# Lambda functions

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# Simple functions

```
def average(values):
    average_value = sum(values) / len(values)
    return average_value
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```

- Convention is to use `x` for a single argument
- The `expression` is the equivalent of the function body
- No `return` statement is required

- **Can** be stored as a variable

# Creating a lambda function

```
# Lambda average function
print(lambda x: sum(x) / len(x))
```

```
<function <lambda> at 0x7f11ab813d80>
```

```
# Custom average function
def average(x):
    return sum(x) / len(x)

print(average)
```

```
<function average at 0x7f11ab813ec0>
```

# Using lambda functions

```
# Get the average
(lambda x: sum(x) / len(x))
```

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```
# Get the average
(lambda x: sum(x) / len(x))([3, 6, 9])
```

```
# Print the average
print((lambda x: sum(x) / len(x))([3, 6, 9]))
```

```
6.0
```

# Storing and calling a lambda function

```
# Store lambda function as a variable
average = lambda x: sum(x) / len(x)

# Call the average function
print(average([3, 6, 9]))
```

```
6.0
```

# Multiple parameters

```
# Lambda function with two arguments
power = lambda x, y: x**y

# Raise 2 to the power of 3
print(power(2, 3))
```

```
8
```

# Lambda functions with iterables

- `map()` applies a function to **all** elements in an iterable

```
names = ["john", "sally", "leah"]
# Apply a lambda function inside map()
capitalize = map(lambda x: x.capitalize(), names)
print(capitalize)
```

```
<map object at 0x7fb200529c10>
```

```
# Convert to a list
print(list(capitalize))
```

```
['John', 'Sally', 'Leah']
```

# Custom vs. lambda functions

| Scenario | Function Type |
|---|---|
| Complex task | Custom |
| Same task several times | Custom |
| Performed once | Lambda |
| Simple task | Lambda |

# Let's practice!

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# Introduction to errors

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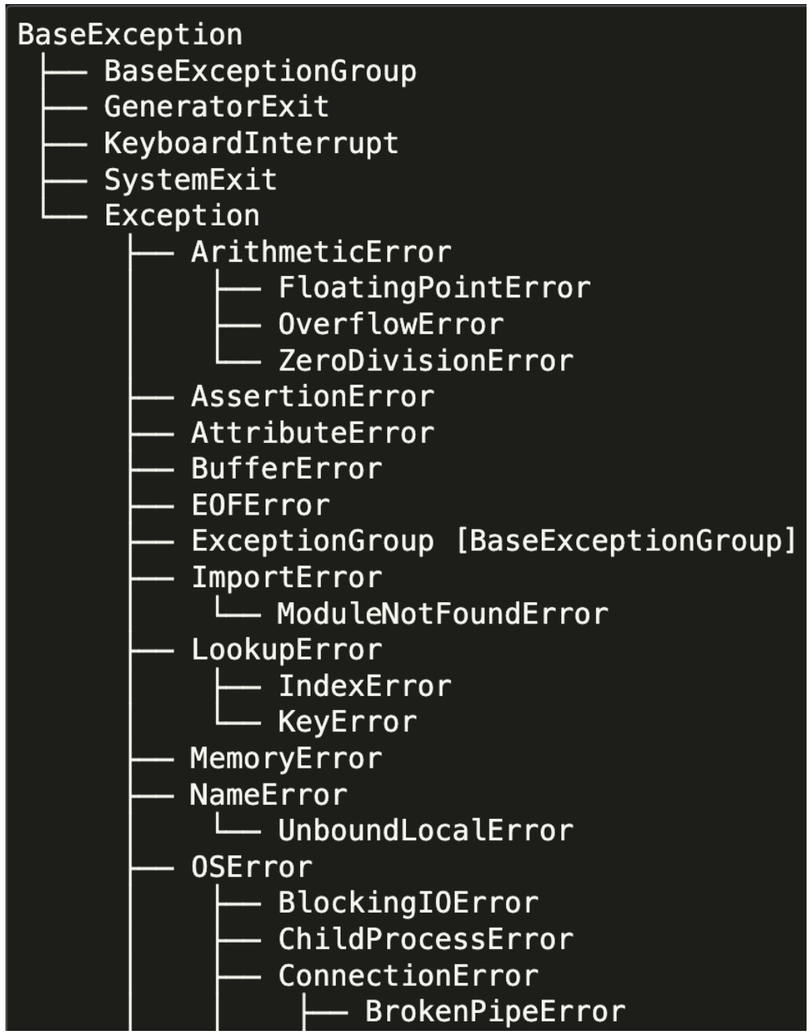
# What is an error?

