Garbage Collection

In C language ------ It is the responsibility of the programmer to release allocated memory of heap

malloc = memory is allocated on the heap free = memory is released from the heap

If programmer is given responsibility to release memory then - UNCERTAINTY Following problems ------

Memory may not be efficiently managed

Memory leak

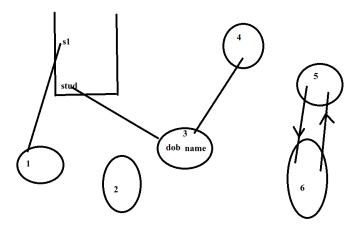
Dangling/Phantom pointers

Java proposed that responsibility of releasing the heap memory is SHIFTED from programmer to JVM!!!

JVM has a module GC (garbage collector) that is responsible for releasing heap memory !!!

A thread called as GC thread runs in the background PERIODICALLY

And frees all the objects that are not referenced directly/indirectly from the PROGRAM STACK (these are UNREACHABLE)



1 = 1 directly referenced from program stack

2 = 2 is unreachable

3 = 3 is directly referenced from program stack

4 = 4 is indirectly reachable from program stack

5, 6 = Unreachable

MARK AND SWEEP GC-----

2,5, and 6 are ELIGIBLE for GC !!! These are MARKED for GC in the first run !! In the next run the MARKED objects are SWEEPED

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Object class
                 public void finalize() { }
     Just before SWEEPING The object the GC calls the finalize() method!!!!
           In this method u can OVERRIDE and add code that is to be executed before object ends ---
                 Saving property values to files or database, or setting log files, setting counters!!!
     JVM = will run the gc mostly when the heap is getting full !!!!
           = calling finalize() may or may not happen as gc execution may or may not happen
     Programmer may request JVM to run the gc by using an API ---- System.gc() !!!
     How to make object unreachable
        1. Define objects in small scope --- so object will go out of scope , then unreachable - eligible for gc
        2. If objects are of larger scope then make them null whenever use is over
       3. reasssign the reference with new object ---older object is unreachable -eligible for gc
     HW --- PLAY with the GC code done in the class
              1. Use array --- observe that GC is not able to free a single object, so program crashes
              2. Use local scope reference --- observe that when heap starts filling jvm runs gc, gc frees unreachable objects and calls
                 finalize
              3. Use few objects in loop and see that gc is never called by JVM
              4. Use System.gc() to explicitly call gc
Exception ----- PROBLEM
     What happens when exception occurs --- program crashes
     We want to PREVENT program crash by exception handling !!!
Two Level Problems --
  1. Compile time problems = SYNTAX ERROR ===== .class is not created if syntax error occrs
  2. Run time problems = problems that occur when program runs ---
        1. JVM Errors = StackOverFlowError , OutOfMemoryError
                 These cannot be Handled!!! --- If they OCCUR program CRASH!
        2. Java Exceptions
                 Logical problems
                  or resource not available at run time,
                  or resource not available in desired format at runt time
           By default Program CRASHES -----But these can be handled at run time if logic is provided
                 SO program can be PREVENTED!!
What do you mean by Program CRASHING ??? Program Terminates Abruptly
OPPOSITE
Program terminates smoothly /successfully program runs up to the last possible line in the flow !!!
Exception Handling -----
      try , catch, finally , throw , throws } Keywords
Exception in Java is a CLASS !!!
     Java. Lang .Exception
           This is SUPER class of all Exception
     Object
           Throwable
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MANY MANY Exceptions

Error Exception

Exception RAISED / THROW = object of the Exception or its SubClass is Created Exception CAUGHT / CATCH === if it is caught then it is handled !!! One Try can have many catches !!!! But base class catch must be in the end OTHER WISE it will match all throws, so others are not used - hence compiler gives error throw keyword can be used in our program if we want to raise exception EXPLICITLY on some condition throw objectOfException 2 categories of Exceptions ---- depending on if compiler is checking the code 1. CHECKED EXCEPTIONS ---If a method throws exception then CALLER MUST Catch it or DECLARE THROWS!!! All subclasses of Exception class except RunTimeException classes 2. UNCHECKED EXCEPTIONS If compiler is not having any compulsions All Subclasses of RuntimeException HW -----1. Try the CrashingProgram and All the Handling programs by typing on your machine 2. Write a class TestCommandLine Class in study.exceptions package 1. Show the first string passed in command line in uppercase 2. Show the square of number passed as second command line argument Observe program crash when user does not give any command line input Observer program crash if user does not give a number in second command line argument Handle the exceptions and Prevent crashing You may write different try catch for first string processing and second number processing Custom Exception -----WrongDayException ----- when anyone enters day of month not in 1 to 31 WrongMonthException HW3 -----Write the MyDate class in study.exception.MyDate2 Property --- day, month, year 2 constructors, getter setter toString In the parameter constructor If day is not in range throw new WrongDayException If month is not in range throw new WrongMonthException Same for setDay, setMonth methods Write a user class in same package Main Create date object with correct values, incorrect values Set day and month with correct and incorrect values Observe exceptions Handle exceptions

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X = new Y (new Z())
X = null ( y and z are unreachable )
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Exception Handling