

Python Programming

Exceptions

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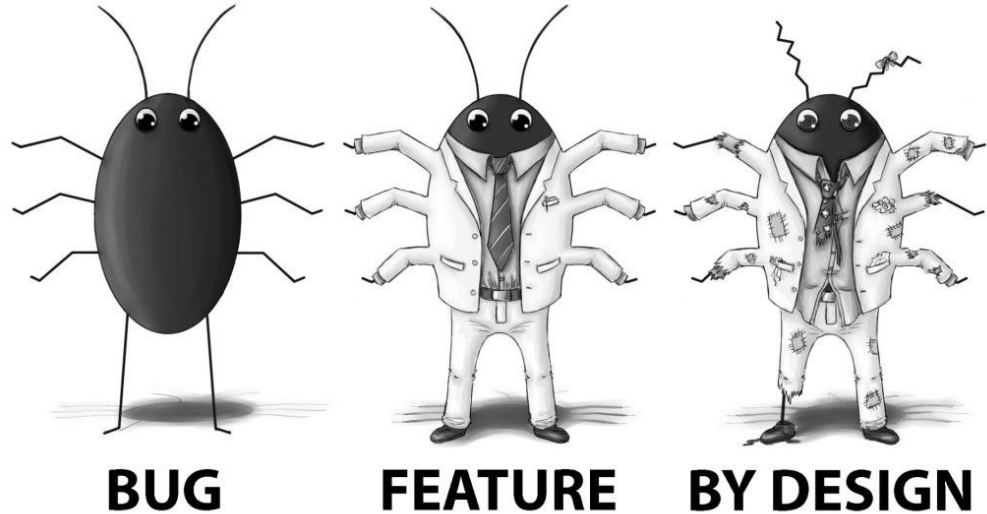
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Logical errors and Bugs

- We create several bugs
- Also users misuse apps
- Or just things go wrong unintentionally



Syntax Error vs Logical errors

- **Syntax Error:** You did not write the statements in the expected format
 - Parser is complaining. It occurs **before running** the program
 - E.g. Missing parentheses or indentation problem
 - Both of them in line 3 below

```
2 x = 1
3 print(x
4
```

- **Logical Error:** It occur at runtime (e.g. divide by zero, access invalid index)
 - We call them exceptions!
 - We have to properly handle them!

Logical Error

- We can't build **production code** this way
- Users will make errors
- Or hackers wanna get service down

```
2 def read_int(msg):
3     age = input(msg) # 'Hey'
4     age = int(age)
5     return age
6
7
8 age = read_int('Enter age: ')
9 print(age) # not reachable if RTE before it
10
11 """
12 Traceback (most recent call last):
13   File "01.py", line 4, in <module>
14     age = int(age)
15   ValueError: invalid literal for int() with base 10: 'Hey'
16 """
```

Blocking Errors

- When we develop applications, we may face conditions where we can't complete the function
 - Creating an array, but system rejects as no enough memory
 - Open a file, but system rejects due to file permissions
 - Network disconnection during a remote call
 - Payment system: pay a bill, but the money is a negative value!
 - Compute $\text{sqrt}(x)$, but x is negative!
 - Coding mistakes: access array out of the boundary
- We typically can't continue processing. We have to stop!
- Sometimes we can detect the problem, sometimes it just happens!
 - **How** can we communicate as possible the problem? Handle the error?

2 Major approaches

- Return error codes
 - Your function return some number to indicate results
 - E.g. zero for success, 1 for InvalidURL
 - This is not popular python approach.
- **Throwing & Handling Exception**
 - This is a programming language mechanism
 - We can stop processing by raising an exception
 - We can catch it and properly handle it
 - More common & safer
- Future reading: [Error codes vs exceptions](#)

Raising Exception

- You can raise errors by yourself
- **ValueError** is one of the built-in classes for exceptions
- Using this syntax you can **raise** exception that can **stop** the code
- Next: we learn how to **handle** the exception to NOT stop our app

```
def f(x):  
    if x < 0:  
        raise ValueError(f'{x} is negative value')  
    print(x / 2)  
  
if __name__ == '__main__':  
    f(-10)  
  
"""  
File "02.py", line 9, in <module>  
    f(-10)  
File "02.py", line 4, in f  
    raise ValueError(f'{x} is negative value')  
ValueError: -10 is negative value  
"""
```

“Acquire knowledge and impart it to the people.”

“Seek knowledge from the Cradle to the Grave.”