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## **java.lang**

Class ClassFormatError

[java.lang.Object](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html)  
 [java.lang.Throwable](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html)  
 [java.lang.Error](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Error.html)  
 [java.lang.LinkageError](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/LinkageError.html)  
 **java.lang.ClassFormatError**

**All Implemented Interfaces:** [Serializable](http://docs.google.com/java/io/Serializable.html) **Direct Known Subclasses:** [GenericSignatureFormatError](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/reflect/GenericSignatureFormatError.html), [UnsupportedClassVersionError](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/UnsupportedClassVersionError.html)

public class **ClassFormatError**extends [LinkageError](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/LinkageError.html)

Thrown when the Java Virtual Machine attempts to read a class file and determines that the file is malformed or otherwise cannot be interpreted as a class file.

**Since:** JDK1.0 **See Also:**[Serialized Form](http://docs.google.com/serialized-form.html#java.lang.ClassFormatError)

| **Constructor Summary** | |
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| [**ClassFormatError**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/ClassFormatError.html#ClassFormatError())()            Constructs a ClassFormatError with no detail message. |
| [**ClassFormatError**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/ClassFormatError.html#ClassFormatError(java.lang.String))([String](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/String.html) s)            Constructs a ClassFormatError with the specified detail message. |

| **Method Summary** | |
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| **Methods inherited from class java.lang.**[**Throwable**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html) |
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| [fillInStackTrace](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html#fillInStackTrace()), [getCause](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html#getCause()), [getLocalizedMessage](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html#getLocalizedMessage()), [getMessage](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html#getMessage()), [getStackTrace](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html#getStackTrace()), [initCause](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html#initCause(java.lang.Throwable)), [printStackTrace](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html#printStackTrace()), [printStackTrace](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html#printStackTrace(java.io.PrintStream)), [printStackTrace](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html#printStackTrace(java.io.PrintWriter)), [setStackTrace](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html#setStackTrace(java.lang.StackTraceElement%5B%5D)), [toString](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html#toString()) |

| **Methods inherited from class java.lang.**[**Object**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html) |
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| [clone](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html#clone()), [equals](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html#equals(java.lang.Object)), [finalize](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html#finalize()), [getClass](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html#getClass()), [hashCode](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html#hashCode()), [notify](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html#notify()), [notifyAll](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html#notifyAll()), [wait](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html#wait()), [wait](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html#wait(long)), [wait](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html#wait(long,%20int)) |

| **Constructor Detail** |
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### ClassFormatError

public **ClassFormatError**()

Constructs a ClassFormatError with no detail message.

### ClassFormatError

public **ClassFormatError**([String](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/String.html) s)

Constructs a ClassFormatError with the specified detail message.

**Parameters:**s - the detail message.

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For further API reference and developer documentation, see [Java SE Developer Documentation](http://docs.google.com/webnotes/devdocs-vs-specs.html). That documentation contains more detailed, developer-targeted descriptions, with conceptual overviews, definitions of terms, workarounds, and working code examples.

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