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NOT A PROBLEM! ITS REALLY SIMPLE :-)

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ARE THE MECHANISM PROVIDED IN C++ (AND JAVA AND MOST LANGUAGES) FOR

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OR YOU MIGHT DECIDE ITS TOO SERIOUS, AND CALL 911

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SOMETHING UNUSUAL OR UNEXPECTED TRIGGERS AN ERROR IN SOME FUNCTION

THE FUNCTION RAISES AN EXCEPTION, THROWING THE EXCEPTION "UP" TO WHOEVER CALLED THAT FUNCTION

ALERT ANYONE THAT CARES

IF YOU ARE THE CODE THAT CALLED THAT FUNCTION, YOU CAN CATCH THE EXCEPTION AND TRY TO DEAL WITH IT

ALARM: YOU EXCEPTION YOU CAN..

BUT IF IT'S TOO SERIOUS AND YOU GIVE UP, YOU CAN ABORT THE PROGRAM

EXAMPLE 74: LEARN HOW TO `throw` AN EXCEPTION WHEN SOMETHING GOES WRONG

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SAY WE HAVE A COMPLEX NUMBER CLASS

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NEVER MIND IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHY ITS AN ERROR FOR THE MODULUS OF A COMPLEX NUMBER TO BE NEGATIVE, JUST FOCUS ON THE ERROR BEING THROWN :-)

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SINCE THE EXCEPTION IS MERELY AN OBJECT, WE CAN PASS VERY SOPHISTICATED ERROR HANDLING INFORMATION VIA THIS MECHANISM!

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BUT THERE ARE ALSO STANDARD TYPES OF ERROR OBJECTS THROWN BY STANDARD C++ FUNCTIONS

FOR INSTANCE THE `stoi` FUNCTION WE USED THROWS `invalid_argument` AND `out_of_range` EXCEPTIONS

TWO WORDS OF CAUTION

NEVER THROW EXCEPTIONS FROM INSIDE A DESTRUCTOR

EVEN IF YOU THROW AN EXCEPTION, NEVER LEAK MEMORY OR RESOURCES

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YOU CAN CATCH EXCEPTIONS OF SPECIFIC TYPES USING ONE OR MORE CATCH BLOCKS

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