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## **java.rmi.activation**

Class ActivationException

[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.rmi.activation.ActivationException**

**All Implemented Interfaces:** [Serializable](http://docs.google.com/java/io/Serializable.html) **Direct Known Subclasses:** [UnknownGroupException](http://docs.google.com/java/rmi/activation/UnknownGroupException.html), [UnknownObjectException](http://docs.google.com/java/rmi/activation/UnknownObjectException.html)

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

General exception used by the activation interfaces.

As of release 1.4, this exception has been retrofitted to conform to the general purpose exception-chaining mechanism. The "detail exception" that may be provided at construction time and accessed via the public [detail](http://docs.google.com/java/rmi/activation/ActivationException.html#detail) field is now known as the *cause*, and may be accessed via the [Throwable.getCause()](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html#getCause()) method, as well as the aforementioned "legacy field."

Invoking the method [Throwable.initCause(Throwable)](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html#initCause(java.lang.Throwable)) on an instance of ActivationException always throws [IllegalStateException](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/IllegalStateException.html).

**Since:** 1.2 **See Also:**[Serialized Form](http://docs.google.com/serialized-form.html#java.rmi.activation.ActivationException)

| **Field Summary** | |
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| [Throwable](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html) | [**detail**](http://docs.google.com/java/rmi/activation/ActivationException.html#detail)            The cause of the activation exception. |

| **Constructor Summary** | |
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| [**ActivationException**](http://docs.google.com/java/rmi/activation/ActivationException.html#ActivationException())()            Constructs an ActivationException. |
| [**ActivationException**](http://docs.google.com/java/rmi/activation/ActivationException.html#ActivationException(java.lang.String))([String](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/String.html) s)            Constructs an ActivationException with the specified detail message. |
| [**ActivationException**](http://docs.google.com/java/rmi/activation/ActivationException.html#ActivationException(java.lang.String,%20java.lang.Throwable))([String](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/String.html) s, [Throwable](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html) cause)            Constructs an ActivationException with the specified detail message and cause. |

| **Method Summary** | |
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| [Throwable](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html) | [**getCause**](http://docs.google.com/java/rmi/activation/ActivationException.html#getCause())()            Returns the cause of this exception. |
| [String](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/String.html) | [**getMessage**](http://docs.google.com/java/rmi/activation/ActivationException.html#getMessage())()            Returns the detail message, including the message from the cause, if any, of this exception. |

| **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()), [getLocalizedMessage](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html#getLocalizedMessage()), [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)) |

| **Field Detail** |
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### detail

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

The cause of the activation exception.

This field predates the general-purpose exception chaining facility. The [Throwable.getCause()](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html#getCause()) method is now the preferred means of obtaining this information.

| **Constructor Detail** |
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### ActivationException

public **ActivationException**()

Constructs an ActivationException.

### ActivationException

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

Constructs an ActivationException with the specified detail message.

**Parameters:**s - the detail message

### ActivationException

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

Constructs an ActivationException with the specified detail message and cause. This constructor sets the [detail](http://docs.google.com/java/rmi/activation/ActivationException.html#detail) field to the specified Throwable.

**Parameters:**s - the detail messagecause - the cause

| **Method Detail** |
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### getMessage

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

Returns the detail message, including the message from the cause, if any, of this exception.

**Overrides:**[getMessage](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html#getMessage()) in class [Throwable](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html) **Returns:**the detail message

### getCause

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

Returns the cause of this exception. This method returns the value of the [detail](http://docs.google.com/java/rmi/activation/ActivationException.html#detail) field.

**Overrides:**[getCause](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html#getCause()) in class [Throwable](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html) **Returns:**the cause, which may be null.**Since:** 1.4

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