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Exception Handling

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- Catching Exceptions
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- Exception Methods
- Defining and Throwing Exceptions
- Errors and Runtime Exceptions



Exception Handling:

- Exception handling is the process of handling the errors and nonconforming states, while the program is executed.
- Mechanism to handle the runtime errors so that the normal flow of the application can be maintained.

What is Exception in Java?

Dictionary Meaning: Exception is an abnormal condition.

- In Java, an exception is an event that disrupts the normal flow of the program.
- is thrown at runtime.

What is Exception Handling?

Exception Handling is a mechanism to handle runtime errors such as ClassNotFoundException, IOException, SQLException, RemoteException, etc.

Advantage of Exception Handling

- The core advantage of exception handling is to maintain the normal flow of the application.
- An exception normally disrupts the normal flow of the application; that is why we need to handle exceptions.



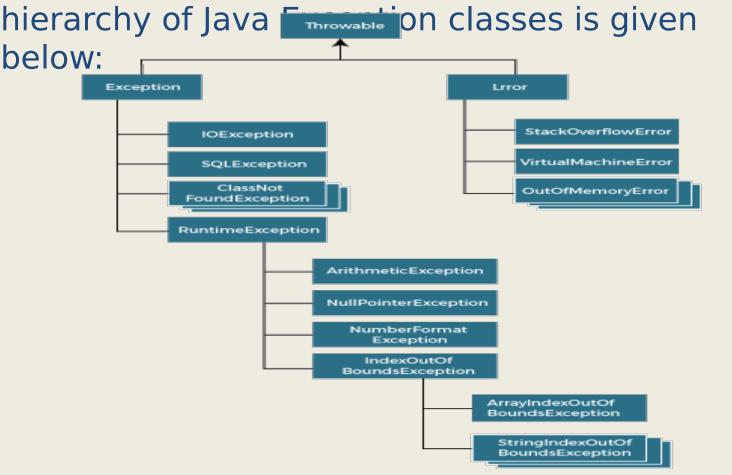


```
Let's consider a scenario:
statement 1:
statement 2;
statement 3:
statement 4;
statement 5;//exception occurs
statement 6;
statement 7;
statement 8:
statement 9;
statement 10;
Suppose there are 10 statements in a Java program and
an exception occurs at statement 5; the rest of the code
will not be executed, i.e., statements 6 to 10 will not be
executed. However, when we perform exception
handling, the rest of the statements will be executed.
That is why we use exception handling in <u>Java</u>.
```



Hierarchy of Java Exception classes

The java.lang.Throwable class is the root class of Java Exception hierarchy inherited by two subclasses: **Exception and Error**. The hierarchy of Java Throwable on classes is given



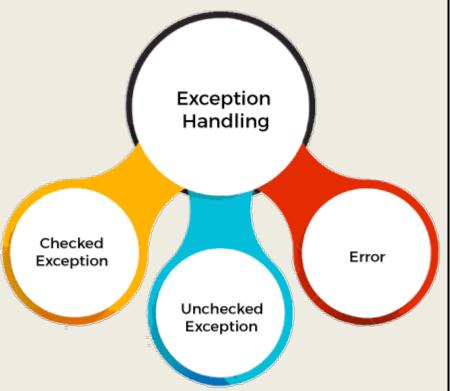


Types of Java Exceptions

There are mainly two types of exceptions: **checked and unchecked.**

An error is considered as the unchecked exception. However, according to Oracle, there are three types of exceptions namely:

- Checked Exception
- Unchecked Exception
- Error





Difference between Checked and Unchecked Exceptions

1) Checked Exception

The classes that directly inherit the Throwable class except RuntimeException and Error are known as checked exceptions.

For example, IOException, SQLException, etc. Checked exceptions are checked at compile-time.

2) Unchecked Exception

The classes that inherit the RuntimeException are known as unchecked exceptions.

For example, ArithmeticException, NullPointerException, ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException, etc. Unchecked exceptions are not checked at compile-time, but they are checked at runtime.

3) Error

Error is irrecoverable. Some example of errors are OutOfMemoryError, VirtualMachineError, AssertionError etc.



