

Bomb Defuser Game - Complete Guide

A Python debugging game where players defuse bombs by fixing code errors. Perfect for learning Python programming and debugging skills!



Installation & Setup

Prerequisites

- Python 3.8 or higher
- pip (Python package manager)

Step 1: Install Dependencies

```
bash  
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

Required packages:

- `PyQt5==5.15.10` - GUI framework
- `PyQt5-svg==5.15.6` - SVG support for graphics
- `Pygments==2.17.2` - Syntax highlighting
- `PyInstaller==6.3.0` - For creating executable (optional)

Step 2: Test Installation

Run the test script to verify all components work:

```
bash  
python test_game.py
```




You should see:

```
✓ ALL TESTS PASSED - Game should work correctly!
```

Step 3: Launch the Game

```
bash
```

How to Play

1. **Start Screen:** Click "  START GAME" to begin
2. **Game Interface:**
 - **Left Panel:** Code editor with broken Python code
 - **Right Panel:** Bomb with 4 colored wires and countdown timer
3. **Your Mission:** Fix the broken code to defuse the bomb before time runs out!
4. **Submit Code:** Click "  TEST CODE" to validate your solution
5. **Success:** All 4 wires get cut when you fix all bugs correctly
6. **Failure:** Timer expires = bomb explodes! Use "  RESTART LEVEL" to try again

Game Features

- **10 Progressive Levels:** From basic syntax to advanced statistics
- **Hint System:** Hints appear when 80% of timer has elapsed
- **Error Feedback:** Shows specific errors when code fails validation
- **Wire Cutting Animation:** Visual feedback for successful solutions

Level Guide & Solutions

Level 1: Quadratic Discriminant

Difficulty: Beginner | **Timer:** 60 seconds

Problem: Calculate discriminant of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

Line	Broken Code	Issue	Correct Code
2	<code>def calculate_discriminant(a, b, c)</code>	Missing colon	<code>def calculate_discriminant(a, b, c):</code>

Level 2: Linear Equation Solver

Difficulty: Beginner | **Timer:** 90 seconds

Problem: Solve linear equation $ax + b = 0$

Line	Broken Code	Issue	Correct Code
9	<pre>print(f"{a}x + {b} = 0 => x = {solution}")</pre>	Missing closing parenthesis	<pre>print(f"{a}x + {b} = 0 => x = {solution}")</pre>

Level 3: Prime Number Checker

Difficulty: Beginner | Timer: 120 seconds

Problem: Check if a number is prime

Line	Broken Code	Issue	Correct Code
5	<pre>for i in range(2, int(n**0.5) + 1)</pre>	Missing colon	<pre>for i in range(2, int(n**0.5) + 1):</pre>

Level 4: Greatest Common Divisor

Difficulty: Intermediate | Timer: 180 seconds

Problem: Find GCD using Euclidean algorithm

Line	Broken Code	Issue	Correct Code
-	No actual errors	Testing validation	Code is already correct

Note: This level tests the validation system with correct code

Level 5: Fibonacci Sequence

Difficulty: Intermediate | Timer: 240 seconds

Problem: Generate Fibonacci numbers

Line	Broken Code	Issue	Correct Code
12	<pre>fib_seq = [next_fib]</pre>	Replacing list instead of appending	<pre>fib_seq.append(next_fib)</pre>

Level 6: Statistical Calculations

Difficulty: Intermediate | Timer: 300 seconds

Problem: Calculate mean, median, and variance

Line	Broken Code	Issue	Correct Code
16	<code>n == len(sorted_nums)</code>	Equality operator instead of assignment	<code>n = len(sorted_nums)</code>
23	<code>return sorted_nums[n//2 + 1]</code>	Wrong median index for odd length	<code>return sorted_nums[n//2]</code>
32	<code>return sum(squared_diffs) / (len(numbers) - 1)</code>	Sample variance instead of population	<code>return sum(squared_diffs) / len(numbers)</code>

