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19IT103 – COMPUTATIONAL THINKING AND PYTHON PROGRAMMING

- ❖ A readable, dynamic, pleasant, flexible, fast and powerful language

Objective

Files and exception: text files, reading and writing files, format operator; command line arguments, errors and exceptions, **handling exceptions**, modules, packages; Illustrative programs: word count, copy file, Voter's age validation, Marks range validation (0-100).

RECAP

A python program terminates as soon as it encounters an unhandled error. These errors can be broadly classified into two classes:

- Syntax errors
- Logical errors (Exceptions)

Python Exceptions Handling

Python provides two very important features to handle any unexpected error in your Python programs and to add debugging capabilities in them:

- **Exception Handling:** This would be covered in this session.
- **Assertions:** This would be covered in [Assertions in Python](#).

What is Exception?

- An exception is an event, which occurs during the execution of a program, that disrupts the normal flow of the program's instructions.
- In general, when a Python script encounters a situation that it can't cope with, it raises an exception. An exception is a Python object that represents an error.
- When a Python script raises an exception, it must either handle the exception immediately otherwise it would terminate and come out.

Handling an exception:

- If you have some *suspicious* code that may raise an exception, you can defend your program by placing the suspicious code in a **try:** block. After the try: block, include an **except:** statement, followed by a block of code which handles the problem as elegantly as possible.

Syntax:

try:

 You do your operations here;

except *Exception I*:

 If there is ExceptionI, then execute this block.

except *Exception II*:

 If there is ExceptionII, then execute this block.

else:

 If there is no exception then execute this block.

Here are few important points above the above mentioned syntax:

- A single try statement can have multiple except statements. This is useful when the try block contains statements that may throw different types of exceptions.
- You can also provide a generic except clause, which handles any exception.
- After the except clause(s), you can include an else-clause. The code in the else-block executes if the code in the try: block does not raise an exception.
- The else-block is a good place for code that does not need the try: block's protection.

Example:

```
try:
    fh = open("testfile", "w")
    fh.write("This is my test file for exception
    handling!!")
except IOError: print "Error: can\'t find file or read
    data"
else: print "Written content in the file successfully"
fh.close()
```

- This will produce following result:

```
Written content in the file successfully
```

The *except* clause with no exceptions:

You can also use the `except` statement with no exceptions defined as follows:

```
try:
```

```
    You do your operations here;
```

```
    .....
```

```
except:
```

```
    If there is any exception, then execute this block.
```

```
    .....
```

```
else:
```

```
    If there is no exception then execute this block.
```

This kind of a **try-except** statement catches all the exceptions that occur. Using this kind of try-except statement is not considered a good programming practice, though, because it catches all exceptions but does not make the programmer identify the root cause of the problem that may occur.

The *except* clause with multiple exceptions:

You can also use the same *except* statement to handle multiple exceptions as follows:

```
try:
```

```
    You do your operations here;
```

```
    .....
```

```
except (Exception1[, Exception2[,...ExceptionN]]):
```

```
    If there is any exception from the given exception  
    list, then execute this block
```

```
    .....
```

```
else:
```

```
    If there is no exception then execute this block.
```

Standard Exceptions:

Here is a list standard Exceptions available in Python: [Standard Exceptions](#)

The try-finally clause:

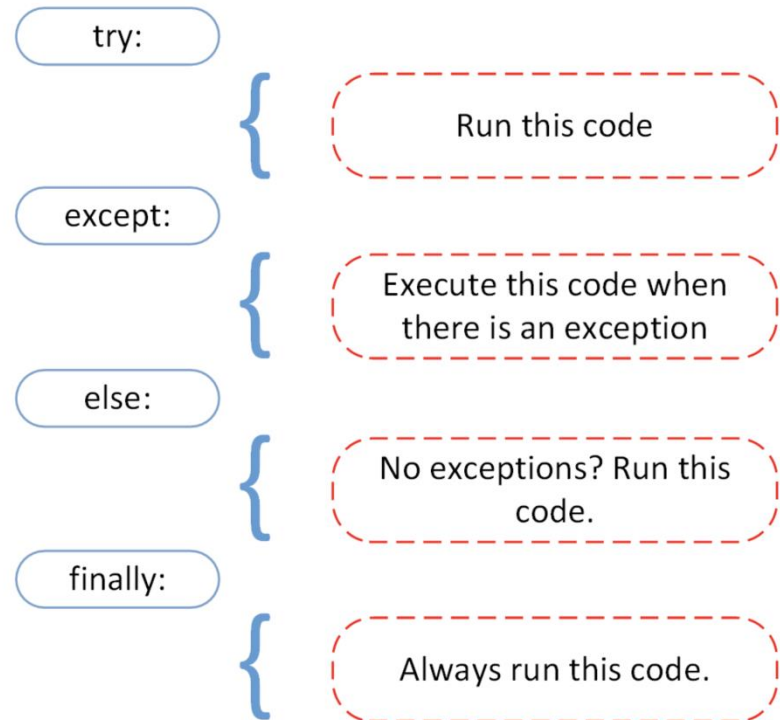
You can use a **finally:** block along with a **try:** block. The finally block is a place to put any code that must execute, whether the try-block raised an exception or not. The syntax of the try-finally statement is this:

```
try:
    You do your operations here;
    .....
    Due to any exception, this may be skipped.
finally:
    This would always be executed.
    .....
```