- Code that violates a rule
- Error = Exception
- Cause our program to terminate!




[1] https://docs.python.org/3/library/exceptions.html#exception-hierarchy

# TypeError

- Incompatible data type

```
"Hello" + 5
```

```
---------------------------------------------------------------------------
TypeError                                 Traceback (most recent call last)
Cell In[1], line 1
----> 1 "Hello" + 5

TypeError: can only concatenate str (not "int") to str
```

# ValueError

```
float("Hello")
```

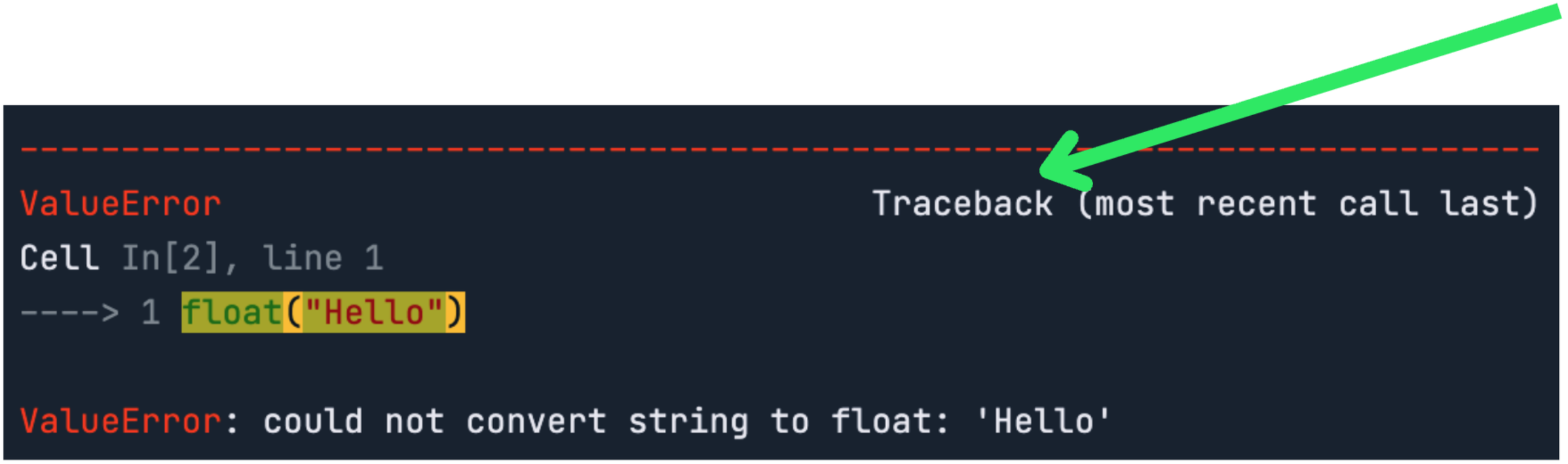
```
---------------------------------------------------------------------------
ValueError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
Cell In[2], line 1
----> 1 float("Hello")

ValueError: could not convert string to float: 'Hello'
```

```
float("2")
```

```
2.0
```