Java Exception Keywords

Keyword	Description
try	The "try" keyword is used to specify a block where we should place an exception code. It means we can't use try block alone. The try block must be followed by either catch or finally.
catch	The "catch" block is used to handle the exception. It must be preceded by try block which means we can't use catch block alone. It can be followed by finally block later.
finally	The "finally" block is used to execute the necessary code of the program. It is executed whether an exception is handled or not.
throw	The "throw" keyword is used to throw an exception.
throws	The "throws" keyword is used to declare exceptions. It specifies that there may occur an exception in the method. It doesn't throw an exception. It is always used with method signature.



Java Exception Handling

```
public class JavaExceptionExample {
 public static void main(String args[])
 try{
   //code that may raise exception
   int data=100/0;
catch(ArithmeticException e)
   System.out.println(e);
 //rest code of the program
 System.out.println("rest of the code...");
```

Output:

```
Exception in thread main java.lang.ArithmeticException:/ by zero rest of the code...
```



Common Scenarios of Java Exceptions

There are given some scenarios where unchecked exceptions may occur. They are as follows:

1) A scenario where **ArithmeticException occurs** If we divide any number by zero, there occurs an ArithmeticException.

int a=50/0;//ArithmeticException

2) A scenario where **NullPointerException occurs** If we have a null value in any <u>variable</u>, performing any operation on the variable throws a NullPointerException.

String s=**null**; System.out.println(s.length());//NullPointerException



3) A scenario where **NumberFormatException** occurs If the formatting of any variable or number is mismatched, it may result into NumberFormatException. Suppose we have a <u>string</u> variable that has characters; **converting this variable into digit** will cause NumberFormatException. String s="abc"; **int** i=Integer.parseInt(s);//NumberFormatException

4) A scenario where

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException occurs
When an array exceeds to it's size, the
ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException occurs.
there may be other reasons to occur

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException. Consider the following statements.

int a[]=new int[5];
a[10]=50; //ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException



Java try-catch block

Java try block

- Java try block is used to enclose the code that might throw an exception.
- It must be used within the method.
- If an exception occurs at the particular statement in the try block, the rest of the block code will not execute.
- So, it is recommended not to keep the code in try block that will not throw an exception.
- Jaya try block must be followed by either catch or finally block.

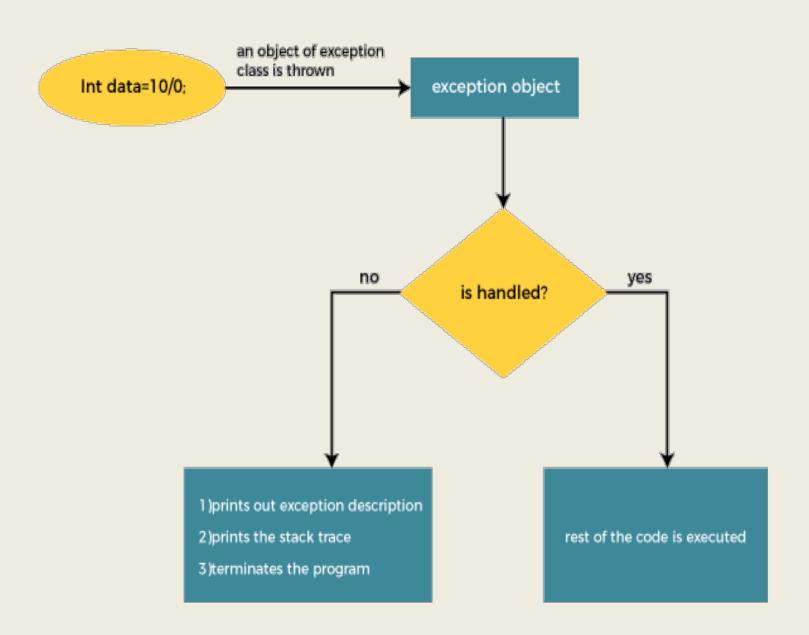
```
//code that may throw an exception
} catch(Exception_class_Name ref){}
Syntax of try-finally block
try{
//code that may throw an exception
} finally{}
```



