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part 1



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ask for **permission**?

- first, check **whether you can** do something
- then **if** you can, **perform** the operation
- **otherwise**, handle differently

```
if can_do_operation():  
    perform_operation()  
else:  
    handle_error_case()
```



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ask for **forgiveness**?

- don't ask for permission, **just do it**
- but be ready to **handle a potential error case**

```
try:  
    perform_operation()  
except ExceptionOperation:  
    handle_error_case()
```



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why is it like this in Python?

- anti-pattern of **coding style**
- less strict criteria
- simplification of code
- better performance

