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Lecture 6

- Persistence and Serialization
- Working with Files
- Exception Handling

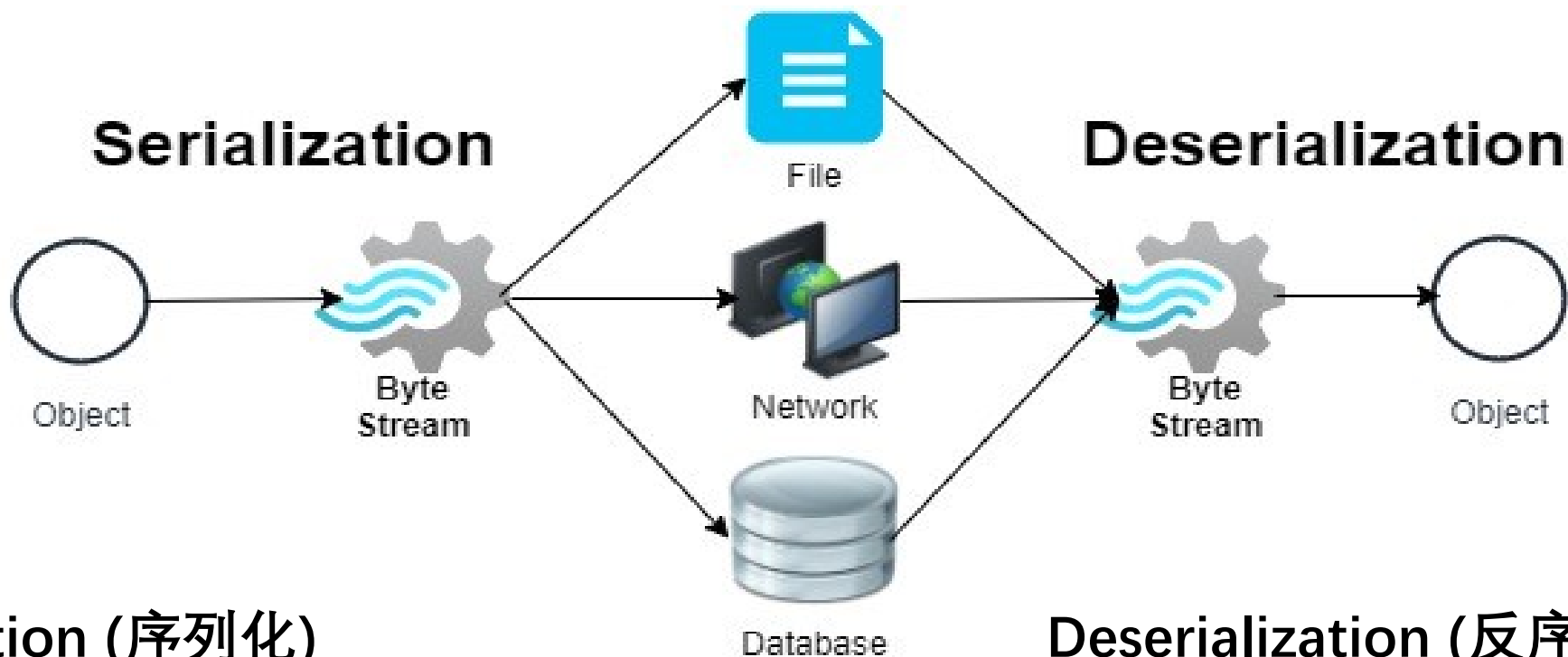
Data Persistence (数据持久化)

- Objects created in Java programs live in memory; they are removed by the garbage collector once they are not used anymore
- What if we want to persist the objects?

Data survives after the process that created it has ended.
Reuse the data without having to executing the program all over again to reach that state.

Data persistence

Store it on a disk, send
it over the network



Serialization (序列化)

Converting the state of an object
into a byte stream

Deserialization (反序列化)

Using the byte stream to recreate
the object in the same state

The Serializable Interface

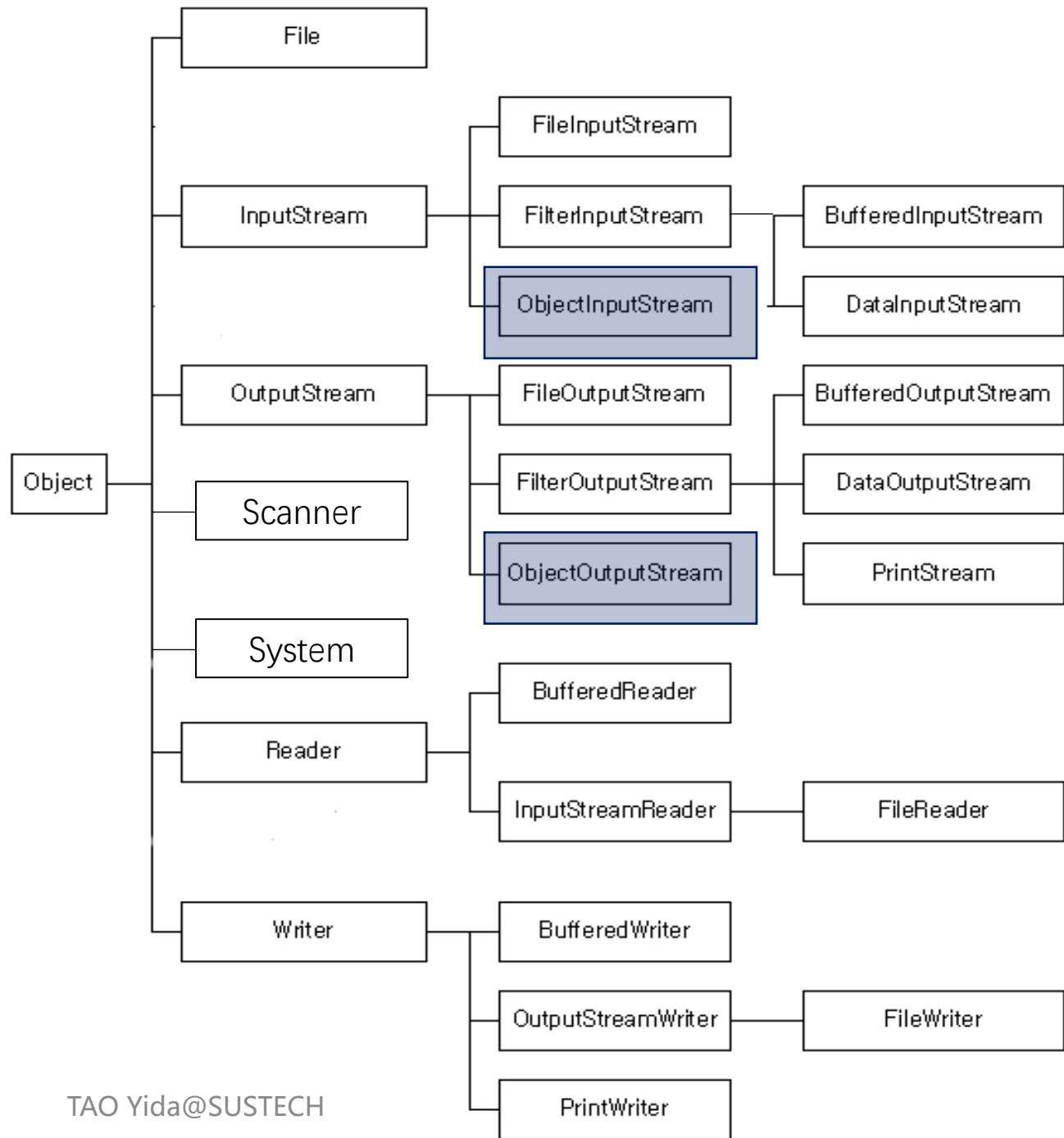
- Classes need to implement the serializable interface for their instances to be serialized or deserialized
- The serializable interface is called a **marker** interface or **tagging** interface (like putting a tag on the class, so the compiler and JVM, when seeing the tag, knows that the object of the class could be serialized)
 - The serializable interface is an empty interface, without any method or field
 - Classes implementing serializable do not have to implement any methods

```
class Student implements Serializable {  
    String name;  
    String dept;  
    int age;  
  
    public String getName() {  
        return name;  
    }  
  
    public String getDept() {  
        return dept;  
    }  
  
    public int getAge() {  
        return age;  
    }  
  
    public Student(String name, String dept, int age) {  
        this.name = name;  
        this.dept = dept;  
        this.age = age;  
    }  
}
```

Using Object Input/Output Streams

`ObjectOutputStream` writes primitive data types and Java objects to an `OutputStream`, using `writeXXX`

`ObjectInputStream` deserializes primitive data and objects previously written using an `ObjectOutputStream`. Using `readXXX`