Note that you can provide except clause(s), or a finally clause, but not both. You can not use *else* clause as well along with a finally clause.

Handling Exceptions

Exceptions are handled
by special blocks



Before and After (Handling)

main.py

```
1 value1 = 10
2 value2 = 0
3 result = value1 / value2;
4 print("result:",result)
```

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```
> python main.py
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "main.py", line 3, in <module>
    result = value1 / value2;
ZeroDivisionError: division by zero
> |
```

main.py

```
1 value1 = 10
2 value2 = 0
3 try:
4     result = value1 / value2;
5 except ZeroDivisionError:
6     print("we can't divide by zero i am setting value2 as 1")
7     value2 = 1
8     result = value1 / value2;
9 print("result:",result)
```

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```
> python main.py
we can't divide by zero i am setting value2 as 1
result: 10.0
> |
```

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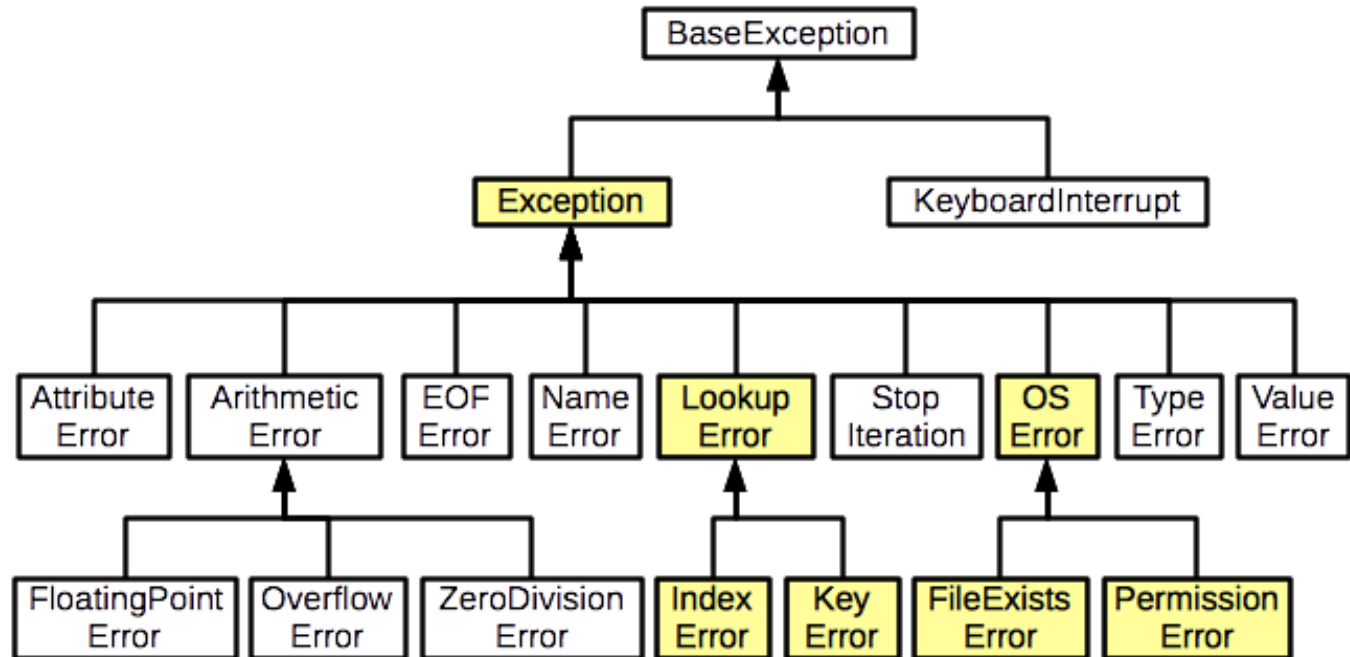
Critical block that may cause exception

