Exception handling in Java

give me the deep and detailed explaination of Exception Handling in java so that i can able to understand it well and do not have any type of doubt in this.

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Alright, let's properly master **Exception Handling in Java** 🧠
I'll go step by step, in simple language but with full depth so you don't have any confusion.

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1. What is an Exception?

An **exception** is an **unexpected or abnormal situation** that happens during program execution which **disrupts the normal flow** of the program.

Examples:

- Dividing by zero
- Accessing an array index out of bounds
- Trying to read from a file that doesn't exist
- Converting a non-numeric string to a number

In Java, when such a problem happens:

1. Java creates an **Exception object**
2. It **throws** that object
3. If your code **handles (catches)** it → program continues (gracefully)
4. If not handled → program **terminates abnormally**

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2. Error vs Exception

Both `Error` and `Exception` are problems, but:

`Error`

- Serious problems related to **JVM / system**.
- Not usually handled in code.
- Examples:
    - `OutOfMemoryError`

- `StackOverflowError`
- You normally **don't write try-catch** for these.

`Exception`

- Problems that **can be handled** in code using exception handling.
- Examples:
  - `ArithmeticException`
  - `NullPointerException`
  - `IOException`

So:

Errors → serious, from system/JVM
Exceptions → recoverable, from your program or external resources

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3. Exception Class Hierarchy (Very Important)

At the top:

```
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java.lang.Object
   └── java.lang.Throwable
         ├── java.lang.Error
         └── java.lang.Exception
               ├── RuntimeException (unchecked)
               └── Other exceptions (checked)
```

Under `Exception`:

1. **Checked Exceptions** → must be handled or declared
2. **Unchecked Exceptions (Runtime Exceptions)** → not forced to handle

We'll see this in detail next.

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4. Checked vs Unchecked Exceptions

4.1 Checked Exceptions

- Checked at **compile time**.
- Compiler forces you to:
  - either **handle** using `try-catch`
  - or **declare** using `throws` in method signature.
- Usually related to **external resources**: file, network, database, etc.

Common examples:

- **`IOException`**
- **`SQLException`**
- **`FileNotFoundException`**
- **`ClassNotFoundException`**

Example:

```
java

import java.io.*;

public class Test {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        FileReader fr = new FileReader("abc.txt"); // COMPILER ERROR
    }
}
```

Compiler error:

> Unhandled exception type FileNotFoundException

Because **`FileReader`** constructor throws a checked exception.

You must either:

```
java

public static void main(String[] args) throws FileNotFoundException {
    FileReader fr = new FileReader("abc.txt");
}
```

OR

```
java

public static void main(String[] args) {
    try {
        FileReader fr = new FileReader("abc.txt");
    } catch (FileNotFoundException e) {
        System.out.println("File not found: " + e.getMessage());
    }
}
```

4.2 Unchecked Exceptions (Runtime Exceptions)

- Checked at **runtime**, not at compile time.
- Compiler **does not force** to handle.
- You can write code without try-catch, but if that problem happens during execution → program crashes.

Examples (all subclasses of **`RuntimeException`**):

- `ArithmeticException` → divide by zero
- `NullPointerException`
- `ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException`
- `NumberFormatException`

Example:

```
java

public class Test {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        int a = 10 / 0; // ArithmeticException at runtime
        System.out.println("Hello");
    }
}
```

This compiles fine but throws exception during execution.

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5. What Happens Internally When an Exception Occurs?

Think of the **call stack**:

```
text

main() -> methodA() -> methodB()
```

If exception occurs in `methodB`:

1. Java creates exception object (e.g., `ArithmeticException`)
2. It looks for a `try-catch` **in methodB**:
    - If found and matches → handled
    - If not → exception is **propagated** to methodA (caller)
3. In `methodA`, it again checks for a matching `try-catch`
4. If still not found → propagated to `main`
5. If `main` also doesn't handle → program ends with stack trace

This is called **Exception Propagation**.