Example

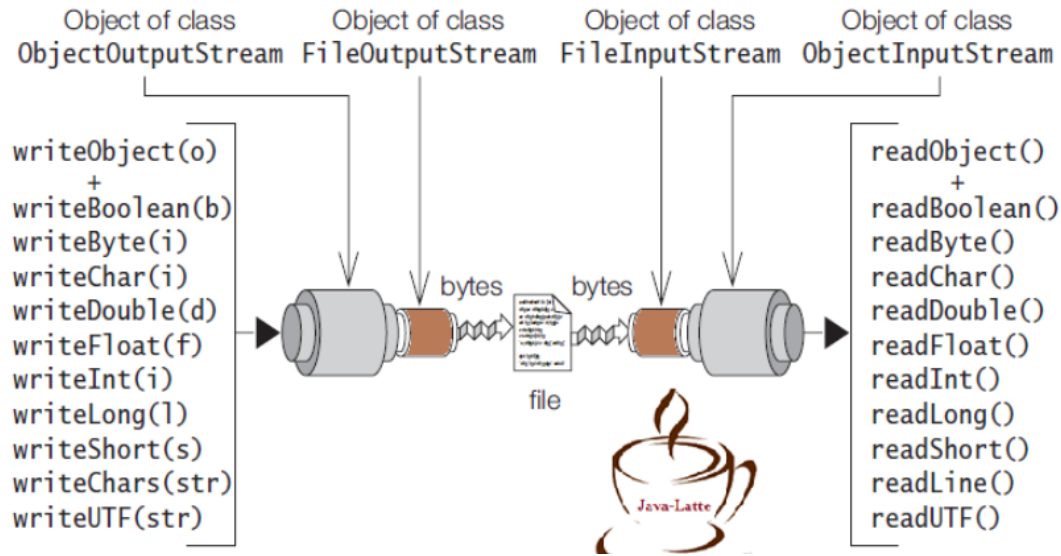


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```
Student student = new Student("Alice", "CS", 20);
```

```
// Setup where to store the byte stream
```

```
FileOutputStream fos = new FileOutputStream("student.ser");  
ObjectOutputStream oos = new ObjectOutputStream(fos);
```

```
// serialization
```

```
oos.writeObject(student);
```

```
// Setup where to read the byte stream
```

```
FileInputStream fis = new FileInputStream("student.ser");  
ObjectInputStream ois = new ObjectInputStream(fis);
```

```
// deserialization
```

```
Student student2 = (Student) ois.readObject(); // down-casting object
```

```
System.out.println(student.getName() + " " +  
student2.getName());
```

```
System.out.println(student.getDept() + " " + student2.getDept());  
System.out.println(student.getAge() + " " + student2.getAge());
```

```
oos.close();  
ois.close();
```


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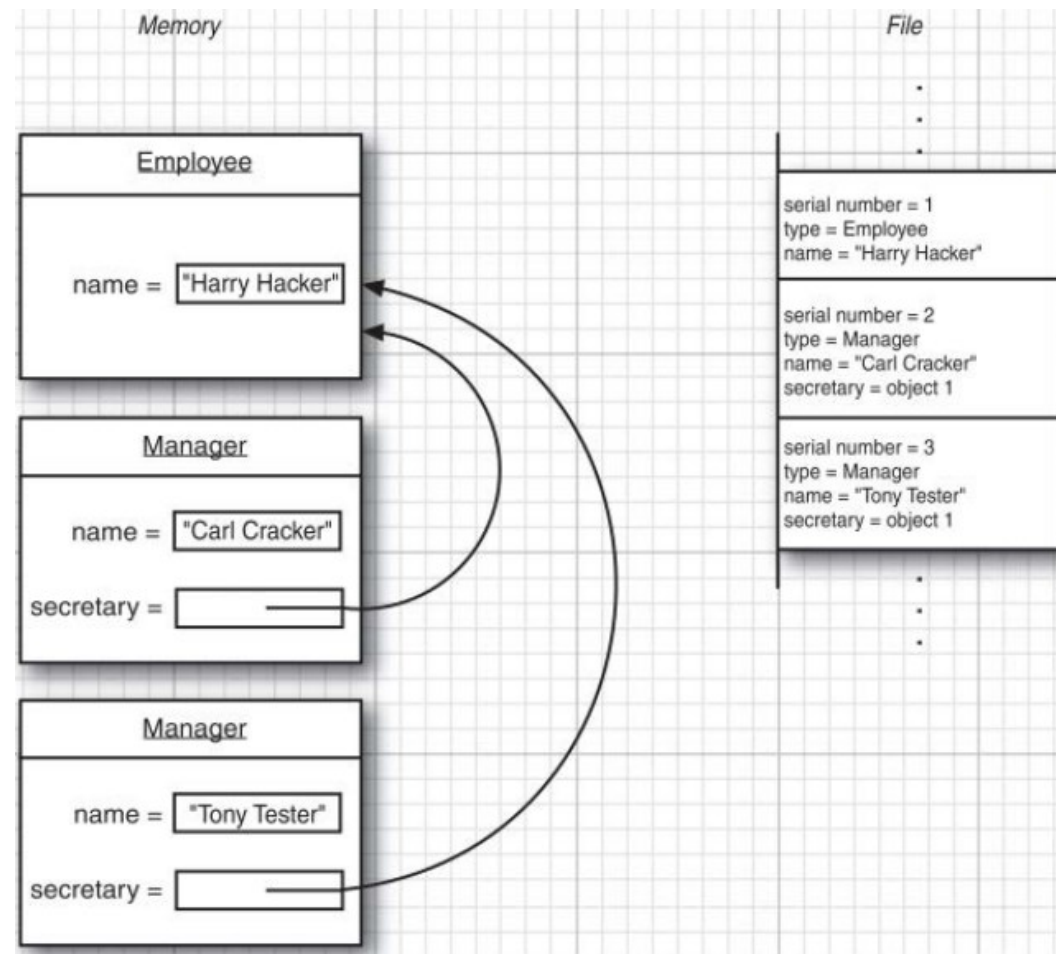
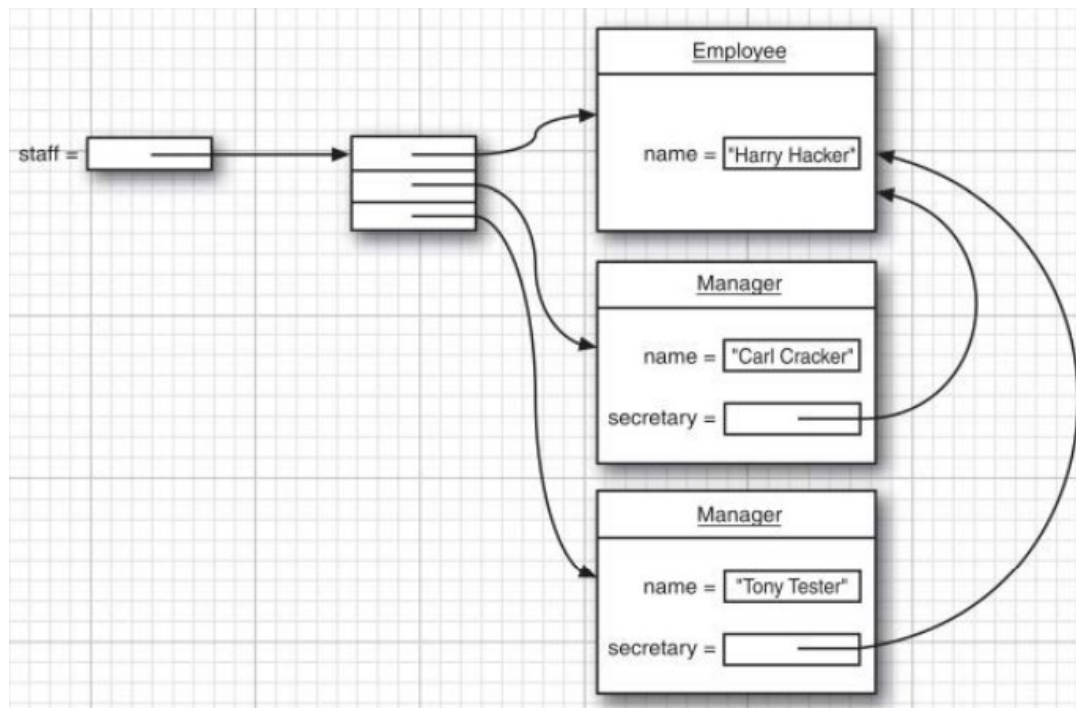
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Default Serialization Mechanism

- An ObjectOutputStream looks at all the fields of the objects and save their contents.
- The serialized format contains the types and data fields of all objects.
- Each object is assigned a serial number.
- Repeated occurrences of the same object are stored as references to that serial number.

Example



Reference: Core Java Volume II, 2.4

Customizing the Default Serialization Mechanism

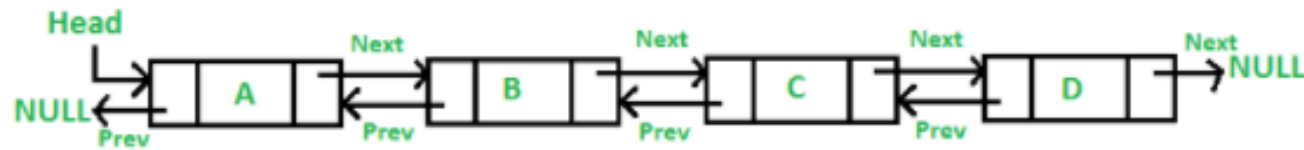
- To prevent a field to be serialized, mark it using the transient keyword (e.g., `transient int age;`)
- If we want to add validation or any other desired action to the default read and write behavior, we can define the following methods in the serializable class