Exception handling

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```
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we can't divide by zero i am seting value2 as 1
result: 10.0
> █
```

Python Exception Hierarchy



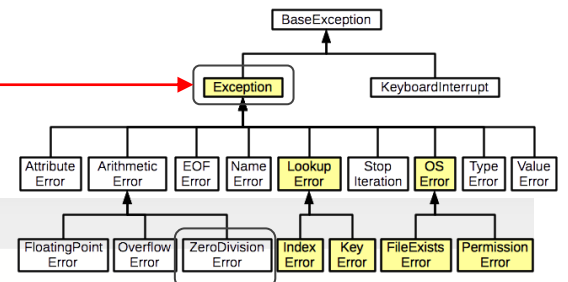
Exception hierarchy

```
main.py
1 value1 = 10
2 value2 = 0
3 result = -1
4 try:
5     result = value1 / value2;
6     except ZeroDivisionError:
7         print("we can't divide by zero i am setting value2 as 1")
8         value2 = 1
9         result = value1 / value2;
10    except Exception:
11        print("Exception occurred")
12    print("result:",result)
```

```
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❯ python main.py
we can't divide by zero i am setting value2 as 1
result: 10.0
❯
```

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12    print("result:",result)
```

```
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❯ python main.py
Exception occurred
result: -1
❯
```



Priority Matters

Raising an exceptions:

You can raise exceptions in several ways by using the raise statement. The general syntax for the **raise** statement.

Syntax:

```
raise [Exception [, args [, traceback]]]
```

- Here *Exception* is the type of exception (for example, `NameError`) and *argument* is a value for the exception argument. The argument is optional; if not supplied, the exception argument is `None`.
- The final argument, `traceback`, is also optional (and rarely used in practice), and, if present, is the traceback object used for the exception

Example:

```
def functionName( level ):
    if level < 1:
        raise "Invalid level!", level
    # The code below to this would not be executed
    # if we raise the exception
```


Raising Exception (normal case)

We can manually raise the exception using raise keyword.

Example - Compute per day salary for a month

```
main.py
1 total_salary = 20000
2 no_of_days_in_month = 31
3 perday_salary = -1
4 try:
5     perday_salary = total_salary/no_of_days_in_month
6 except ValueError:
7     print("Problem with no_of_days")
8     print("Enter days <1-31>:");
9     no_of_days_in_month = int(input())
10    perday_salary = total_salary/no_of_days_in_month
11    print("perday_salary:",perday_salary)
```

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```
> python main.py
perday_salary: 645.1612903225806
> 
```

Problem

main.py

```
1 total_salary = 20000
2 no_of_days_in_month = 34
3 perday_salary = -1
4 try:
5     perday_salary = total_salary/no_of_days_in_month
6 except ValueError:
7     print("Problem with no_of_days")
8     print("Enter days <1-31>:");
9     no_of_days_in_month = int(input())
10    perday_salary = total_salary/no_of_days_in_month
11    print("perday_salary:",perday_salary)
```

Not acceptable but

- No errors (syntactically correct)
- No Exceptions (Of Course we can divide by 34)

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```
❯ python main.py
perday_salary: 588.2352941176471
❯
```

Solution

```
1 total_salary = 20000
2 no_of_days_in_month = 34
3 perday_salary = -1
4 try:
5     if (perday_salary>0 and perday_salary<=31):
6         perday_salary = total_salary/no_of_days_in_month
7     else:
8         raise ValueError()
9 except ValueError:
10    print("Problem with no_of_days")
11    print("Enter days <1-31>:");
12    no_of_days_in_month = int(input())
13    perday_salary = total_salary/no_of_days_in_month
14    print("perday_salary:",perday_salary)
```

- Manually raising exception

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```
> python main.py
Problem with no_of_days
Enter days <1-31>:
30
perday_salary: 666.6666666666666
> []
```

User-Defined Exceptions:

- Python also allows you to create your own exceptions by deriving classes from the standard built-in exceptions.
- Here is an example related to *RuntimeError*. Here a class is created that is subclassed from *RuntimeError*. This is useful when you need to display more specific information when an exception is caught.
- In the try block, the user-defined exception is raised and caught in the except block. The variable `e` is used to create an instance of the class `Networkerror`.

```
class Networkerror(RuntimeError):  
    def __init__(self, arg):  
        self.args = arg
```

- So once you defined above class, you can raise your exception as follows:

```
try:  
    raise Networkerror("Bad hostname")  
except Networkerror,e:  
    print e.args
```

SUMMARY

An exception is an event, which occurs during the execution of a program, that disrupts the normal flow of the program's instructions.

- Handling Exceptions
- Raising an exceptions
- User-Defined Exceptions

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