

Common Exceptions

We'll look at some common exceptions in Python

You have seen a few exceptions already. Here is a list of the most common built-in exceptions (definitions from the [Python documentation](#)):

- **Exception** (this is what almost all the others are built off of)
- **AttributeError** - Raised when an attribute reference or assignment fails.
- **IOError** - Raised when an I/O operation (such as a print statement, the built-in `open()` function or a method of a file object) fails for an I/O-related reason, e.g., “file not found” or “disk full”.
- **ImportError** - Raised when an import statement fails to find the module definition or when a **from ... import** fails to find a name that is to be imported.
- **IndexError** - Raised when a sequence subscript is out of range.
- **KeyError** - Raised when a mapping (dictionary) key is not found in the set of existing keys.
- **KeyboardInterrupt** - Raised when the user hits the interrupt key (normally Control-C or Delete).
- **NameError** - Raised when a local or global name is not found.
- **OSError** - Raised when a function returns a system-related error.
- **SyntaxError** - Raised when the parser encounters a syntax error.
- **TypeError** - Raised when an operation or function is applied to an object of inappropriate type. The associated value is a string giving details about the type mismatch.
- **ValueError** - Raised when a built-in operation or function receives an argument that has the right type but an inappropriate value, and the situation is not described by a more precise exception such as `IndexError`.
- **ZeroDivisionError** - Raised when the second argument of a

division or modulo operation is zero.

There are a lot of other exceptions as well, but you probably won't see them all that often. However, if you are interested, you can go and read all about them in the [Python documentation](#).