

Coding for the Common Case (Controversial)

"Easier to Ask for Forgiveness than Permission" (EAFP)

vs. "Look Before You Leap" (LBYL)

Just open a file instead of checking that it exists first!

Handle exceptional cases with an except clause (or two)

Just pop an element; don't check that a list is nonempty!

Helps combat race conditions

Often a source of bugs if exceptional cases are forgotten!

Good Python: Custom Exceptions