Error Handling

Syntax, Index, Key, Type, Value, Name Errors



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Definitions and Examples

What is an Error?



- Every programmer encounters errors
- Encountering errors and exceptions can be very frustrating at times
- Once you know why you get certain types of errors, they become much easier to fix
- There are (at least) two distinguishable kinds of errors
 - Syntax errors
 - Exceptions

Example: Errors



 Syntax errors, also known as parsing errors, are perhaps the most common kind of complaint you get while you are still learning Python

The parser displays an 'arrow' pointing at the earliest point where an error was detected

What is an Exception?



 Even if a statement or expression is syntactically correct, it may cause an error when an attempt is made to execute it

 Errors detected during execution are called exceptions

When an exception is not handled it results in error messages

Example: Exception



```
>>> 10 * (1/0)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
ZeroDivisionError: division by zero
>>> 4 + spam*3
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
NameError: name 'spam' is not defined
>>> '2' + 2
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
TypeError: Can't convert 'int' object to str implicitly
```



Common Error Types

Definitions and Examples

Syntax Error



- A certain statement is not in accordance with the prescribed usage
- It is the most common reason of an error in a Python program

```
>>> print "hello"
SyntaxError: Missing parentheses in call to 'print'.
Did you mean print("hello")?
```

Index Error



IndexError is thrown when trying to access an item at an invalid index

```
>>> L1=[1,2,3]
>>> L1[3]
Traceback (most recent call last):
File "<pyshell#18>", line 1, in <module>
L1[3]
IndexError: list index out of range
```

Key Error



KeyError is thrown when a key is not found

```
>>> D1={'1':"aa", '2':"bb", '3':"cc"}
>>> D1['4']
Traceback (most recent call last):
File "<pyshell#15>", line 1, in <module>
D1['4']
KeyError: '4'
```

Type Error



 TypeError is thrown when an operation or function is applied to an object of an inappropriate type

```
>>> '2'+2
Traceback (most recent call last):
File "<pyshell#23>", line 1, in <module>
'2'+2
TypeError: must be str, not int
```

Value Error



ValueError is thrown when a function's argument is of an inappropriate type

```
>>> int('xyz')
Traceback (most recent call last):
File "<pyshell#14>", line 1, in <module>
int('xyz')
ValueError: invalid literal for int() with base 10: 'xyz'
```

Name Error



NameError is thrown when an object could not be found

```
>>> age
Traceback (most recent call last):
File "<pyshell#6>", line 1, in <module>
age
NameError: name 'age' is not defined
```

Problem: So Many Exceptions



- You will be provided with a code that raises many exceptions
- Fix the code, so it works properly

```
numbers_list = input().split(", ")
result = 0
for i in range(numbers_list):
   number = numbers_list[i + 1]
   if number < 5:
      result *= number
   elif number > 5 and number > 10:
      result /= number
print(result)
```

```
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
```

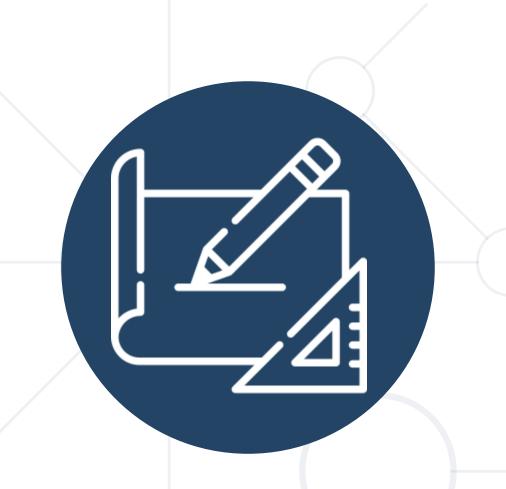


```
0.003968253968253968
# 1*2*3*4*5/6/7/8/9/10
```

Solution: So Many Exceptions



```
numbers_list = [int(x) for x in input().split(", ")]
result = 1
for i in range(len(numbers_list)):
    number = numbers_list[i]
    if number <= 5:</pre>
        result *= number
    elif number > 5 and number <= 10:
        result /= number
print(result)
```



Custom Exceptions

Exceptions Serving Certain Purpose

Custom Exceptions



- Sometimes you may need to create custom exceptions that serves your purpose
- In Python, users can define such exceptions by creating a new class