Java catch block

- Java catch block is used to handle the Exception by declaring the type of exception within the parameter.
- The declared exception must be the parent class exception (i.e., Exception) or the generated exception type.
- However, the good approach is to declare the generated type of exception.
- The catch block must be used after the try block only.
- You can use multiple catch block with a single try block.







```
public class TryCatchExample1 {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
     int data=50/0; //may throw exception
       System.out.println("rest of the code");
   }
}
```

Output:

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



Solution by exception handling

```
public class TryCatchExample2 {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    try
     int data=50/0; //may throw exception
       //handling the exception
     catch(ArithmeticException e)
       System.out.println(e);
     System.out.println("rest of the code");
                                   Output:
```

java.lang.ArithmeticException: / by zero
rest of the code

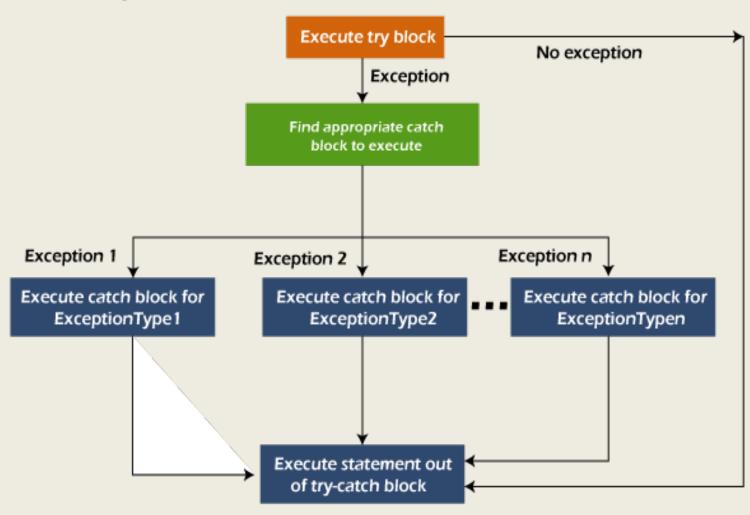


- A try block can be followed by one or more catch blocks.
- Each catch block must contain a different exception handler.
- So, if you have to perform different tasks at the occurrence of different exceptions, use java multi-catch block.

Points to remember

- At a time only one exception occurs and at a time only one catch block is executed.
- All catch blocks must be ordered from most specific to most general, i.e. catch for ArithmeticException must come before catch for Exception.







```
public class MultipleCatchBlock1 {
                                               Output:
  public static void main(String[] args) {
       try{
                                                Arithmetic Exception occurs
          int a[]=new int[5];
                                                rest of the code
          a[5]=30/0;
         catch(ArithmeticException e)
            System.out.println("Arithmetic Exception occurs");
         catch(ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException e)
            System.out.println("ArrayIndexOutOfBounds Exceptio
n occurs");
         catch(Exception e)
            System.out.println("Parent Exception occurs");
         System.out.println("rest of the code");
```



```
public class MultipleCatchBlock2 {
  public static void main(String[] arg Output:
       try{
                                        ArrayIndexOutOfBounds Exception occurs
          int a[]=new int[5];
                                        rest of the code
          System.out.println(a[10]);
         catch(ArithmeticException e)
            System.out.println("Arithmetic Exception occurs");
         catch(ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException e)
            System.out.println("ArrayIndexOutOfBounds Exceptio
n occurs");
         catch(Exception e)
            System.out.println("Parent Exception occurs");
         System.out.println("rest of the code");
```



```
public class MultipleCatchBlock4 {
                                                  Output:
  public static void main(String[] args) {
       try{
                                                  Parent Exception occurs
          String s=null;
                                                  rest of the code
          System.out.println(s.length());
         catch(ArithmeticException e)
            System.out.println("Arithmetic Exception occurs");
         catch(ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException e)
            System.out.println("ArrayIndexOutOfBounds Exceptio
n occurs");
         catch(Exception e)
            System.out.println("Parent Exception occurs");
         System.out.println("rest of the code");
```



Java Nested try block

- In Java, using a try block inside another try block is permitted.
- It is called as nested try block.
- Every statement that we enter a statement in try block, context of that exception is pushed onto the stack.

For example, the inner try block can be used to handle ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsExcep tion while the outer try block can handle the ArithemeticException (division by zero).