```
private void readObject(ObjectInputStream in)
    throws IOException, ClassNotFoundException;
private void writeObject(ObjectOutputStream out)
    throws IOException;
```

Example of Customized Serialization

- The default serialization behavior will serialize every entry and all the links between them in both directions
- Take a long time and consume excessive space

```
public class StringList implements Serializable {  
    private int size = 0;  
    private Node head = null;  
  
    private static class Node implements Serializable {  
        String data;  
        Node next;  
        Node previous;  
    }  
}
```



Example from Effective Java, Chapter 12

Example of Customized Serialization

Serialize an object's logic data rather than its physical implementation

- We only care about the size of the StringList and the data of each entry
- Implement customized writeObject() inside the class to be serialized to replace the default behavior

```
public class StringList implements Serializable {  
    private transient int size = 0;  
    private transient Node head = null;  
  
    private static class Node {// no longer serializable!  
        String data;  
        Node next;  
        Node previous;  
    }  
  
    private void writeObject(ObjectOutputStream ois) throws IOException {  
        ois.defaultWriteObject();  
        ois.writeInt(size);  
  
        for (Node n = head; n != null; n = n.next)  
            ois.writeObject(n.data);  
    }  
}
```

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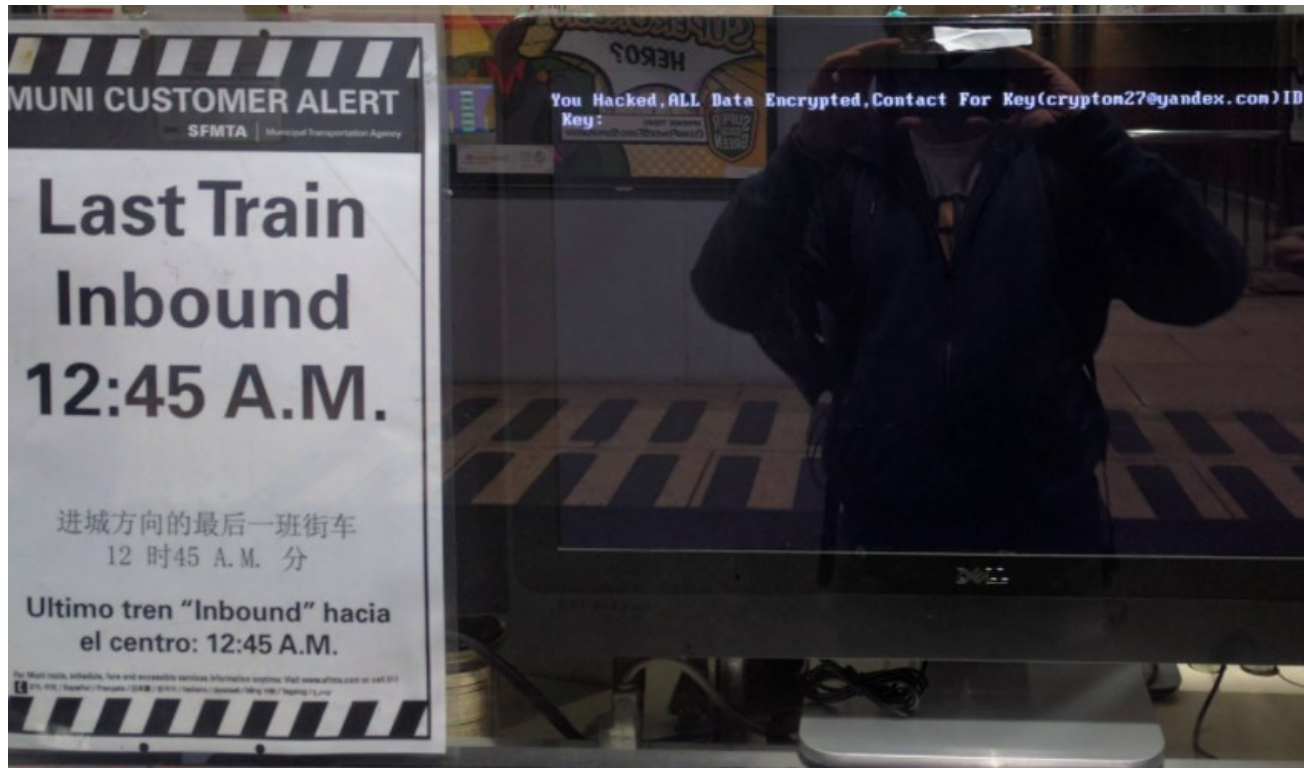
- `defaultWriteObject()`: a special method of the `ObjectOutputStream` class that can only be called from within a `writeObject` method of a serializable class.
- This method writes the object descriptor (e.g., fingerprint and the number of fields) and all serializable fields (already transient in this example).

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        ois.writeObject(n.data);  
}
```

Attacks exploiting de/serialization



- Attackers could submit a carefully crafted byte stream for the target to deserialize, enable attackers to execute arbitrary code on the target machine (SFMTA Muni Attack)

Validity Checks in Customized De/serialization

Suppose we serialized a Period class, which describing valid time ranges, to a byte stream

```
// Byte stream couldn't have come from a real Period instance!  
private static final byte[] serializedForm = {  
    (byte)0xac, (byte)0xed, 0x00, 0x05, 0x73, 0x72, 0x00, 0x06,  
    0x50, 0x65, 0x72, 0x69, 0x6f, 0x64, 0x40, 0x7e, (byte)0xf8,  
    0x2b, 0x4f, 0x46, (byte)0xc0, (byte)0xf4, 0x02, 0x00, 0x02,  
    0x4c, 0x00, 0x03, 0x65, 0x6e, 0x64, 0x74, 0x00, 0x10, 0x4c,  
    0x6a, 0x61, 0x76, 0x61, 0x2f, 0x75, 0x74, 0x69, 0x6c, 0x2f,  
    0x44, 0x61, 0x74, 0x65, 0x3b, 0x4c, 0x00, 0x05, 0x73, 0x74,  
    0x61, 0x72, 0x74, 0x71, 0x00, 0x7e, 0x00, 0x01, 0x78, 0x70,  
    0x73, 0x72, 0x00, 0x0e, 0x6a, 0x61, 0x76, 0x61, 0x2e, 0x75,  
    0x74, 0x69, 0x6c, 0x2e, 0x44, 0x61, 0x74, 0x65, 0x68, 0x6a,  
    (byte)0x81, 0x01, 0x4b, 0x59, 0x74, 0x19, 0x03, 0x00, 0x00,  
    0x78, 0x70, 0x77, 0x08, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x66, (byte)0xdf,  
    0x6e, 0x1e, 0x00, 0x78, 0x73, 0x71, 0x00, 0x7e, 0x00, 0x03,  
    0x77, 0x08, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, (byte)0xd5, 0x17, 0x69, 0x22,  
    0x00, 0x78  
};
```

A bad guy modifies the byte stream;
After we deserialize it, we'll get an invalid time
period (e.g., Fri. Jan 1 2021 to Sun Jan. 1 2021)

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    0x44, 0x61, 0x74, 0x65, 0x3b, 0x4c, 0x00, 0x05, 0x73, 0x74,
    0x61, 0x72, 0x74, 0x71, 0x00, 0x7e, 0x00, 0x01, 0x78, 0x70,
    0x73, 0x72, 0x00, 0x0e, 0x6a, 0x61, 0x76, 0x61, 0x2e, 0x75,
    0x74, 0x69, 0x6c, 0x2e, 0x44, 0x61, 0x74, 0x65, 0x68, 0x6a,
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    0x00, 0x78
};
```

Override the `readObject` to add customize validity checks

```
private void readObject(ObjectInputStream s)
    throws IOException, ClassNotFoundException {
    s.defaultReadObject();

    // Check that our invariants are satisfied
    if (start.compareTo(end) > 0)
        throw new InvalidObjectException(start + " after " + end);
}
```

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Lecture 6

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Working with Files

- We have learned how to read and write data from a file, yet there is more to file management than reading & writing
- The Path interface, Paths class, and Files class, introduced in Java 7 (`java.nio` package), are much more convenient than the File class dated back all the way to JDK 1.0



Path

