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Exception Handling in Java

The **Exception Handling in Java** is one of the powerful *mechanism to handle the runtime errors* so that the normal flow of the application can be maintained.

In this tutorial, we will learn about Java exceptions, it's types, and the difference between checked and unchecked exceptions.

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. It is an object which 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;

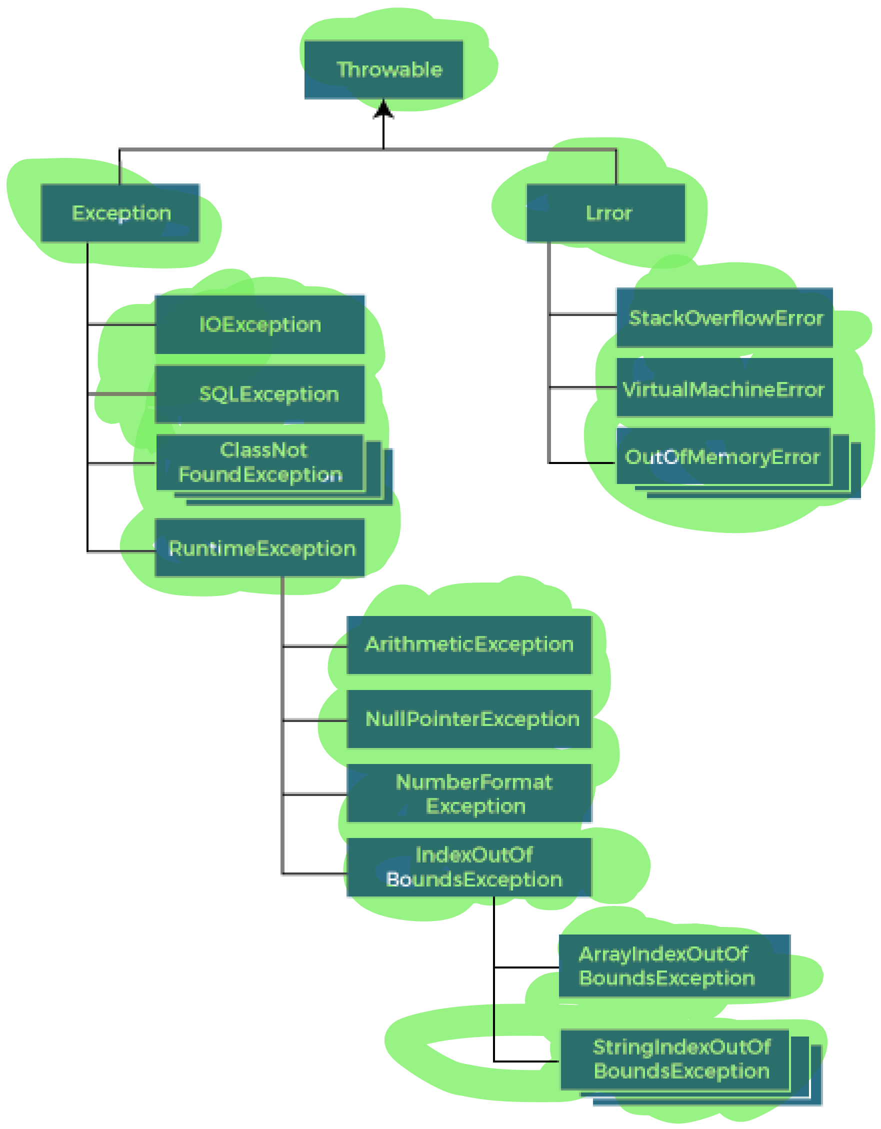
statement 9;

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 Java.

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 Exception classes is given below:



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:

1. Checked Exception
2. Unchecked Exception
3. 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

Java provides five keywords that are used to handle the exception. The following table describes each.

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 Example

Let's see an example of Java Exception Handling in which we are using a try-catch statement to handle the exception.

JavaExceptionExample.java

```
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...
```

In the above example, 100/0 raises an ArithmeticException which is handled by a try-catch block.

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 variable, 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 string 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.
- Java try block must be followed by either catch or finally block.