Syntax:

Java Nested try block

```
//main try block
try
  statement 1;
  statement 2;
     //try catch block within another try block
      try
            statement 3;
           statement 4;
           //try catch block within nested try block
            try
                   statement 5;
                       statement 6;
           catch(Exception e2)
                 //exception message
     catch(Exception e1)
           //exception message
//catch block of parent (outer) try block
catch(Exception e3)
//exception message
```



Java Nested try block

```
public class NestedTryBlock
    public static void main(String args[])
       //outer try block
   try
        //inner try block 1
       try
        System.out.println("going to divide by 0");
        int b = 39/0;
       //catch block of inner try block 1
        catch(ArithmeticException e)
            System.out.println(e);
```

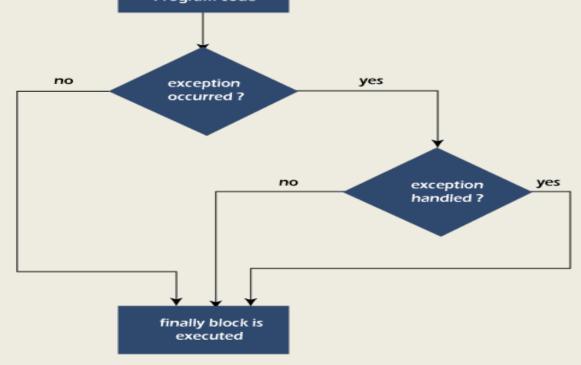


```
//inner try block 2 Java Nested try block
                                                   Output:
   try{
   int a[]=new int[5];
                                                   C:\Users\Anurati\Desktop\abcDemo>javac NestedTryBlock.java
   //assigning the value out of array boc:\Users\Anurati\Desktop\abcDemo>java NestedTryBlock
    a[5]=4;
                                                   going to divide by 0
                                                    ava.lang.ArithmeticException: / by zero
                                                    va.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: Index 5 out of bounds for length 5
     //catch block of inner try block 2
                                                   normal flow..
   catch(ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException e)
      System.out.println(e);
   System.out.println("other statement");
 //catch block of outer try block
 catch(Exception e)
   System.out.println("handled the exception (outer catch)");
   System.out.println("normal flow..");
```



Java finally block

- Java finally block is a block used to execute important code such as closing the connection, etc.
- Java finally block is always executed whether an exception is handled or not. Therefore, it contains all the necessary statements that need to be printed regardless of the exception occurs or not.
- The finally block follows the try-catch block.





Why use Java finally block?

- finally block in Java can be used to put "cleanup" code such as closing a file, closing connection, etc.
- The important statements to be printed can be placed in the finally block.



```
class TestFinallyBlock {
 public static void main(String aras[]){
                                            Output:
 try{
//below code do not throw any exce C:\Users\Anurati\Desktop\abcDemo>javac TestFinallyBlock.java
  int data=25/5;
                                            C:\Users\Anurati\Desktop\abcDemo>java TestFinallyBlock
  System.out.println(data);
                                            finally block is always executed
                                             est of the code...
//catch won't be executed
 catch(NullPointerException e){
System.out.println(e);
//executed regardless of exception occurred or not
finally {
System.out.println("finally block is always executed");
System.out.println("rest of phe code...");
```



Java throw Exception

In Java, exceptions allows us to write good quality codes where the errors are checked at the compile time instead of runtime and we can create custom exceptions making the code recovery and debugging easier.

Java throw keyword

- The Java throw keyword is used to throw an exception explicitly.
- We specify the exception object which is to be thrown.
- The Exception has some message with it that provides the error description.
- These exceptions may be related to user inputs, server, etc.
- We can throw either checked or unchecked exceptions in Java by throw keyword. It is mainly used to throw a custom exception. We will discuss custom exceptions later in this section.
- We can also define our own set of conditions and throw an exception explicitly using throw keyword. For example, we can throw ArithmeticException if we divide



Java throw Exception

The syntax of the Java throw keyword is given below.

throw Instance i.e.,

throw new exception_class("error message");

Let's see the example of throw IOException.

throw new IOException("sorry device error");

Where the Instance must be of type Throwable or subclass of Throwable. For example, Exception is the sub class of Throwable and the user-defined exceptions usually extend the Exception class.