```
import java.nio.file.Path;  
import java.nio.file.Paths;
```

- A Path instance contains the information used to specify the location of a file or directory
- You can easily create a Path object by using one of the following get methods from the Paths helper class

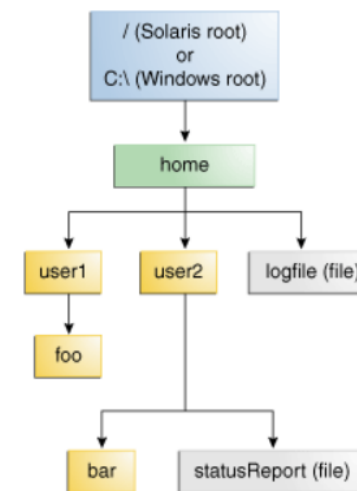
```
Path p1 = Paths.get("resources");  
Path p2 = Paths.get(args[0]);  
Path p3 = Paths.get(URI.create("file:///D:/CS209A/sample123.txt"));
```

<https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/essential/io/pathOps.html>

Path

- Path stores these name elements as a sequence.
 - The highest element in the directory structure would be located at index 0.
 - The lowest element in the directory structure would be located at index $[n-1]$, where n is the number of name elements in the Path.
- A path that starts with root is **absolute**; otherwise, it is **relative**

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Path

// Microsoft Windows syntax

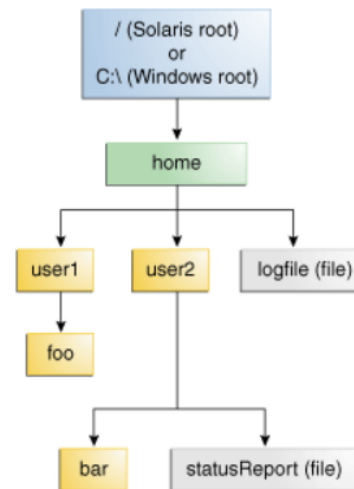
```
Path path = Paths.get("C:\\home\\joe\\foo");
```

// Solaris syntax

```
Path path = Paths.get("/home/joe/foo");
```

```
System.out.format("toString: %s\n", path.toString());
System.out.format("getFileName: %s\n", path.getFileName());
System.out.format("getName(0): %s\n", path.getName(0));
System.out.format("getNameCount: %d\n", path.getNameCount());
System.out.format("subpath(0,2): %s\n", path.subpath(0,2));
System.out.format("getParent: %s\n", path.getParent());
System.out.format("getRoot: %s\n", path.getRoot());
```

<https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/essential/io/pathOps.html>



Method Invoked	Returns in the Solaris OS	Returns in Microsoft Windows
toString	/home/joe/foo	C:\home\joe\foo
getFileName	foo	foo
getName(0)	home	home
getNameCount	3	3
subpath(0,2)	home/joe	home\joe
getParent	/home/joe	\home\joe
getRoot	/	C:\

Dot notations

- When working with relative paths, you may use two special notations inside the path string:
 - . (current directory)
 - .. (parent directory)
- You may use `normalize()` method to remove redundancies from a path

```
Path rp1 = Paths.get("C:\\Users\\admin\\CS209A_Lectures\\.");  
Path rp2 = Paths.get("C:\\Users\\admin\\test\\..\\CS209A_Lectures");  
  
System.out.format("rp1 normalize: %s%n", rp1.normalize());  
System.out.format("rp2 normalize: %s%n", rp2.normalize());
```

Both normalizes to "C:\\Users\\admin\\CS209A_Lectures"

Converting a Path

`toAbsolutePath()`

- Converts a path to an absolute path. If the passed-in path is already absolute, it returns the same Path object.
- The file does not need to exist for this method to work.

`toRealPath()`

- If the Path is relative, it returns an absolute path.
- If the Path contains any redundant elements, it returns a path with those elements removed.
- Throws an exception if the file does not exist or cannot be accessed.

Converting a Path

```
Path cp = Paths.get("resources\\..\\resources\\math.txt");  
// C:\Users\admin\CS209A_Lectures\resources\..\resources\math.txt  
System.out.println(cp.toAbsolutePath());  
// C:\Users\admin\CS209A_Lectures\resources\math.txt  
System.out.println(cp.toRealPath());
```

```
Path cp2 = Paths.get("resources\\..\\resources\\notexist.txt");  
// C:\Users\admin\CS209A_Lectures\resources\..\resources\notexist.txt  
System.out.println(cp2.toAbsolutePath());  
// Throws NoSuchFileException  
System.out.println(cp2.toRealPath());
```

Files

The class, `java.nio.file.Files`, consists exclusively of static methods that operate on files, directories, or other types of files.

Creating Files and Directories

`java.nio.file.Files` 7

- `static Path createFile(Path path, FileAttribute<?>... attrs)`
- `static Path createDirectory(Path path, FileAttribute<?>... attrs)`
- `static Path createDirectories(Path path, FileAttribute<?>... attrs)`
creates a file or directory. The `createDirectories` method creates any intermediate directories as well.
- `static Path createTempFile(String prefix, String suffix, FileAttribute<?>... attrs)`
- `static Path createTempFile(Path parentDir, String prefix, String suffix, FileAttribute<?>... attrs)`
- `static Path createTempDirectory(String prefix, FileAttribute<?>... attrs)`
- `static Path createTempDirectory(Path parentDir, String prefix, FileAttribute<?>... attrs)`
creates a temporary file or directory, in a location suitable for temporary files or in the given parent directory. Returns the path to the created file or directory.

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Copying, Moving, and Deleting Files

`java.nio.file.Files` 7

- `static Path copy(Path from, Path to, CopyOption... options)`
- `static Path move(Path from, Path to, CopyOption... options)`
copies or moves `from` to the given target location and returns `to`.
- `static long copy(InputStream from, Path to, CopyOption... options)`
- `static long copy(Path from, OutputStream to, CopyOption... options)`
copies from an input stream to a file, or from a file to an output stream, returning the number of bytes copied.
- `static void delete(Path path)`
- `static boolean deleteIfExists(Path path)`
deletes the given file or empty directory. The first method throws an exception if the file or directory doesn't exist. The second method returns `false` in that case.

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Getting File Information

`java.nio.file.Files` 7

- `static boolean exists(Path path)`
- `static boolean isHidden(Path path)`
- `static boolean isReadable(Path path)`
- `static boolean isWritable(Path path)`
- `static boolean isExecutable(Path path)`
- `static boolean isRegularFile(Path path)`
- `static boolean isDirectory(Path path)`
- `static boolean isSymbolicLink(Path path)`
checks for the given property of the file given by the path.
- `static long size(Path path)`
gets the size of the file in bytes.
- `A readAttributes(Path path, Class<A> type, LinkOption... options)`
reads the file attributes of type A.

`java.nio.file.attribute.BasicFileAttributes` 7

- `FileTime creationTime()`
- `FileTime lastAccessTime()`
- `FileTime lastModifiedTime()`
- `boolean isRegularFile()`
- `boolean isDirectory()`
- `boolean isSymbolicLink()`
- `long size()`
- `Object fileKey()`
gets the requested attribute.

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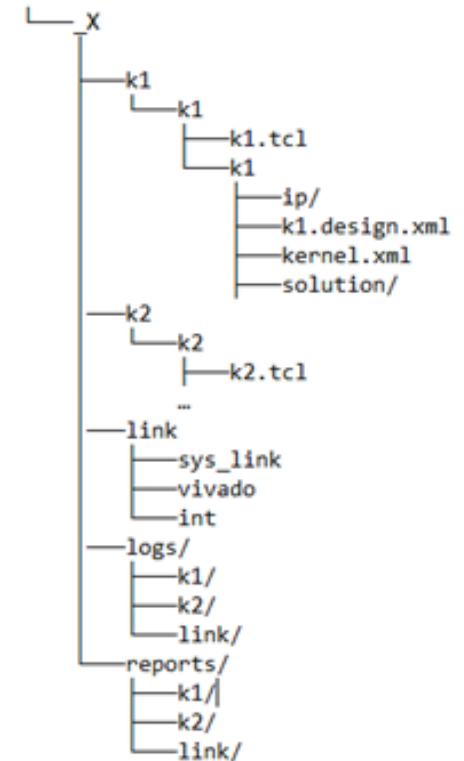
Visiting Directory Entries

Files.list

Does not enter subdirectories (i.e., only traverse the first-layer subdirectories)

```
Path dir = Paths.get(workingDir);
```

```
try(Stream<Path> entries = Files.list(dir)){  
    entries.forEach(p -> System.out.println(p.toAbsolutePath()));  
}
```



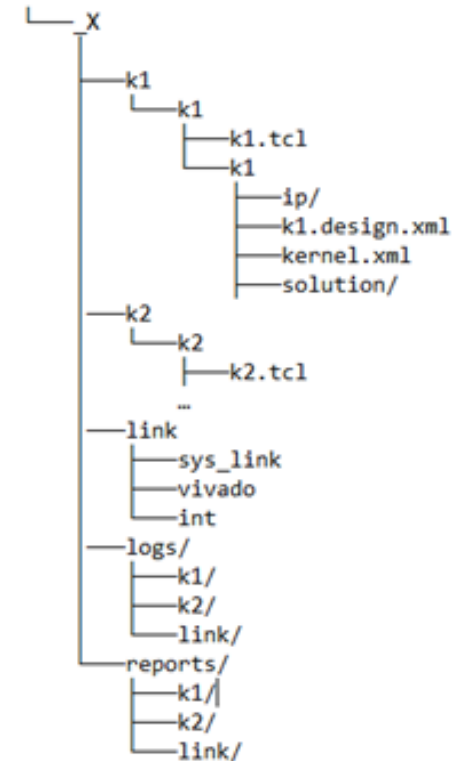
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`Files.walk`

Enter all subdirectories in a **depth-first** manner