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6. Basic Keywords in Exception Handling

6.1 `try` block

- Contains **risky code** that might throw an exception.

```
java

try {
    int a = 10 / 0;
```

```
}
```

6.2 `catch` block

- Used to **handle** the exception.
- Must immediately follow **`try`**.

```
java

try {
    int a = 10 / 0;
} catch (ArithmeticException e) {
    System.out.println("Cannot divide by zero");
}
```

6.3 `finally` block

- Code in **`finally` always executes**, whether exception occurs or not, or even if you return from **`try`** or **`catch`**.
- Used mainly for **cleanup**:
  - closing files
  - closing DB connections
  - releasing resources

```
java

try {
    int a = 10 / 0;
} catch (ArithmeticException e) {
    System.out.println("Exception: " + e);
} finally {
    System.out.println("This will always execute");
}
```

6.4 `throw` keyword

- Used to **manually throw** an exception object.

```
java

if (age < 18) {
    throw new IllegalArgumentException("Age must be 18 or above");
}
```

6.5 `throws` keyword

- Used in **method signature** to declare that this method might throw exception(s).
- It **does not** handle the exception, just passes the responsibility to the caller.

```java
public void readFile() throws IOException {
    FileReader fr = new FileReader("test.txt");
}
```

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7. try-catch Syntax and Variations

7.1 Single try-catch

```java
try {
    int a = 10 / 0;
} catch (ArithmeticException e) {
    System.out.println("Exception: " + e.getMessage());
}
```

7.2 Multiple catch blocks

Handling different exceptions differently:

```java
try {
    String s = null;
    System.out.println(s.length()); // NullPointerException
} catch (NullPointerException e) {
    System.out.println("Null value found");
} catch (Exception e) {
    System.out.println("Some other exception");
}
```

> Order matters:
> `catch` for **child** types should come **before** `catch` for **parent** types (like `Exception`).

Wrong (causes compile-time error):

```java
try { ... }
catch (Exception e) { ... }
catch (NullPointerException e) { ... } // Unreachable code
```

Because `Exception` already catches everything.

7.3 Multi-catch (Java 7+)

If multiple exceptions have the **same handling**:

```java
try {
    int[] arr = new int[5];
```

```
    arr[10] = 50; // ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException
} catch (ArithmeticException | ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException e) {
    System.out.println("Either arithmetic or array index issue");
}
```

7.4 `finally` usage examples

Case 1: No exception

```
java


try {
    System.out.println("Inside try");
} catch (Exception e) {
    System.out.println("Inside catch");
} finally {
    System.out.println("Inside finally");
}
```

Output:

```
text


Inside try
Inside finally
```

Case 2: Exception occurs and is caught

```
java


try {
    int a = 10 / 0;
} catch (ArithmeticException e) {
    System.out.println("Caught exception");
} finally {
    System.out.println("Inside finally");
}
```

Output:

```
text


Caught exception
Inside finally
```

Case 3: Exception occurs and is not caught (no matching catch), but **`finally`** still executes

```
java


try {
    int a = 10 / 0;
} catch (NullPointerException e) {
    System.out.println("Caught NPE");
} finally {
    System.out.println("Inside finally");
}
System.out.println("After try-catch-finally");
```

Output:

```
text

Inside finally
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.ArithmeticException: / by zero
...
```

Notice: **`finally`** executed, but after that program terminated.

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8. Try-with-resources (Java 7+)

If you work with **resources that must be closed** (files, DB connections, sockets), manually closing in **`finally`** is error-prone.

Java provides **try-with-resources**:

- Any class that implements **`AutoCloseable`** (like **`FileReader`**, **`BufferedReader`**, etc) can be used.
- It automatically closes resources after **`try`** finishes.

Example:

```
java

import java.io.*;

public class Test {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        try (BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader(new FileReader("test.txt"))) {
            String line = br.readLine();
            System.out.println(line);
        } catch (IOException e) {
            System.out.println("IO Error: " + e.getMessage());
        }
        // No finally block needed to close br
    }
}
```

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9. `throw` vs `throws` (Common confusion)

`throw`

- Used **inside a method** to actually throw an exception.
- We throw an **object**.

```
java

throw new IllegalArgumentException("Invalid value");
```

`throws`

- Used in **method declaration**.

- Used to **declare** that method may throw certain exceptions.

```
java

public void myMethod() throws IOException, SQLException {
    // ...
}
```

`throw` → actually throwing
`throws` → just declaring

You can combine both:

```
java

public void checkAge(int age) throws IllegalArgumentException {
    if (age < 18) {
        throw new IllegalArgumentException("Age must be 18+");
    }
}
```

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10. Custom Exceptions

You can create your own exceptions to represent application-specific problems.