Level 7: Matrix Operations

Difficulty: Advanced | **Timer:** 375 seconds

Problem: Perform matrix multiplication and transpose

Line	Broken Code	Issue	Correct Code
11	<code>C = [[0 for _ in range(rows_A)] for _ in range(cols_B)]</code>	Wrong result matrix dimensions	<code>C = [[0 for _ in range(cols_B)] for _ in range(rows_A)]</code>
16	<code>C[j][i] += A[i][k] * B[k][j]</code>	Swapped indices in assignment	<code>C[i][j] += A[i][k] * B[k][j]</code>
25	<code>transposed = [[0 for _ in range(cols)] for _ in range(rows)]</code>	Wrong transpose dimensions	<code>transposed = [[0 for _ in range(rows)] for _ in range(cols)]</code>
29	<code>transposed[i][j] = matrix[j][i]</code>	Swapped transpose indices	<code>transposed[j][i] = matrix[i][j]</code>

Level 8: Standard Deviation Calculator

Difficulty: Advanced | **Timer:** 450 seconds

Problem: Calculate population standard deviation and Z-scores

Line	Broken Code	Issue	Correct Code
6	<code>variance = sum(squared_diffs) / (len(numbers) - 1)</code>	Sample variance instead of population	<code>variance = sum(squared_diffs) / len(numbers)</code>
23	<code>z_scores = [(x - mean) / variance for x in numbers]</code>	Using variance instead of std_dev	<code>z_scores = [(x - mean) / std_dev for x in numbers]</code>
49	<code>print(f" Z-scores: {[round(z, 2) for z in z_scores]}")</code>	Missing closing bracket	<code>print(f" Z-scores: {[round(z, 2) for z in z_scores]}")</code>
Missing	No division by zero check	Missing defensive programming	Add <code>if std_dev == 0: return [0] * len(numbers)</code>

Level 9: Correlation Coefficient

Difficulty: Advanced | **Timer:** 525 seconds

Problem: Calculate Pearson correlation coefficient

Line	Broken Code	Issue	Correct Code
21	<code>numerator = sum((x - mean_x) * y - mean_y for x, y in zip(x_values, y_values))</code>	Missing parentheses in calculation	<code>numerator = sum((x - mean_x) * (y - mean_y) for x, y in zip(x_values, y_values))</code>
26	<code>denominator = (sum_sq_x + sum_sq_y)**0.5</code>	Wrong correlation formula	<code>denominator = (sum_sq_x * sum_sq_y)**0.5</code>
73	<code>print(f" Correlation: {[r:.4f if r else 'None']}")</code>	Wrong bracket type	<code>print(f" Correlation: {r:.4f if r else 'None'})</code>

Level 10: Advanced Statistics Suite

Difficulty: Expert | **Timer:** 600 seconds

Problem: Complete statistical analysis class with multiple bugs

Line	Broken Code	Issue	Correct Code
15	<code>self.mean = sum(self.data) / self.n</code>	Division by zero risk	<code>self.mean = self.calculate_mean() if self.n > 0 else 0</code>
19	<code>self.std_dev = math.sqrt(self.variance)</code>	Using potentially invalid variance	<code>self.std_dev = math.sqrt(self.variance) if self.variance >= 0 else 0</code>
31	<code>divisor = self.n if sample else self.n - 1</code>	Inverted sample/population logic	<code>divisor = self.n - 1 if sample else self.n</code>
42-45	<code>python
for x in self.data:
for _ in range(1): # unnecessary
result += ((x - self.mean) / self.std_dev) ** 3</code>	Unnecessary nested loop in skewness	<code>python
cubed_diffs = [(x - self.mean) / self.std_dev) ** 3 for x in self.data]
return sum(cubed_diffs) / self.n</code>
54-57	<code>python
for x in self.data:
for _ in range(2): # double counting!
result += ((x - self.mean) / self.std_dev) ** 4</code>	Nested loop double-counts values	<code>python
fourth_diffs = [(x - self.mean) / self.std_dev) ** 4 for x in self.data]
return (sum(fourth_diffs) / self.n) - 3</code>
75	<code>return sorted_data[lower_index] * weight + sorted_data[upper_index] * (1 - weight)</code>	Reversed interpolation weights	<code>return sorted_data[lower_index] * (1 - weight) + sorted_data[upper_index] * weight</code>