```
Path dir = Paths.get(workingDir);
```

```
try(Stream<Path> entries = Files.walk(dir)){  
    entries.filter(Files::isRegularFile).forEach(System.out::println);  
}
```



Visiting Directory Entries

- You may also use `walkFileTree` method and supply an object of type `SimpleFileVisitor`, which gets notified
 - When a file is encountered (`visitFile`)
 - Before a directory is processed (`preVisitDirectory`)
 - After a directory is processed (`postVisitDirectory`)
 - When an error occurred (`visitFileFailed`)
- You may perform any actions you want for these events, and specify whether you want to
 - Continue visiting the next file (`FileVisitResult.CONTINUE`)
 - Continue but without visiting the entries in this directory (`FileVisitResult.SKIP_SUBTREE`)
 - Continue but without visiting the siblings of this file (`FileVisitResult.SKIP_SIBLINGS`)
 - Terminate the walk (`FileVisitResult.TERMINATE`)

Example: Simple Logging

// Using the file visitor

```
Path path = Paths.get(".");  
Files.walkFileTree(path, new ListFileVisitor());
```

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```
class ListFileVisitor extends SimpleFileVisitor<Path> {  
  
    @Override  
    public FileVisitResult visitFile(Path file, BasicFileAttributes attributes) throws IOException {  
        System.out.println("Visiting file:" + file.toRealPath());  
        return FileVisitResult.CONTINUE;  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    public FileVisitResult postVisitDirectory(Path directory, IOException e)  
        throws IOException {  
        System.out.println("Finished directory: "  
            + directory.toRealPath());  
        return FileVisitResult.CONTINUE;  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    public FileVisitResult preVisitDirectory(Path directory,  
        BasicFileAttributes attributes) throws IOException {  
        System.out.println("Start directory: "  
            + directory.toRealPath());  
        return FileVisitResult.CONTINUE;  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    public FileVisitResult visitFileFailed(Path file, IOException exc)  
        throws IOException {  
        System.out.println("An error occurred.");  
        return FileVisitResult.SKIP_SUBTREE;  
    }  
}
```

Reading Files Line by Line

```
Path file = Paths.get("resources","math.txt");
System.out.println("Using Scanner:");
Scanner in = new Scanner(file);
while(in.hasNext()){
    System.out.println(in.nextLine());
}
```

```
System.out.println("Using Files.lines:");
try (Stream<String> stream = Files.lines(file)) {
    stream.forEach(System.out::println);
} catch (IOException e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
}
```

```
System.out.println("Using BufferedReader:");
try (BufferedReader br = Files.newBufferedReader(file)) {
    String line;
    while ((line = br.readLine()) != null) {
        System.out.println(line);
    }
} catch (IOException e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
}
```

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Exception

- An exception indicates that a problem occurs during a program's execution
- An exception disrupts the normal flow of the program

Happy Path

Files are always there
Network is always okay
Memory is always enough
User input is always valid
.....



Unhappy Path

Files are not found
Network breaks down
Memory is not enough
User input is invalid
.....



Exception Handling

- A mechanism to handle errors **gracefully** in order to maintain the normal flow of the program

```
try {  
    File text = new File("C:/temp/test.txt");  
    Scanner s = new Scanner(text);  
} catch (FileNotFoundException e) {  
    System.err.println("file not found.");  
}
```

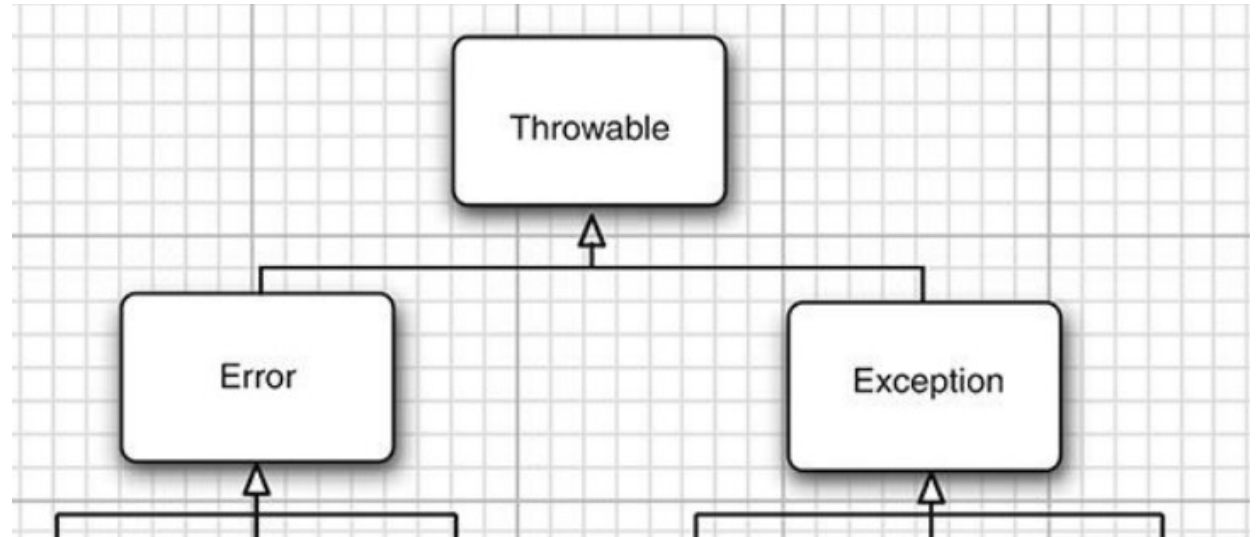
Handling { } Detection }

Exception handling passes control from **the point of error detection** to a **handler that can deal with the error**

Java Exception Hierarchy

Only `Throwable` or its subclasses

- Can be thrown by JVM or the `throw` keyword
- Can be caught by the `catch` keyword

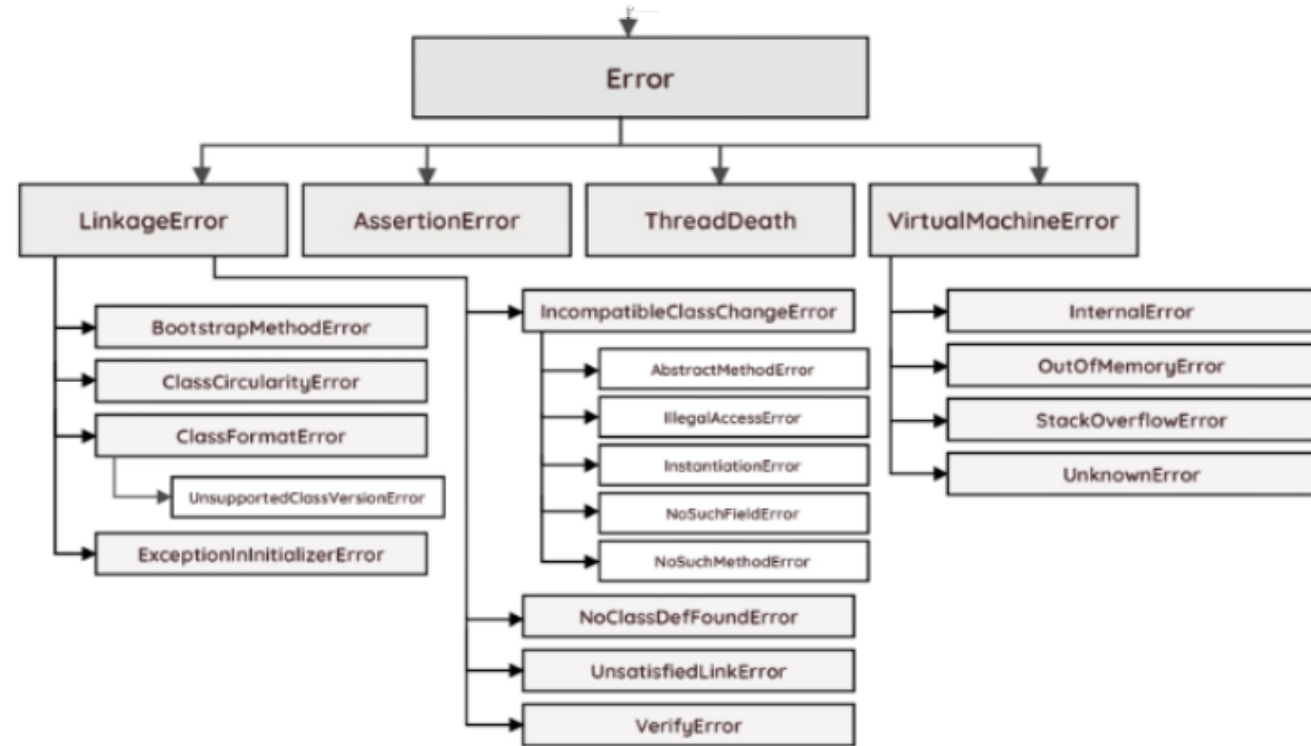


The `Throwable` class is at the top of the Java exception class hierarchy; has two direct subclass: `Error` and `Exception`