 Derived from the

Derived from the Exception class

Raising the Exception

class CustomError(Exception):
 pass

raise CustomError

User-Defined Exceptions



 Here we illustrate how user-defined exceptions can be used in a program to raise errors

```
# define Python user-defined exceptions
class Error(Exception):
   """Base class for other exceptions"""
   pass
class ValueTooSmallError(Error):
   """Raised when the input value is too
small"""
num = int(input())
if num < 10:
   raise ValueTooSmallError
```



Problem: Value Cannot Be Negative



- Create your own exception called
 ValueCannotBeNegative
- Write a program that reads five numbers from the console (on separate lines)
- If a negative number occurs, raise the exception

Solution: Value Cannot Be Negative



```
class ValueCannotBeNegative(Exception):
    """Number is below zero"""
    pass
for i in range(5):
    number = int(input())
    if number < 0:
        raise ValueCannotBeNegative
```





Catching Exceptions

Try-Except-Finally

Catching Exceptions



It is possible to write programs that handle selected exceptions

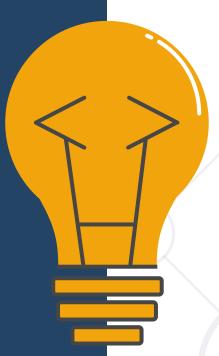
```
while True:
    try:
    x = int(input("Please enter a number: "))
    break
    except ValueError:
        print("Oops! That was no valid number. Try again...")
```

 We handle only ValueError, so if other error occurs, the error message will show up anyway

The Try Statement



- The Try statement works as follows
 - The try clause is executed
 - If no exception occurs, the except clause is skipped
 - If the type of the exception matches, the except clause is executed
 - If the exception does not match, the exception is unhandled, and execution stops with a message



The Except Statement



 An Except clause may name multiple exceptions as a parenthesized tuple, for example

```
except (RuntimeError, TypeError, NameError):
    pass
```

 If some of these exceptions occur, the body of the except statement will be executed

The Finally Statement



- If a finally clause is present, the finally clause will execute as the last task before the try statement completes
- The finally clause runs whether or not the try statement produces an exception

```
try:
    x = int("Peter")
except ValueError:
    print("Cannot convert str to int")
finally:
    print("Finally block")
```



Cannot convert str to int Finally block

Catching the Exception Object



 If you wanted to examine the exception, you can do it using the following syntax

```
try:
    x = int(input())
except ValueError as error:
    print(error)
```



Catching Multiple Exceptions



- Sometimes, you want to catch all errors that could possibly be generated, but usually you don't
- In most cases, you want to be as specific as possible

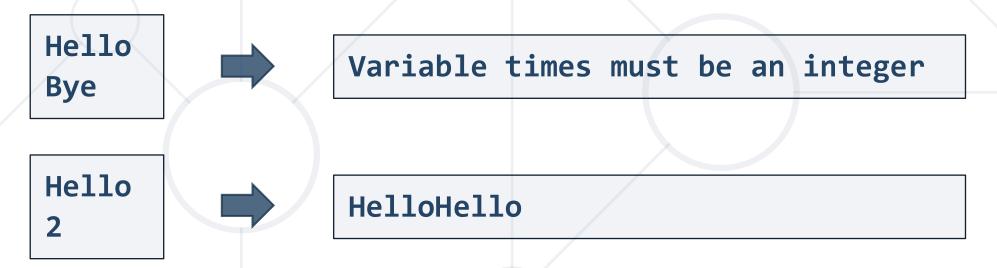
```
try:
    # some code
except ValueError:
    # handle the error
except TypeError:
    # handle the error
```



Problem: Repeat Text



- Write a program that receives text on the first line and times (to repeat the text) that must be an integer
- Invalid times should be handled with exception that prints a message "Variable times must be an integer"



Solution: Repeat Text



```
try:
    text = input()
    times = int(input())
    print(text * times)

except ValueError:
    print("Variable times must be an integer")
```



Summary



- Errors are the result of bad code
- Errors detected during execution are called exceptions
- Syntax, Index, Key, Type, Value, Name errors
- We can build custom exceptions that serves our purpose
- Handling exceptions with Try-Except block





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