82	<code>if self.n < 2:</code> missing in <code>confidence_interval</code>	No edge case handling	<code>if self.n < 2 or self.std_dev == 0: return (self.mean, self.mean)</code>
22	<code>return sum(self.data) / self.n</code> in <code>calculate_mean</code>	Division by zero risk	<code>return sum(self.data) / self.n if self.n > 0 else 0</code>
28	<code>if divisor == 0:</code> check placement	Wrong condition handling	<code>if self.n < 2: return 0</code> (before divisor calculation)
37	Missing <code>if self.std_dev == 0 or self.n < 2:</code> in skewness	No edge case handling	Add <code>if self.std_dev == 0 or self.n < 2: return 0</code>
48	Missing <code>if self.std_dev == 0 or self.n < 2:</code> in kurtosis	No edge case handling	Add <code>if self.std_dev == 0 or self.n < 2: return 0</code>
64-66	Missing single-element handling in <code>percentile</code>	Index out of bounds risk	Add <code>if self.n == 1: return sorted_data[0]</code>

Tips for Success

General Debugging Strategy

1. **Read the Error Messages:** They often point to the exact problem
2. **Check Syntax First:** Missing colons, parentheses, brackets
3. **Understand the Algorithm:** Know what the code should accomplish
4. **Test Edge Cases:** Consider empty lists, single elements, zero values
5. **Use Print Statements:** Add debugging output to understand data flow

Common Python Bugs by Category

Syntax Errors (Levels 1-3):

- Missing colons after function definitions and loops
- Missing closing parentheses or brackets
- Typos in keywords

Logic Errors (Levels 4-6):

- Wrong operators (`=` vs `==`)
- Incorrect index calculations
- Off-by-one errors in loops

Mathematical Errors (Levels 7-10):

- Sample vs population formulas
- Swapped variables in calculations
- Missing edge case handling

Level-Specific Hints

Level 6: Remember that median calculation differs for odd vs even length arrays **Level 7:** Pay attention to matrix dimension ordering (rows × columns) **Level 8:** Population variance divides by N, sample variance by N-1 **Level 9:** Correlation requires proper parentheses in the numerator calculation **Level 10:** Class-based code needs defensive programming for edge cases

Troubleshooting

Common Installation Issues

PyQt5 Installation Problems:

```
bash
```

```
# Try installing with specific version
```

```
pip install PyQt5==5.15.10
```

```
# On Ubuntu/Debian, might need system packages
```

```
sudo apt-get install python3-pyqt5
```

Import Errors:

- Make sure you're in the correct directory with all game files
- Check that Python can find all modules: `python -c "import PyQt5; print('PyQt5 OK')"`

Game Issues

Game Won't Start:

1. Run `python test_game.py` to identify the problem
2. Check that all required files are present
3. Verify Python version: `python --version` (needs 3.8+)

Code Editor Not Working:






- Try clicking in the editor area to focus
- Make sure you're typing valid Python syntax
- Use the restart button if editor becomes unresponsive


Timer Issues:

- Hints appear at 80% of countdown time
- Timer is automatically doubled from original specs for better gameplay

Completion Certificate

Congratulations on defusing all 10 bombs! You've mastered:

-  Python syntax debugging
-  Algorithm implementation
-  Mathematical programming
-  Statistical calculations
-  Object-oriented programming

-  Edge case handling

Share your achievement: "I successfully completed all 10 levels of the Bomb Defuser Python debugging game! 🎉"

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Happy debugging! 