- The value is not within an acceptable range

# Tracebacks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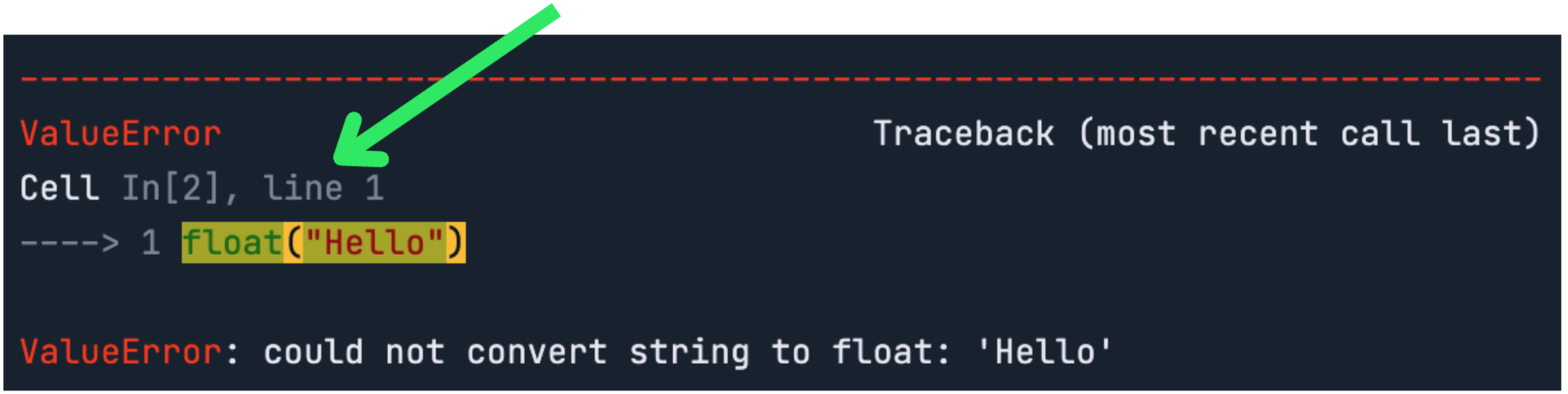

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# Code in packages

- Packages contain other people's code, e.g., custom functions
- Known as source code
- `pip install <package>` downloads source code to our local environment
- The pandas' `pd.read_csv()` function executes the code written for that custom function behind the scenes

# Tracebacks from packages

```
# Import pandas package
import pandas as pd

# Create pandas DataFrame
products = pd.DataFrame({"ID": "ABC1",
                         "price": 29.99})

# Try to access the non-existent "tag" column
products["tag"]
```

# Tracebacks from packages

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# Error handling

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# Pandas traceback

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- `except` , `raise`
- Try to anticipate how errors might occur

# Design-thinking

- How might people use our custom function?
- Test different approaches
- Find what errors might occur

# Error handling in custom functions

```
def average(values):
    # Calculate the average
    average_value = sum(values) / len(values)
    return average_value
```

# Where might they go wrong?

- `average()` expects a list or set
- Provide more than one argument 
- Use the wrong data type 

# Where might they go wrong?

```
sales_dict = {"cust_id": ["JL93", "MT12", "IY64"],
              "order_value": [43.21, 68.70, 82.19]}
print(average(sales_dict))
```

```
---------------------------------------------------------------------------
TypeError                                 Traceback (most recent call last)
Cell In[5], line 4
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      2               "order_value": [43.21, 68.70, 82.19]}
----> 4 average(sales_dict)

Cell In[4], line 3, in average(values)
      1 def average(values):
      2     # Calculate the average
----> 3     average_value = sum(values) / len(values)
      4     return average_value

TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for +: 'int' and 'str'
```

# Previous error-handling

- Control flow `if`, `elif`, `else`
- Docstrings

# try-except

```
def average(values):
    try:
        # Code that might cause an error
        average_value = sum(values) / len(values)
        return average_value
    except:
        # Code to run if an error occurs
        print("average() accepts a list or set. Please provide a correct data type.")
```

# raise

```
def average(values):
    # Check data type
    if type(values) in (list, set):
        # Run if appropriate data type was used
        average_value = sum(values) / len(values)
        return average_value
```

# raise

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        raise
```

# raise TypeError

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    else:
        # Run if an Exception occurs
        raise TypeError("average() accepts a list or set, please provide a correct data type.")
```

# raise TypeError output

```
print(average(sales_dict))
```

```
---------------------------------------------------------------------------
TypeError                                 Traceback (most recent call last)
Cell In[19], line 11
      7     else:
      8         # Run if an Exception occurs
      9         raise TypeError("average() accepts a list or set, please provide a correct data type.")
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Cell In[19], line 9, in average(values)
      6     return average_value
      7 else:
      8     # Run if an Exception occurs
----> 9     raise TypeError("average() accepts a list or set, please provide a correct data type.")

TypeError: average() accepts a list or set, please provide a correct data type.
```

# try-except vs. raise

`try` - `except`

- Avoid errors being produced
- Still execute subsequent code

`raise`

- Will produce an error
- Avoid executing subsequent code

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# Chapter 1 recap

- Built-in functions:
  - `print()`, `help()`, `type()`
  - `max()`, `min()`, `sum()`
  - `len()`, `round()`, `sorted()`
- Modules:
  - `string`, `os`
- Packages:
  - `pandas`

