou/Python Course/Python
   func2()
  File "C:/Eric Chou/Python Course/Python
    func3()
  File "C:/Eric Chou/Python Course/Python
   x = 9 / 0
ZeroDivisionError: division by zero
```

nestedfinally.py

Advanced Topics II: File Input Preprocessing



Exception Idioms

•All errors are exceptions, but not all exceptions are errors. It could be signals or warnings (warnings module)

```
f = open("data.txt", "r")
                               eof.py
i=0
while True:
    try:
        a = int(f.readline())
    except ValueError:
        break
    else:
        i += 1
        print("Line ", i, ": ", a)
f.close()
```

Output:

```
Line 1 : 1
Line 2 : 2
Line 3 : 3
Line 4 : 4
Line 5 : 5
Line 6 : 6
Line 7 : 7
Line 8 : 8
Line 9 : 9
Line 10 : 10
```

While-loop using ValueError to Detect EOF

eof.py

```
f = open("data.txt", "r")
i=0
while True:
    try:
        a = int(f.readline())
    except ValueError:
        break
    else:
        i += 1
        print("Line ", i, ": ", a)
f.close()
```

While-loop using readline() returned Boolean value to Detect EOF

```
eof2.py

f = open("data.txt", "r")
i=0
a = f.readline()

while a:
    i+=1
    print("Line ", i, ": ", int(a))
a = f.readline()
f.close()
```

Using try-except and EOFError, for-loop and readlines()

eof3.py

```
f = open("data.txt", "r")
i=0
try:
    for a in f.readlines():
        i += 1
        print("Line ", i, ": ", int(a))
except EOFError:
    pass
f.close()
```

Output:

```
Line 1: 1
Line 2: 2
Line 3: 3
Line 4: 4
Line 5: 5
Line 6: 6
Line 7: 7
Line 8: 8
Line 9: 9
Line 10: 10
```

Notes:

- readlines() function is used to read all of the lines in the file f into a list.
- **a** is an item picked from the list
- **EOFError** is an Exception type. It will happen.



doWhileInput.py

Input Format Checking by Try-Except Block

```
done = False
while not done:
    try:
        num = int(input("Enter an integer (or exit): "))
        print("%d is a valid integer." % num)
    except ValueError:
        done = True
Output:
  Enter an integer (or exit): 3
  3 is a valid integer.
  Enter an integer (or exit): 4
  4 is a valid integer.
  Enter an integer (or exit): 5
  5 is a valid integer.
  Enter an integer (or exit): exit
```



Exception Design Tips

- •Operations that commonly fail are generally wrapped in *try* statements(file opens, socket calls).
- •However, you may want failures of such operations to kill your program instead of being caught and ignored if the failure is a show-stopper. Failure = useful error message.
- •Implement termination in try/finally to guarantee its execution.
- •It is sometimes convenient to wrap the call to a large function in a single *try* statement rather than putting many try statements inside of the function.

Chapter Program

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Demo Program: line_count.py

Try **usdeclar.txt** for this example.

This program is similar to our eof series program. Just take a look.

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Click on this red button if you want to terminate the execution.

```
C:\Python\Python36\python.exe "C:/Eric_Chou/
What file? usdeclare.txt
Failed to open the file successfully
What file? usdeclar.txt
176 line(s) in usdeclar.txt
What file?

What file?
```