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**Uses of Class**

**java.lang.ClassFormatError**

| Packages that use [ClassFormatError](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/ClassFormatError.html) | |
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| [**java.lang**](#3znysh7) | Provides classes that are fundamental to the design of the Java programming language. |
| [**java.lang.reflect**](#2et92p0) | Provides classes and interfaces for obtaining reflective information about classes and objects. |

| Uses of [ClassFormatError](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/ClassFormatError.html) in [java.lang](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/package-summary.html) | |
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| Subclasses of [ClassFormatError](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/ClassFormatError.html) in [java.lang](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/package-summary.html) | |
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| class | [**UnsupportedClassVersionError**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/UnsupportedClassVersionError.html)            Thrown when the Java Virtual Machine attempts to read a class file and determines that the major and minor version numbers in the file are not supported. |

| Methods in [java.lang](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/package-summary.html) that throw [ClassFormatError](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/ClassFormatError.html) | |
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| protected  [Class](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Class.html)<?> | **ClassLoader.**[**defineClass**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/ClassLoader.html#defineClass(byte%5B%5D,%20int,%20int))(byte[] b, int off, int len)  **Deprecated.** *Replaced by* [*defineClass(String, byte[], int, int)*](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/ClassLoader.html#defineClass(java.lang.String,%20byte%5B%5D,%20int,%20int)) |
| protected  [Class](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Class.html)<?> | **ClassLoader.**[**defineClass**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/ClassLoader.html#defineClass(java.lang.String,%20byte%5B%5D,%20int,%20int))([String](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/String.html) name, byte[] b, int off, int len)            Converts an array of bytes into an instance of class Class. |
| protected  [Class](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Class.html)<?> | **ClassLoader.**[**defineClass**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/ClassLoader.html#defineClass(java.lang.String,%20byte%5B%5D,%20int,%20int,%20java.security.ProtectionDomain))([String](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/String.html) name, byte[] b, int off, int len, [ProtectionDomain](http://docs.google.com/java/security/ProtectionDomain.html) protectionDomain)            Converts an array of bytes into an instance of class Class, with an optional ProtectionDomain. |
| protected  [Class](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Class.html)<?> | **ClassLoader.**[**defineClass**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/ClassLoader.html#defineClass(java.lang.String,%20java.nio.ByteBuffer,%20java.security.ProtectionDomain))([String](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/String.html) name, [ByteBuffer](http://docs.google.com/java/nio/ByteBuffer.html) b, [ProtectionDomain](http://docs.google.com/java/security/ProtectionDomain.html) protectionDomain)            Converts a [ByteBuffer](http://docs.google.com/java/nio/ByteBuffer.html) into an instance of class Class, with an optional ProtectionDomain. |

| Uses of [ClassFormatError](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/ClassFormatError.html) in [java.lang.reflect](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/reflect/package-summary.html) | |
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| Subclasses of [ClassFormatError](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/ClassFormatError.html) in [java.lang.reflect](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/reflect/package-summary.html) | |
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| class | [**GenericSignatureFormatError**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/reflect/GenericSignatureFormatError.html)            Thrown when a syntactically malformed signature attribute is encountered by a reflective method that needs to interpret the generic signature information for a type, method or constructor. |

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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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