# Chapter 2 recap

```
# Create a custom function
def average(values):
    # Calculate the average
    average_value = sum(values) / len(values)

    # Round the results
    rounded_average = round(average_value, 2)

    # Return rounded_average as an output
    return rounded_average
```

# Chapter 2 recap

```
# Create a custom function
def average(values, rounded=False):
    # Round average to two decimal places if rounded is True
    if rounded == True:
        average_value = sum(values) / len(values)
        rounded_average = round(average_value, 2)
        return rounded_average
    # Otherwise, don't round
    else:
        average_value = sum(values) / len(values)
        return average_value
```

# Chapter 2 recap

```
def average(values):
    """
    Find the mean in a sequence of values and round to two decimal places.

    Args:
        values (list): A list of numeric values.

    Returns:
        rounded_average (float): The mean of values, rounded to two decimal places.
    """
    average_value = sum(values) / len(values)
    rounded_average = round(average_value, 2)
    return rounded_average
```

# Chapter 2 recap

```
# Use arbitrary positional arguments
def average(*args):
    average_value = sum(args) / len(args)
    rounded_average = round(average_value, 2)
    return rounded_average

# Use arbitrary keyword arguments
def average(**kwargs):
    average_value = sum(kwargs.values()) / len(kwargs.values())
    rounded_average = round(average_value, 2)
    return rounded_average
```

# Chapter 3 recap

- `lambda arguments: expression`

```
names = ["john", "sally", "leah"]

# Apply a lambda function inside map()
capitalize = map(lambda x: x.capitalize(), names)

# Convert to a list
print(list(capitalize))
```

```
['John', 'Sally', 'Leah']
```

# Chapter 3 recap

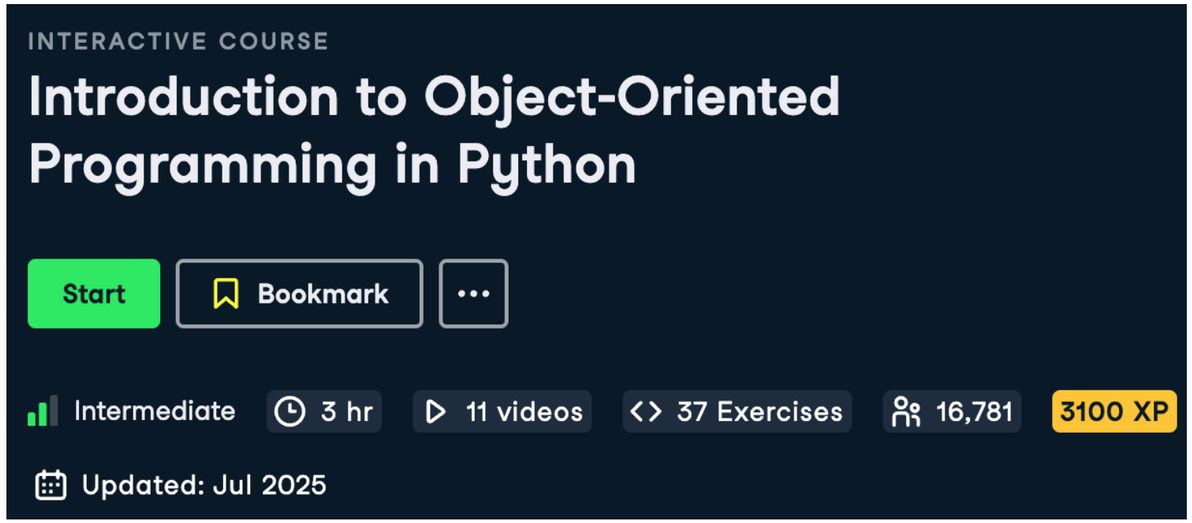
```
---------------------------------------------------------------------------
ValueError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
Cell In[2], line 1
----> 1 float("Hello")

ValueError: could not convert string to float: 'Hello'
```

- `try`
- `except`
- `raise`

# Next steps

- More built-in functions:
  - `zip()`
  - `input()`
  - `reduce()`
  - `filter()`
- More packages and modules:
  - `time`
  - `venv`
  - `requests`
  - `fastapi`

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