Error

- The Error hierarchy describes internal errors and resource exhaustion situations inside the Java runtime system.
- An error indicates serious problems that a reasonable application **should not** try to catch
- E.g., OutOfMemoryError, StackOverflowError

Image source: <https://rollbar.com/blog/java-exceptions-hierarchy-explained>



Mostly thrown by JVM in a scenario considered **fatal**;
No way for the application to recover from that error

Example

- What is the problem with `foo(String s)`?
- Stack is exhausted, leading to `StackOverflowError`
- No recovery during execution, just let it terminate

```
public void foo(String s)
{
    foo(s);
}
```

```
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.StackOverflowError
  at examples.foo(examples.java:58)
  at examples.foo(examples.java:58)
  at examples.foo(examples.java:58)
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Exception

- An exception indicates a condition that a reasonable application might **want to** catch.
- RuntimeException and its subclasses are unchecked exceptions
- Others are checked exceptions (think of it as checked by compiler)

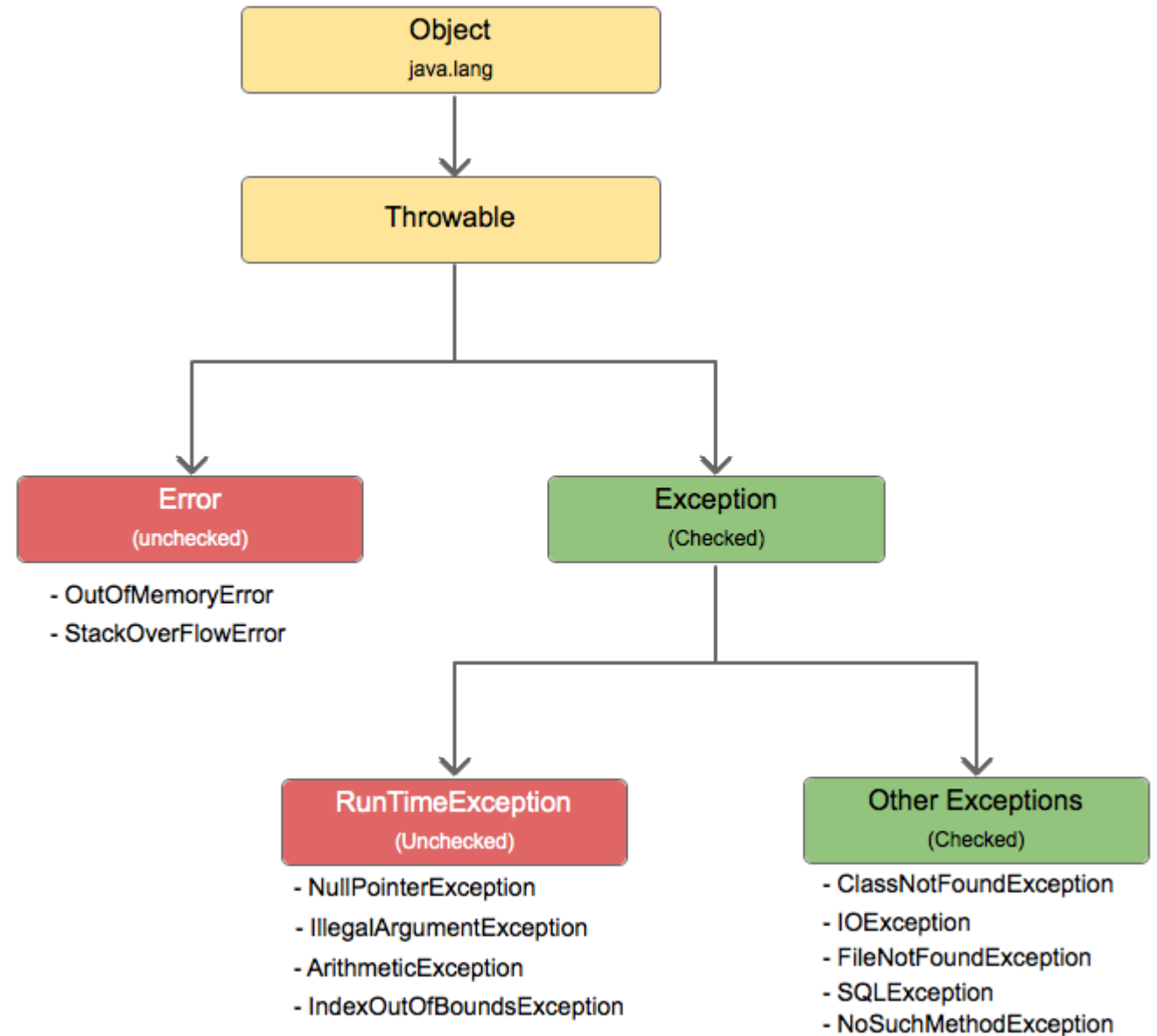


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Checked Exceptions

- Checked Exceptions cannot be ignored at the time of compilation
- Compilers will enforce programmers to handle them
- Two fixes: catch or throw

```
public void processFile() {  
    File text = new File("C:/test.txt");  
    Scanner s = new Scanner(text);  
}
```

Unhandled exception type FileNotFoundException

2 quick fixes available:

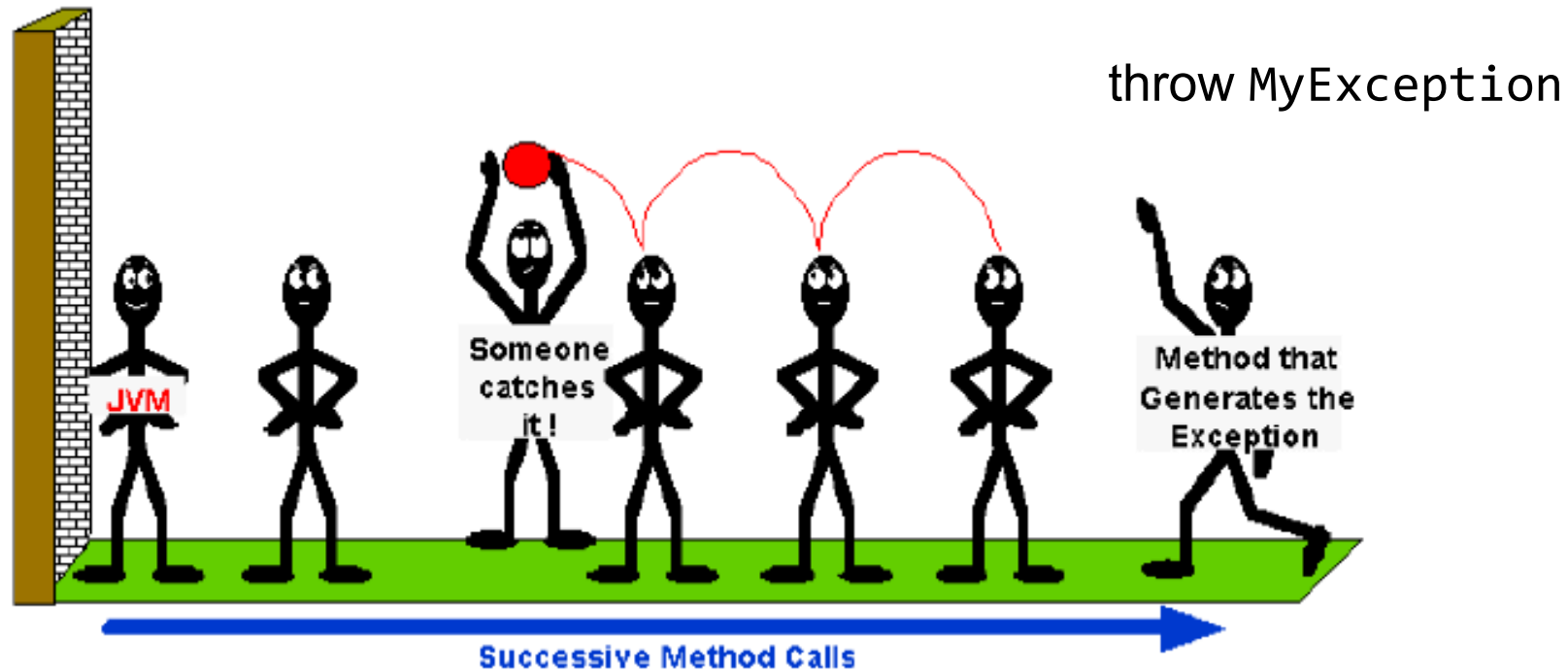
- ! Add throws declaration
- ! Surround with try/catch

Press 'F2' for focus

