| | [**Overview**](http://docs.google.com/overview-summary.html) | [**Package**](http://docs.google.com/package-summary.html) | **Class** | [**Use**](http://docs.google.com/class-use/AuthenticationException.html) | [**Tree**](http://docs.google.com/package-tree.html) | [**Deprecated**](http://docs.google.com/deprecated-list.html) | [**Index**](http://docs.google.com/index-files/index-1.html) | [**Help**](http://docs.google.com/help-doc.html) | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | | ***Java™ Platform***  ***Standard Ed. 6*** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| PREV CLASS   [**NEXT CLASS**](http://docs.google.com/javax/naming/AuthenticationNotSupportedException.html) | [**FRAMES**](http://docs.google.com/index.html?javax/naming/AuthenticationException.html)    [**NO FRAMES**](http://docs.google.com/AuthenticationException.html)     [**All Classes**](http://docs.google.com/allclasses-noframe.html) |
| SUMMARY: NESTED | [FIELD](#2et92p0) | [CONSTR](#tyjcwt) | [METHOD](#1t3h5sf) | DETAIL: FIELD | [CONSTR](#17dp8vu) | METHOD |

## **javax.naming**

Class AuthenticationException

[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)  
 [javax.naming.NamingException](http://docs.google.com/javax/naming/NamingException.html)  
 [javax.naming.NamingSecurityException](http://docs.google.com/javax/naming/NamingSecurityException.html)  
 **javax.naming.AuthenticationException**

**All Implemented Interfaces:** [Serializable](http://docs.google.com/java/io/Serializable.html)

public class **AuthenticationException**extends [NamingSecurityException](http://docs.google.com/javax/naming/NamingSecurityException.html)

This exception is thrown when an authentication error occurs while accessing the naming or directory service. An authentication error can happen, for example, when the credentials supplied by the user program is invalid or otherwise fails to authenticate the user to the naming/directory service.

If the program wants to handle this exception in particular, it should catch AuthenticationException explicitly before attempting to catch NamingException. After catching AuthenticationException, the program could reattempt the authentication by updating the resolved context's environment properties with the appropriate appropriate credentials.

Synchronization and serialization issues that apply to NamingException apply directly here.

**Since:** 1.3 **See Also:**[Serialized Form](http://docs.google.com/serialized-form.html#javax.naming.AuthenticationException)

| **Field Summary** | |
| --- | --- |

| **Fields inherited from class javax.naming.**[**NamingException**](http://docs.google.com/javax/naming/NamingException.html) |
| --- |
| [remainingName](http://docs.google.com/javax/naming/NamingException.html#remainingName), [resolvedName](http://docs.google.com/javax/naming/NamingException.html#resolvedName), [resolvedObj](http://docs.google.com/javax/naming/NamingException.html#resolvedObj), [rootException](http://docs.google.com/javax/naming/NamingException.html#rootException) |

| **Constructor Summary** | |
| --- | --- |
| [**AuthenticationException**](http://docs.google.com/javax/naming/AuthenticationException.html#AuthenticationException())()            Constructs a new instance of AuthenticationException. |
| [**AuthenticationException**](http://docs.google.com/javax/naming/AuthenticationException.html#AuthenticationException(java.lang.String))([String](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/String.html) explanation)            Constructs a new instance of AuthenticationException using the explanation supplied. |

| **Method Summary** | |
| --- | --- |

| **Methods inherited from class javax.naming.**[**NamingException**](http://docs.google.com/javax/naming/NamingException.html) |
| --- |
| [appendRemainingComponent](http://docs.google.com/javax/naming/NamingException.html#appendRemainingComponent(java.lang.String)), [appendRemainingName](http://docs.google.com/javax/naming/NamingException.html#appendRemainingName(javax.naming.Name)), [getCause](http://docs.google.com/javax/naming/NamingException.html#getCause()), [getExplanation](http://docs.google.com/javax/naming/NamingException.html#getExplanation()), [getRemainingName](http://docs.google.com/javax/naming/NamingException.html#getRemainingName()), [getResolvedName](http://docs.google.com/javax/naming/NamingException.html#getResolvedName()), [getResolvedObj](http://docs.google.com/javax/naming/NamingException.html#getResolvedObj()), [getRootCause](http://docs.google.com/javax/naming/NamingException.html#getRootCause()), [initCause](http://docs.google.com/javax/naming/NamingException.html#initCause(java.lang.Throwable)), [setRemainingName](http://docs.google.com/javax/naming/NamingException.html#setRemainingName(javax.naming.Name)), [setResolvedName](http://docs.google.com/javax/naming/NamingException.html#setResolvedName(javax.naming.Name)), [setResolvedObj](http://docs.google.com/javax/naming/NamingException.html#setResolvedObj(java.lang.Object)), [setRootCause](http://docs.google.com/javax/naming/NamingException.html#setRootCause(java.lang.Throwable)), [toString](http://docs.google.com/javax/naming/NamingException.html#toString()), [toString](http://docs.google.com/javax/naming/NamingException.html#toString(boolean)) |

| **Methods inherited from class java.lang.**[**Throwable**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html) |
| --- |
| [fillInStackTrace](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html#fillInStackTrace()), [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()), [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)) |

| **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)) |

| **Constructor Detail** |
| --- |

### AuthenticationException

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

Constructs a new instance of AuthenticationException using the explanation supplied. All other fields default to null.

**Parameters:**explanation - A possibly null string containing additional detail about this exception.**See Also:**[Throwable.getMessage()](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Throwable.html#getMessage())

### AuthenticationException

public **AuthenticationException**()

Constructs a new instance of AuthenticationException. All fields are set to null.

| | [**Overview**](http://docs.google.com/overview-summary.html) | [**Package**](http://docs.google.com/package-summary.html) | **Class** | [**Use**](http://docs.google.com/class-use/AuthenticationException.html) | [**Tree**](http://docs.google.com/package-tree.html) | [**Deprecated**](http://docs.google.com/deprecated-list.html) | [**Index**](http://docs.google.com/index-files/index-1.html) | [**Help**](http://docs.google.com/help-doc.html) | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | | ***Java™ Platform***  ***Standard Ed. 6*** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| PREV CLASS   [**NEXT CLASS**](http://docs.google.com/javax/naming/AuthenticationNotSupportedException.html) | [**FRAMES**](http://docs.google.com/index.html?javax/naming/AuthenticationException.html)    [**NO FRAMES**](http://docs.google.com/AuthenticationException.html)     [**All Classes**](http://docs.google.com/allclasses-noframe.html) |
| SUMMARY: NESTED | [FIELD](#2et92p0) | [CONSTR](#tyjcwt) | [METHOD](#1t3h5sf) | DETAIL: FIELD | [CONSTR](#17dp8vu) | METHOD |

[Submit a bug or feature](http://bugs.sun.com/services/bugreport/index.jsp)

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.

Copyright 2006 Sun Microsystems, Inc. All rights reserved. Use is subject to [license terms](http://docs.google.com/legal/license.html). Also see the [documentation redistribution policy](http://java.sun.com/docs/redist.html).