10.1 Creating a checked custom exception

```
java

class InsufficientBalanceException extends Exception {
    public InsufficientBalanceException(String message) {
        super(message);
    }
}
```

10.2 Using it

```
java

class BankAccount {
    private double balance;

    public BankAccount(double balance) {
        this.balance = balance;
    }

    public void withdraw(double amount) throws InsufficientBalanceException {
        if (amount > balance) {
            throw new InsufficientBalanceException("Not enough balance");
        }
        balance -= amount;
    }
}

public class Test {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        BankAccount acc = new BankAccount(1000);

        try {
```

```
            acc.withdraw(2000);
        } catch (InsufficientBalanceException e) {
            System.out.println("Error: " + e.getMessage());
        }
    }
}
```

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11. Exception Propagation (More Detail)

Example:

```
java

public class Test {

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        methodA();
        System.out.println("End of main");
    }

    static void methodA() {
        methodB();
    }

    static void methodB() {
        int a = 10 / 0; // ArithmeticException
    }
}
```

Flow:

1. **`main`** calls **`methodA`**
2. **`methodA`** calls **`methodB`**
3. In **`methodB`**, division by zero → **`ArithmeticException`** created and thrown
4. No try-catch in **`methodB`** → exception propagates to **`methodA`**
5. No try-catch in **`methodA`** → exception propagates to **`main`**
6. No try-catch in **`main`** → JVM handles it, prints stack trace, program ends.

If we handle it in **`methodB`**:

```
java

static void methodB() {
    try {
        int a = 10 / 0;
    } catch (ArithmeticException e) {
        System.out.println("Handled in methodB");
    }
}
```

Then program continues normally.

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12. Common Exceptions You Should Recognize

- `ArithmeticException` – divide by zero
- `ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException` – invalid array index
- `NullPointerException` – using `null` like an object
- `NumberFormatException` – invalid format in parsing:

```
java

Integer.parseInt("abc");
```

- `ClassNotFoundException` – class not found (checked)
- `IOException` – input/output problems (file, network)
- `FileNotFoundException` – specific file not found
- `SQLException` – database related problems

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13. Best Practices in Exception Handling

1. **Do not swallow exceptions silently**

❌ Bad:

```
java

try {
    // risky code
} catch (Exception e) {
    // do nothing
}
```

✅ Better:

```
java

catch (Exception e) {
    e.printStackTrace(); // or log it properly
}
```

2. **Catch specific exceptions**, not just `Exception`, when possible.
3. **Use meaningful messages** when throwing exceptions:

```
java

throw new IllegalArgumentException("Age cannot be negative: " + age);
```

4. **Don't use exceptions for normal control flow**
   Exceptions are costly; if logic can be handled by `if-else`, use that.
5. Always **clean up resources** (using `finally` or try-with-resources).

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14. Putting It All Together – A Small Realistic Example

Suppose we want to read a number from a file and divide 100 by that number.

```
java

import java.io.*;

public class Example {

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        try {
            int result = readNumberAndDivide();
            System.out.println("Result = " + result);
        } catch (IOException e) {
            System.out.println("IO error: " + e.getMessage());
        } catch (ArithmeticException e) {
            System.out.println("Math error: " + e.getMessage());
        } finally {
            System.out.println("Program finished");
        }
    }

    public static int readNumberAndDivide() throws IOException {
        try (BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader(new FileReader("number.txt"))) {
            String line = br.readLine();
            int num = Integer.parseInt(line);       // may cause NumberFormatException
(unchecked)
            return 100 / num;                       // may cause ArithmeticException (unchecked)
        }
    }
}
```

Observations:

- **`readNumberAndDivide`** declares **`throws IOException`** (because **`FileReader`**/**`BufferedReader`** operations can throw it).
- **`NumberFormatException`** and **`ArithmeticException`** are unchecked, so we **don't have to declare** them.
- In **`main`**, we:
  - catch **`IOException`**
  - catch **`ArithmeticException`**
  - use **`finally`** for general finishing message
- **`try-with-resources`** automatically closes **`BufferedReader`**.

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15. Quick Summary in Your Own Words (You can memorize like this)

- **Exception** = runtime problem that stops normal flow.
- Java uses **objects** to represent exceptions.
- Two main types:
  - **Checked** → must handle/declare (like **`IOException`**)
  - **Unchecked** → runtime, mostly programming errors (like **`NullPointerException`**)

- Use:
  - `try` → risky code
  - `catch` → handle exception
  - `finally` → always run (cleanup)
  - `throw` → actually throw an exception object
  - `throws` → declare that a method might throw exception
- Exceptions **propagate** up the call stack until handled.
- You can create your own **custom exceptions** by extending `Exception` or `RuntimeException`.

If you want, next I can:

- Give you **MCQ-style tricky questions** to test your understanding
- Or show **diagram-based call stack examples** for propagation
- Or explain **difference between checked vs unchecked** using more real-life analogies.

Tell me which you'd like next 🙂