```
public void processFile() {  
    File text = new File("C:/test.txt");  
    try {  
        Scanner s = new Scanner(text);  
    } catch (FileNotFoundException e) {  
        System.out.println("Cannot find file xxx.");  
    }  
}
```

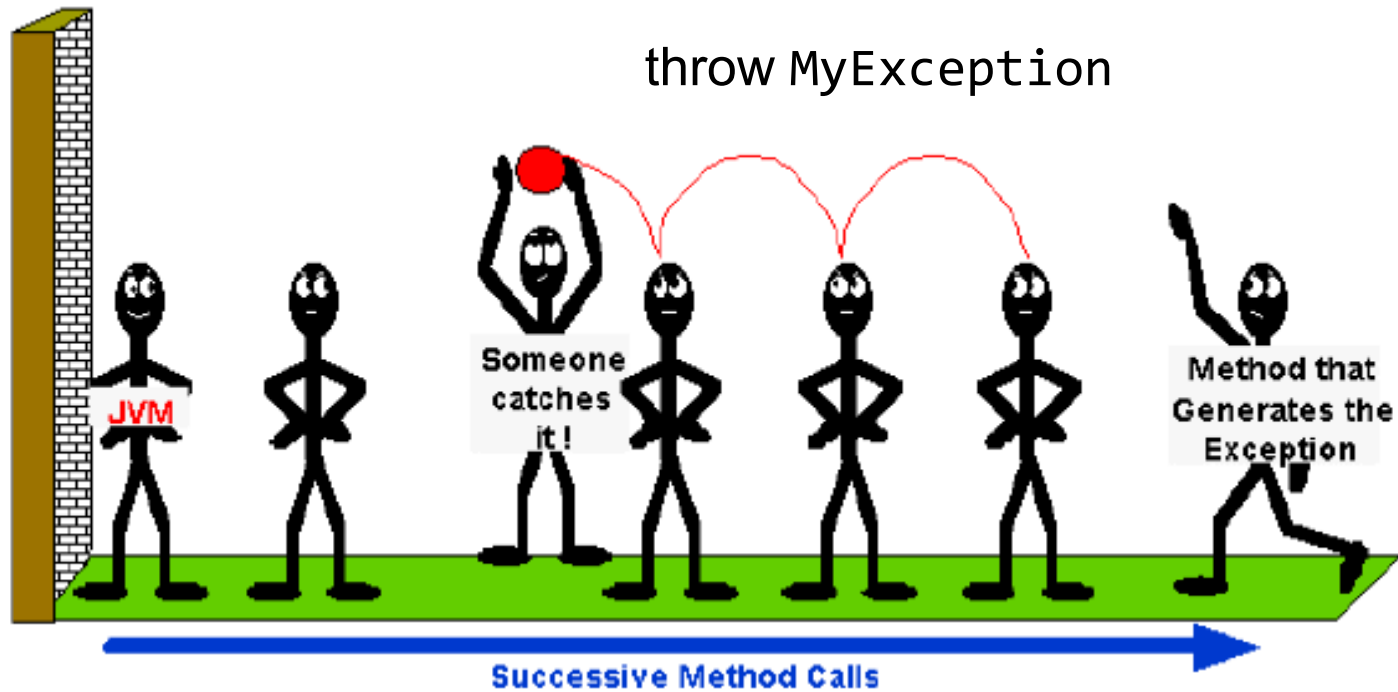
```
public void processFile() throws FileNotFoundException {  
    File text = new File("C:/test.txt");  
    Scanner s = new Scanner(text);  
}
```

Throw & Catch



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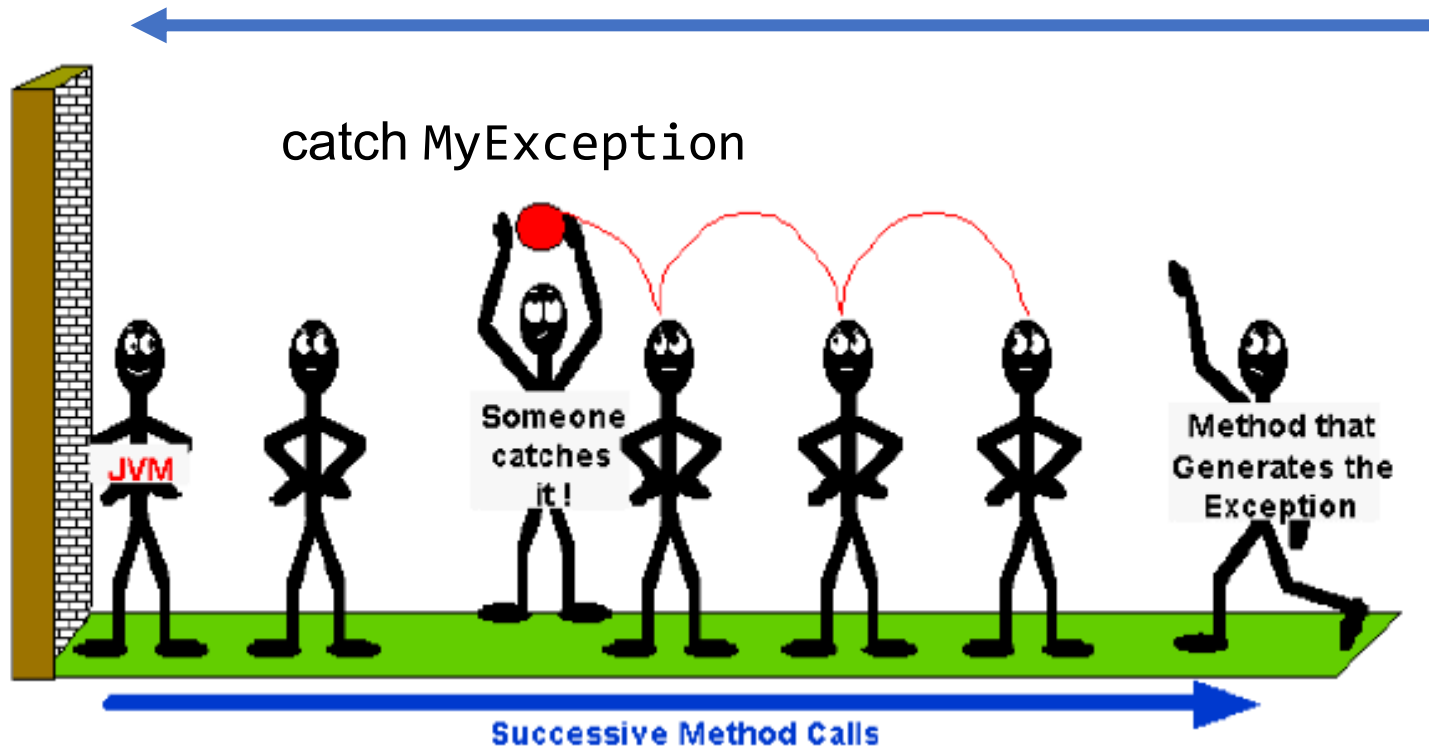
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Throw & Catch

JVM searches backward through the call stack to find a **matching catch** handler

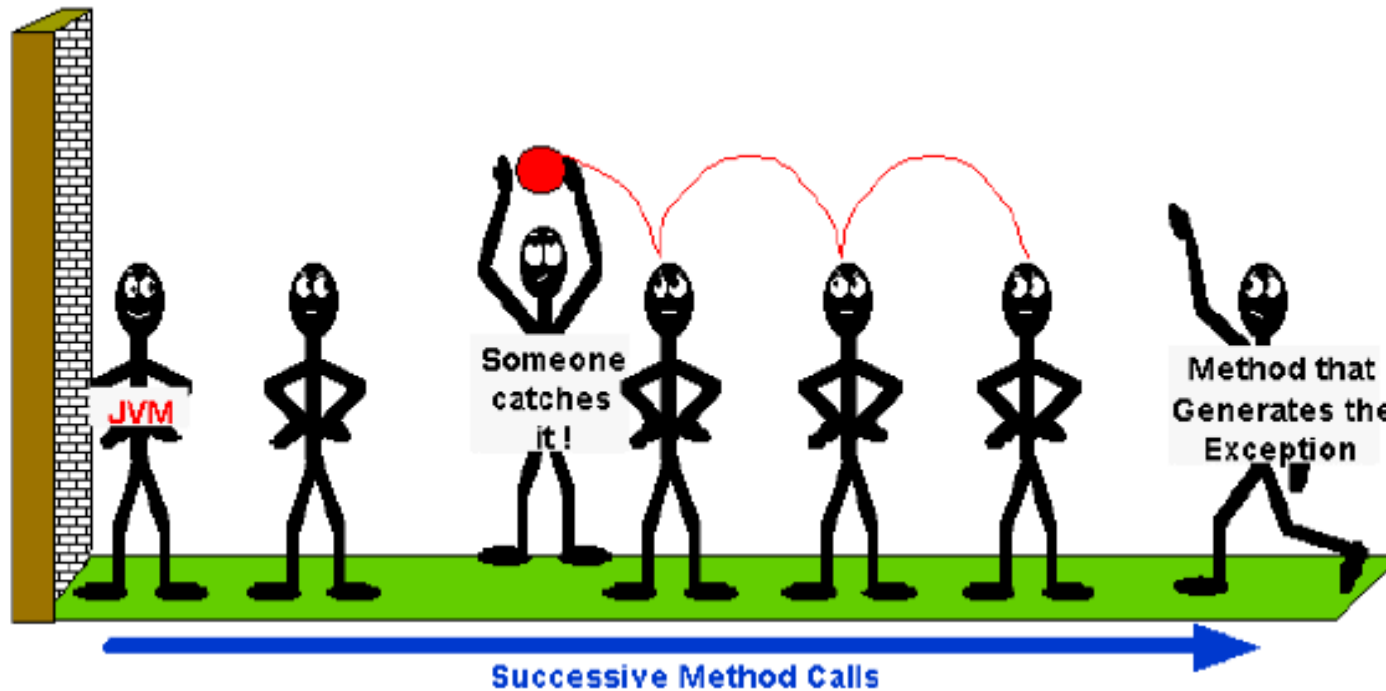


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Where to throw, where to catch?

Catch exceptions if you know how to handle them

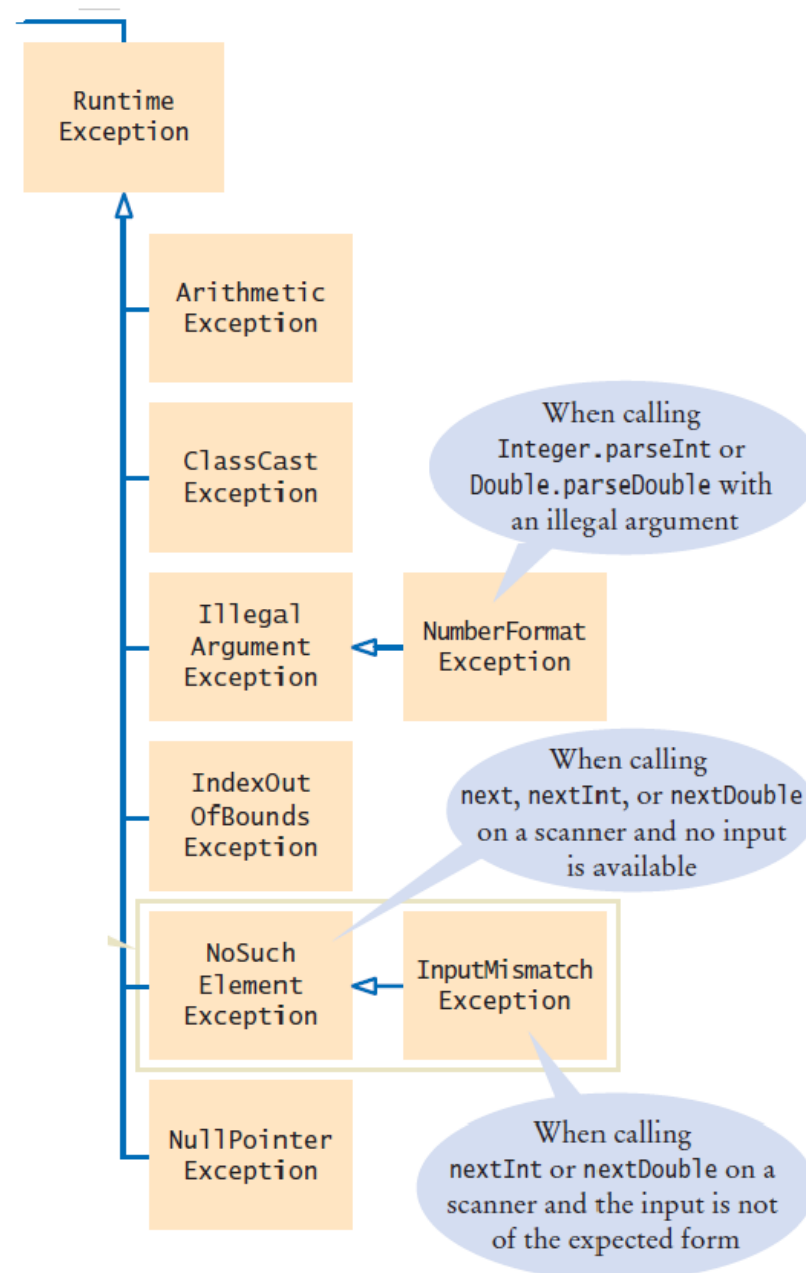
Throw exceptions that you do not know how to handle



$A() \rightarrow B() \rightarrow C() \rightarrow D() \rightarrow E() \rightarrow F()$

Unchecked Exceptions

- Will not be checked by compilers
- Occur at runtime
- Usually caused by logic errors in programming
- E.g., NullPointerException, IndexOutOfBoundsException



