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## **java.util**

Class IllegalFormatException

[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](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/IllegalArgumentException.html)  
 **java.util.IllegalFormatException**

**All Implemented Interfaces:** [Serializable](http://docs.google.com/java/io/Serializable.html) **Direct Known Subclasses:** [DuplicateFormatFlagsException](http://docs.google.com/java/util/DuplicateFormatFlagsException.html), [FormatFlagsConversionMismatchException](http://docs.google.com/java/util/FormatFlagsConversionMismatchException.html), [IllegalFormatCodePointException](http://docs.google.com/java/util/IllegalFormatCodePointException.html), [IllegalFormatConversionException](http://docs.google.com/java/util/IllegalFormatConversionException.html), [IllegalFormatFlagsException](http://docs.google.com/java/util/IllegalFormatFlagsException.html), [IllegalFormatPrecisionException](http://docs.google.com/java/util/IllegalFormatPrecisionException.html), [IllegalFormatWidthException](http://docs.google.com/java/util/IllegalFormatWidthException.html), [MissingFormatArgumentException](http://docs.google.com/java/util/MissingFormatArgumentException.html), [MissingFormatWidthException](http://docs.google.com/java/util/MissingFormatWidthException.html), [UnknownFormatConversionException](http://docs.google.com/java/util/UnknownFormatConversionException.html), [UnknownFormatFlagsException](http://docs.google.com/java/util/UnknownFormatFlagsException.html)

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

Unchecked exception thrown when a format string contains an illegal syntax or a format specifier that is incompatible with the given arguments. Only explicit subtypes of this exception which correspond to specific errors should be instantiated.

**Since:** 1.5 **See Also:**[Serialized Form](http://docs.google.com/serialized-form.html#java.util.IllegalFormatException)

| **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) |
| --- |
| [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)) |

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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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