Java throw keyword

```
public class TestThrow1 {
function to check if person is eligible to vote or not
   public static void validate(int age) {
       if(age<18) {
throw Arithmetic exception if not eligible to vote
          throw new ArithmeticException("Person is
not eligible to vote");
       else {
          System.out.println("Person is eligible to vote
!!");
                                                    Output:
                                                     :\Users\Anurati\Desktop\abcDemo>javac TestThrow1.java
   //main method
                                                     C:\Users\Anurati\Desktop\abcDemo>java TestThrow1
   public static void main(String args Exception in thread "main" java.lang.ArithmeticException: Person is not eligible
      //calling the function
                                                        at TestThrow1.validate(TestThrow1.java:8)
                                                        at TestThrow1.main(TestThrow1.java:18)
      validate(13);
       System.out.println("rest of the code...");
```



Throwing User-defined Exception

```
// class represents user-defined exception
class UserDefinedException extends Exception
  public UserDefinedException(String str)
     // Calling constructor of parent Exception
     super(str);
// Class that uses above MyException
public class TestThrow3
  public static void main(String args[])
     try
       // throw an object of user defined exception
       throw new UserDefinedException("This is user-
defined exception");
```



Java throw keyword

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       throw new ArithmeticException("Person is
not eligible to vote");
     else {
       System.out.println("Person is eligible to vote
!!");
  //main method
  public static void main(String args[]){
     //calling the function
     validate(13);
     System.out.println("rest of the code...");
```



Java throw keyword

```
catch (UserDefinedException ude)
    {
        System.out.println("Caught the exception");
        // Print the message from MyException object
        System.out.println(ude.getMessage());
     }
    }
}
```

Output:

C:\Users\Anurati\Desktop\abcDemo>javac TestThrow3.java

C:\Users\Anurati\Desktop\abcDemo>java TestThrow3 Caught the exception This is user-defined exception



Java throws keyword

- The Java throws keyword is used to declare an exception. It gives an information to the programmer that there may occur an exception.
- So, it is better for the programmer to provide the exception handling code so that the normal flow of the program can be maintained.
- Exception Handling is mainly used to handle the checked exceptions.
- If there occurs any unchecked exception such as NullPointerException, it is programmers' fault that he is not checking the code before it being used.

Syntax of Java throws

return_type method_name() **throws** exception_cl ass_name



Java throws keyword

Advantage of Java throws keyword

- Now Checked Exception can be propagated (forwarded in call stack).
- It provides information to the caller of the method about the exception.

There are two cases:

Case 1: We have caught the exception i.e. we have handled the exception using try/catch block.

Case 2: We have declared the exception i.e. specified throws keyword with the method.



Java throws keyword

```
import java.io.IOException;
class Testthrows1{
 void m()throws IOException{
  throw new IOException("device error");//checked exception
 void n()throws IOException{
  m();
 void p(){
 try{
  n();
 }catch(Exception e){System.out.println("exception handled");}
 public static void main(String args[]) {
                                                  Output:
 Testthrows1 obj=new Testthrows1();
 obj.p();
                                                  exception handled
 System.out.println("normal flow...");
                                                  normal flow...
```



Difference between throw and throws in Java

Sr. no.	Basis of Differences	throw	throws		
1.	Definition	used throw an exception explicitly in the code, inside the function or the block	Java throws keyword is used in the method signature to declare an exception which might be thrown by the function while the execution of the code.		
2.	Using throw keyword, we can only propagate unchecked exception i.e., the checked exception	Using throws keyword, we can declare both checked and unchecked exceptions. However, the throws keyword can be used to propagate checked exceptions only.			



Difference between throw and throws in Java

Sr. no.	Basis of Differences	throw	throws
3.	Syntax	The throw keyword is followed by an instance of Exception to be thrown.	
4.	Declaration	throw is used within the method.	throws is used with the method signature.
5.		We are allowed to throw only one exception at a time i.e. we cannot throw multiple exceptions.	multiple exceptions



Java throw Example