Syntax of Java try-catch

```
try{
//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.
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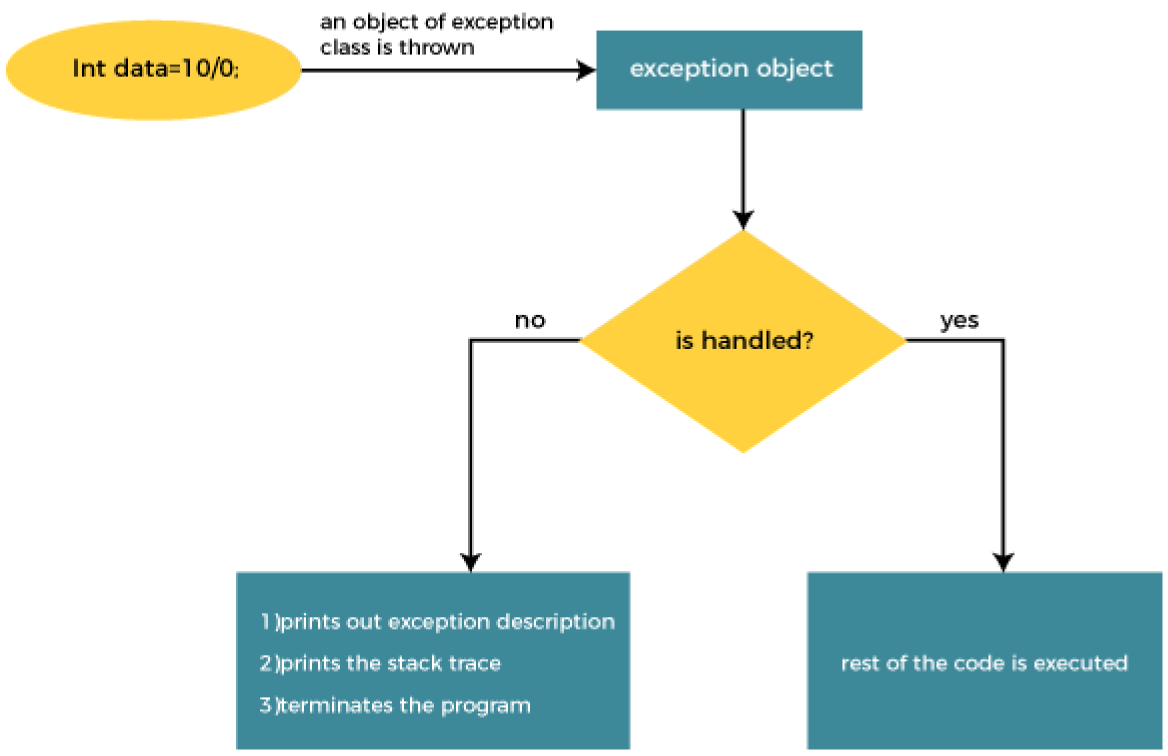
- The catch block must be used after the try block only. You can use multiple catch block with a single try block.

Internal Working of Java try-catch block


Int data=10/0;
an object of exception class is thrown
exception object
is handled?
no
yes
1)prints out exception description
2)prints the stack trace
3)terminates the program
rest of the code is executed

The JVM firstly checks whether the exception is handled or not. If exception is not handled, JVM provides a default exception handler that performs the following tasks:

- Prints out exception description.
- Prints the stack trace (Hierarchy of methods where the exception occurred).
- Causes the program to terminate.

But if the application programmer handles the exception, the normal flow of the application is maintained, i.e., rest of the code is executed.

Problem without exception handling

Let's try to understand the problem if we don't use a try-catch block.

Example 1

TryCatchExample1.java

```
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
```

As displayed in the above example, the **rest of the code** is not executed (in such case, the **rest of the code** statement is not printed).

There might be 100 lines of code after the exception. If the exception is not handled, all the code below the exception won't be executed.

Solution by exception handling

Let's see the solution of the above problem by a java try-catch block.

Example 2

TryCatchExample2.java

