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## **java.lang**

Class IllegalArgumentException

[java.lang.Object](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html)  
 [java.lang.Throwable](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html)  
 [java.lang.Exception](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Exception.html)  
 [java.lang.RuntimeException](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/RuntimeException.html)  
 **java.lang.IllegalArgumentException**

**All Implemented Interfaces:** [Serializable](http://docs.google.com/java/io/Serializable.html) **Direct Known Subclasses:** [IllegalCharsetNameException](http://docs.google.com/java/nio/charset/IllegalCharsetNameException.html), [IllegalFormatException](http://docs.google.com/java/util/IllegalFormatException.html), [IllegalSelectorException](http://docs.google.com/java/nio/channels/IllegalSelectorException.html), [IllegalThreadStateException](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/IllegalThreadStateException.html), [InvalidKeyException](http://docs.google.com/javax/management/openmbean/InvalidKeyException.html), [InvalidOpenTypeException](http://docs.google.com/javax/management/openmbean/InvalidOpenTypeException.html), [InvalidParameterException](http://docs.google.com/java/security/InvalidParameterException.html), [KeyAlreadyExistsException](http://docs.google.com/javax/management/openmbean/KeyAlreadyExistsException.html), [NumberFormatException](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/NumberFormatException.html), [PatternSyntaxException](http://docs.google.com/java/util/regex/PatternSyntaxException.html), [UnresolvedAddressException](http://docs.google.com/java/nio/channels/UnresolvedAddressException.html), [UnsupportedAddressTypeException](http://docs.google.com/java/nio/channels/UnsupportedAddressTypeException.html), [UnsupportedCharsetException](http://docs.google.com/java/nio/charset/UnsupportedCharsetException.html)

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

Thrown to indicate that a method has been passed an illegal or inappropriate argument.

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

| **Constructor Summary** | |
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| [**IllegalArgumentException**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/IllegalArgumentException.html#IllegalArgumentException())()            Constructs an IllegalArgumentException with no detail message. |
| [**IllegalArgumentException**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/IllegalArgumentException.html#IllegalArgumentException(java.lang.String))([String](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/String.html) s)            Constructs an IllegalArgumentException with the specified detail message. |
| [**IllegalArgumentException**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/IllegalArgumentException.html#IllegalArgumentException(java.lang.String,%20java.lang.Throwable))([String](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/String.html) message, [Throwable](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html) cause)            Constructs a new exception with the specified detail message and cause. |
| [**IllegalArgumentException**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/IllegalArgumentException.html#IllegalArgumentException(java.lang.Throwable))([Throwable](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html) cause)            Constructs a new exception with the specified cause and a detail message of (cause==null ? null : cause.toString()) (which typically contains the class and detail message of cause). |

| **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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### IllegalArgumentException

public **IllegalArgumentException**()

Constructs an IllegalArgumentException with no detail message.

### IllegalArgumentException

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

Constructs an IllegalArgumentException with the specified detail message.

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

### IllegalArgumentException

public **IllegalArgumentException**([String](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/String.html) message,  
 [Throwable](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html) cause)

Constructs a new exception with the specified detail message and cause.

Note that the detail message associated with cause is *not* automatically incorporated in this exception's detail message.

**Parameters:**message - the detail message (which is saved for later retrieval by the [Throwable.getMessage()](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html#getMessage()) method).cause - the cause (which is saved for later retrieval by the [Throwable.getCause()](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html#getCause()) method). (A null value is permitted, and indicates that the cause is nonexistent or unknown.)**Since:** 1.5

### IllegalArgumentException

public **IllegalArgumentException**([Throwable](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html) cause)

Constructs a new exception with the specified cause and a detail message of (cause==null ? null : cause.toString()) (which typically contains the class and detail message of cause). This constructor is useful for exceptions that are little more than wrappers for other throwables (for example, [PrivilegedActionException](http://docs.google.com/java/security/PrivilegedActionException.html)).

**Parameters:**cause - the cause (which is saved for later retrieval by the [Throwable.getCause()](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html#getCause()) method). (A null value is permitted, and indicates that the cause is nonexistent or unknown.)**Since:** 1.5

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