```
try {  
    // some code  
} catch(FileNotFoundException e) {  
    logger.log(e);  
  
} catch(SQLException e) {  
    logger.log(e);  
  
} catch(SocketException e) {  
    logger.log(e);  
}
```

```
try {  
    // some code  
} catch(FileNotFoundException  
        | SQLException  
        | SocketException e) {  
    logger.log(e);  
}
```

In Java 7 and later, a single catch block can handle multiple types of exception

Reduce code duplication

Avoid using overly broad exception

Catching Multiple Exceptions

```
try {  
    // some code  
} catch(FileNotFoundException e) {  
    logger.log(e);  
  
} catch(SQLException e) {  
    logger.log(e);  
  
} catch(SocketException e) {  
    logger.log(e);  
}
```

```
try {  
    // some code  
} catch(Exception e) {  
    logger.log(e);  
  
}
```

- catch (Exception e) is often considered a **bad practice**
- It may not properly handle logics that required for specific exceptions
 - It may catch unexpected exceptions
 - It may mask the actual error and impeding debugging

Catching Multiple Exceptions

The finally Clause

- When your code throws an exception, it stops processing the remaining code
- Problem occurs if the remaining code does crucial operations such as close resources
- Put such logics in the finally clause, which **always executes**

```
Scanner scanner = null;
try {
    scanner = new Scanner(new File("test.txt"));
    while (scanner.hasNext()) {
        System.out.println(scanner.nextLine());
    }
} catch (FileNotFoundException e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
} finally {
    if (scanner != null) {
        scanner.close();
    }
}
```

The finally Clause

No exception:

1
2
5
6

```
var in = new FileInputStream(. . .);  
try  
{  
    // 1  
    code that might throw exceptions  
    // 2  
}  
catch (IOException e)  
{  
    // 3  
    show error message  
    // 4  
}  
finally  
{  
    // 5  
    in.close();  
}  
// 6
```

The finally Clause

1 throws IOException

1

3

4

5

6

```
var in = new FileInputStream(. . .);  
try  
{  
    // 1  
    code that might throw exceptions  
    // 2  
}  
catch (IOException e)  
{  
    // 3  
    show error message  
    // 4  
}  
finally  
{  
    // 5  
    in.close();  
}  
// 6
```


The finally Clause

1 throws IOException and 3 throws
a new Exception

1

3

5

```
var in = new FileInputStream(. . .);  
try  
{  
    // 1  
    code that might throw exceptions  
    // 2  
}  
catch (IOException e)  
{  
    // 3  
    show error message  
    // 4  
}  
finally  
{  
    // 5  
    in.close();  
}  
// 6
```

The finally Clause

2 throws SQLException

1

2

5

```
var in = new FileInputStream(. . .);  
try  
{  
    // 1  
    code that might throw exceptions  
    // 2  
}  
catch (IOException e)  
{  
    // 3  
    show error message  
    // 4  
}  
finally  
{  
    // 5  
    in.close();  
}  
// 6
```

try-with-resources

try-with-resources statement ensures that a resource (e.g., `InputStream`, database connection) is **automatically closed** after the program is finished with it

```
open a resource
try
{
    work with the resource
}
finally
{
    close the resource
}
```

```
try (Resource res = . . .)
{
    work with res
}
```

try-with-resources

try-with-resources statement ensures that a resource (e.g., `InputStream`, database connection) is **automatically closed** after the program is finished with it

```
try (var in = new Scanner(
    new FileInputStream("/usr/share/dict/words"), StandardCharsets.UTF_8);
    var out = new PrintWriter("out.txt", StandardCharsets.UTF_8))
{
    while (in.hasNext())
        out.println(in.next().toUpperCase());
}
```

No matter how the block exits, both **in** and **out** are closed.

Next Lecture

- Multithreading