[301] Error Handling

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Learning Objectives Today

How to crash more
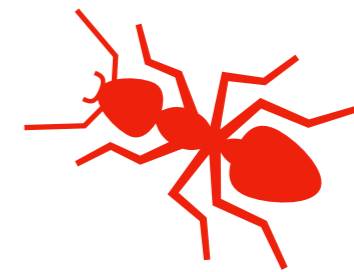- turn semantic bugs into runtime bugs with assert

How to crash less
- catch exceptions with try/except

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pizza

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Exercise: what are possible bad inputs for
- diameter
- slice count
- other?

Does it cause a runtime error or semantic error?

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```
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Purpose:

Force program to crash if something is non-sensible, rather than run and produce garbage.

semantic errors
(hard to debug)

→

runtime errors
(easier to debug)

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True

False

Crash!

nothing happens

```
Enter pizza diameter(inches), slice count): -10, 8
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "pizza.py", line 24, in <module>
    main()
  File "pizza.py", line 20, in main
    size = slice_size(radius, slices)
  File "pizza.py", line 8, in slice_size
    total_size = pizza_size(radius)
  File "pizza.py", line 4, in pizza_size
    assert(radius > 0)
AssertionError
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Examples:

> **Pizza Example:** add asserts to crash upon
> - diameter <= 0
> - slices <= 0

```
assert x > 0
```

```
assert items != None
```

```
assert "age" in person
```

```
assert len(nums) % 2 == 1
```

What if we want to keep running even if there is an error?

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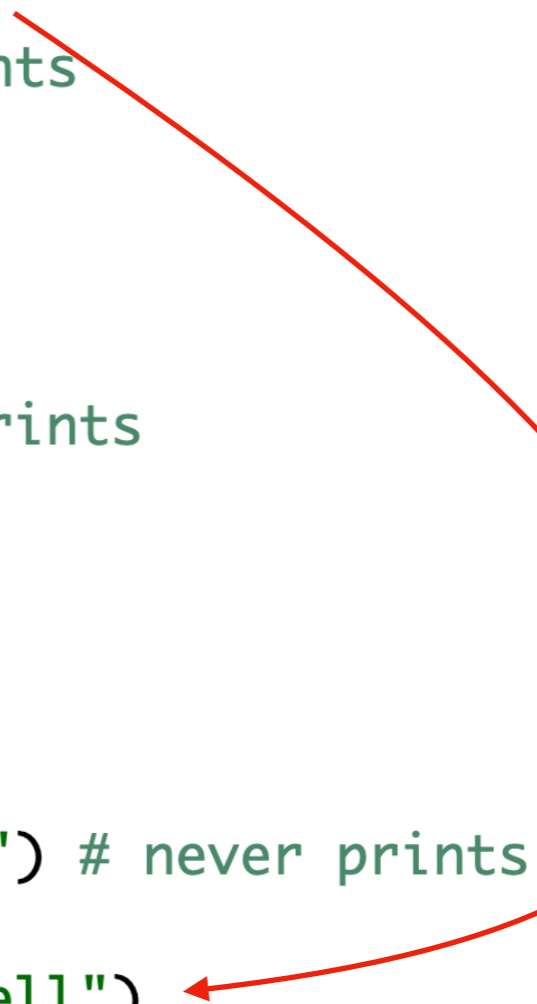If there is no exception, the **except** block does not run.

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    print("1 inverse is", 1/1)
    print("0 inverse is", 1/0)
    print("-1 inverse is", -1/1)
    print("-2 inverse is", -1/1)
except:
    print("that's all, folks!")
```

never runs

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    buggy()
    print("g: after buggy") # never prints

def f():
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g catches, so f never knows about the exception

```python
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```

What if we want to know
the reason for the exception?

Crash Cause

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why it failed

What if we only want to catch certain exceptions?

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and/or make sure the user knows there was an error
(unexpected silent errors are the worst!)

Exception Hierarchy

Documentation: https://docs.python.org/3/library/exceptions.html#exception-hierarchy

```
BaseException
 +-- SystemExit
 +-- KeyboardInterrupt
 +-- GeneratorExit
 +-- Exception
      +-- StopIteration
      +-- StopAsyncIteration
      +-- ArithmeticError
      |    +-- FloatingPointError
      |    +-- OverflowError
      |    +-- ZeroDivisionError
      +-- AssertionError
      +-- AttributeError
      +-- BufferError
      +-- EOFError
      +-- ImportError
      |    +-- ModuleNotFoundError
      +-- LookupError
      |    +-- IndexError
      |    +-- KeyError
      +-- MemoryError
      +-- NameError
      |    +-- UnboundLocalError
      +-- OSError
      |    +-- BlockingIOError
      |    +-- ChildProcessError
      |    +-- ConnectionError
      |    |    +-- BrokenPipeError
      |    |    +-- ConnectionAbortedError
      |    |    +-- ConnectionRefusedError
      |    |    +-- ConnectionResetError
      |    +-- FileExistsError
      |    +-- FileNotFoundError
      |    +-- InterruptedError
      |    +-- IsADirectoryError
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      +-- RuntimeError
      |    +-- NotImplementedError
      |    +-- RecursionError
      +-- SyntaxError
      |    +-- IndentationError
      |         +-- TabError
      +-- SystemError
      +-- TypeError
      +-- ValueError
      |    +-- UnicodeError
      |         +-- UnicodeDecodeError
      |         +-- UnicodeEncodeError
      |         +-- UnicodeTranslateError
      +-- Warning
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           +-- RuntimeWarning
           +-- SyntaxWarning
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           +-- FutureWarning
           +-- ImportWarning
           +-- UnicodeWarning
           +-- BytesWarning
           +-- ResourceWarning
```

**screenshot
of hierarchy**

What if we want to produce a specific kind of error? (not just an assert)

Custom Errors

```
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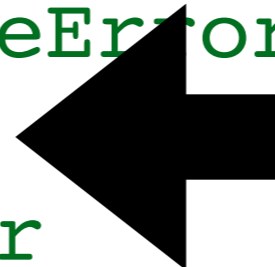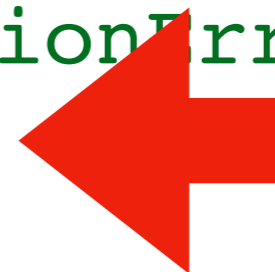
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Summary

Asserts

- force a crash/exception
- better to crash in an obvious way than to use corrupt data

Exceptions

- produce them with raise
- catch them with try/except
- can choose specific types of exceptions

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