```
public class TestThrow {
  //defining a method
   public static void checkNum(int num) {
      if (num < 1) {
         throw new ArithmeticException("\
nNumber is negative, cannot calculate square");
      else {
         System.out.println("Square of " + num + " is " + (num*num));
   //main method
   public static void main(String[] args) {
         TestThrow obj = new TestThrow();
         obj.checkNum(-3);
                                               Output:
         System.out.println("Rest of the
                                               C:\Users\Anurati\Desktop\abcDemo>javac TestThrow.java
                                               C:\Users\Anurati\Desktop\abcDemo>java TestThrow
                                               Exception in thread "main" java.lang.ArithmeticException:
                                               Number is negative, cannot calculate square
                                                     at TestThrow.checkNum(TestThrow.java:6)
                                                     at TestThrow.main(TestThrow.java:16)
```



Java throws Example

```
public class TestThrows {
  //defining a method
  public static int divideNum(int m, int n) throws ArithmeticExcepti
on {
     int div = m / n;
      return div;
  //main method
  public static void main(String[] args) {
     TestThrows obj = new TestThrows();
     try {
        System.out.println(obj.divideNum(45, 0));
     catch (ArithmeticException e) {
        System.out.println("\nNumber cannot be divided by 0");
                                                 Output:
      System.out.println("Rest of the code.
                                                 C:\Users\Anurati\Desktop\abcDemo>javac TestThrows.java
                                                 ::\Users\Anurati\Desktop\abcDemo>java TestThrows
                                                  umber cannot be divided by 0
                                                 Rest of the code..
```



Java throw and throws Example

```
public class TestThrowAndThrows
  // defining a user-defined method
  // which throws ArithmeticException
  static void method() throws ArithmeticException
     System.out.println("Inside the method()");
     throw new ArithmeticException("throwing ArithmeticException");
  //main method
   public static void main(String args output:
                                             C:\Users\Anurati\Desktop\abcDemo>javac TestThrowAndThrows.java
     try
                                             C:\Users\Anurati\Desktop\abcDemo>java TestThrowAndThrows
                                              nside the method()
        method();
                                              aught in main() method
     catch(ArithmeticException e)
        System.out.println("caught in main() method");
```



Why use custom exceptions?

- Java exceptions cover almost all the general type of exceptions that may occur in the programming. However, we sometimes need to create custom exceptions.
- Following are few of the reasons to use custom exceptions:
- To catch and provide specific treatment to a subset of existing Java exceptions.
- Business logic exceptions: These are the exceptions related to business logic and workflow.
- It is useful for the application users or the developers to understand the exact problem.
- In order to create custom exception, we need to extend Exception class that belongs to java.lang package.



Java Custom Exception

- In Java, we can create our own exceptions that are derived classes of the Exception class.
- Creating our own Exception is known as custom exception or user-defined exception.
- Basically, Java custom exceptions are used to customize the exception according to user need.
- Consider the example 1 in which InvalidAgeException class extends the Exception class.
- Using the custom exception, we can have your own exception and message.
- Here, we have passed a string to the constructor of superclass i.e. Exception class that can be obtained using getMessage()



Consider the following example, where we create a custom exception named WrongFileNameException:

```
public class WrongFileNameException extends
Exception {
   public WrongFileNameException(String errorM
essage) {
    super(errorMessage);
   }
}
```



```
/ class representing custom exception
class InvalidAgeException extends Exception
  public InvalidAgeException (String str)
     // calling the constructor of parent Exception
     super(str);
// class that uses custom exception InvalidAgeException
public class TestCustomException1
  // method to check the age
```



```
static void validate (int age) throws InvalidAgeException
    if(age < 18){
    // throw an object of user defined exception
     throw new InvalidAgeException("age is not valid to v
ote");
    else {
     System.out.println("welcome to vote");
  // main method
  public static void main(String args[])
     try
       // calling the method
       validate(13):
```



```
catch (InvalidAgeException ex)
       System.out.println("Caught the exception");
       // printing the message from InvalidAgeException o
bject
       System.out.println("Exception occured: " + ex);
     System.out.println("rest of the code...");
```

Output:

```
C:\Users\Anurati\Desktop\abcDemo>javac TestCustomException1.java
C:\Users\Anurati\Desktop\abcDemo>java TestCustomException1
Caught the exception
Exception occured: InvalidAgeException: age is not valid to vote
rest of the code...
```







Thank You