

In Python, there are two kinds of errors: syntax errors and exceptions.

A <u>syntax error</u> is an error in the syntax of a sequence of characters or tokens that is intended to be written in a particular programming language.

e.g.

>>> while True print 'Hello world'

SyntaxError: invalid syntax

The other kind of errors in Python are exceptions.

Even if a statement or expression is syntactically correct, it may cause an error when an attempt is made to execute it.

Errors detected during execution are called <u>exceptions</u>. e.g.

```
>>> 10 * (1/0)
Traceback (most recent call last):
File "<pyshell#1>", line 1, in <module>
10 * (1/0)
```

ZeroDivisionError: integer division or modulo by zero

Standard Exceptions available in Python are

Exception, SystemExit,OverflowError, FloatingPointError, ZeroDivisonError, EOFError, KeyboardInterrupt, IndexError, IOError, SyntaxError, IndentationError, SystemExit, ValueError, TypeError, RuntimeError

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

```
try
Syntax:
try:
  You do your operations here
except ExceptionI:
  If there is ExceptionI, then execute this block.
except ExceptionII:
  If there is Exception II, then execute this block.
else:
  If there is no exception then execute this block.
e.g.
try:
 fh = open("testfile", "r")
  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")
```

<u>Debugging</u>

- "print line debugging"
- At various points in your code, insert print statements that log the state of the program
- You will probably want to print some strings with some variables
- You could just join things together like this:

```
>>>x=9
```

>>>print 'Variable x is equal to ' + str(x)

Output: Variable x is equal to 9

- ... but that gets unwieldy pretty quickly
- The format function is much nicer:

```
>>>x=3
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>>>y=4

>>>z=9

>>>print 'x, y, z are equal to $\{\}$, $\{\}$, $\{\}$ '.format(x,y,z)

Output: x, y, z are equal to 6, 4, 8

<u>Debugging</u>

- Python Debugger: pdb
- insert the following in your program to set a breakpoint
- when your code hits these lines, it'll stop running and launch an interactive prompt for you to inspect variables, step through the program, etc.

import pdb
pdb.set_trace()

n to step to the next line in the current function s to step into a function c to continue to the next breakpoint you can also run any Python command, like in the interpreter

<u>Debugging</u>

Create a.py file with below code and run it in python use n to step next line.

```
num list = [500, 600, 700]
alpha_list = ['x', 'y', 'z']
import pdb
pdb.set_trace()
                         #debugging code
def nested loop():
  for number in num_list:
     print(number)
     for letter in alpha_list:
       print(letter)
if __name__ == '__main__':
  nested_loop()
```

While executing above code whole program will be traced.

Another way is to invoke the pdb module from the command line. \$ python -m pdb mycode.py