```
    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
```

As displayed in the above example, the **rest of the code** is executed, i.e., the **rest of the code** statement is printed.

Example 3

In this example, we also kept the code in a try block that will not throw an exception.

TryCatchExample3.java

```
    public class TryCatchExample3 {
         public static void main(String[] args) {
           try
           {
           int data=50/0; //may throw exception
                   // if exception occurs, the remaining statement will not exceute
           System.out.println("rest of the code");
           }
               // handling the exception
           catch(ArithmeticException e)
           {
              System.out.println(e);
           }   }
         }
```

Output:

```
java.lang.ArithmeticException: / by zero
```

Here, we can see that if an exception occurs in the try block, the rest of the block code will not execute.

Example 4

Here, we handle the exception using the parent class exception.

TryCatchExample4.java

```
    public class TryCatchExample4 {
         public static void main(String[] args) {
           try
           {
           int data=50/0; //may throw exception
           }
              // handling the exception by using Exception class
           catch(Exception e)
           {
              System.out.println(e);
           }
           System.out.println("rest of the code");
        }
         }
```

Output:

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

Java Catch Multiple Exceptions

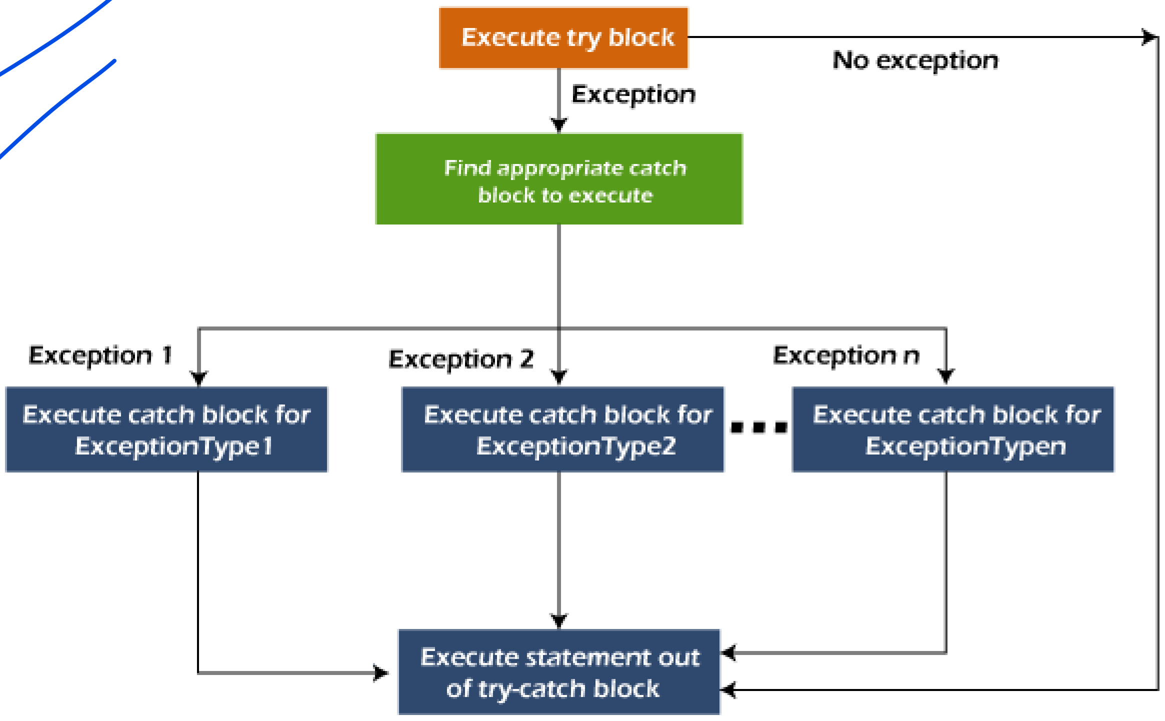
Java Multi-catch block

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.

Flowchart of Multi-catch Block


Execute try block
No exception
Exception
Find appropriate catch block to execute
Exception 1
Exception 2
Exception n
Execute catch block for ExceptionType1
Execute catch block for ExceptionType2
Execute catch block for ExceptionTypen
Execute statement out of try-catch block

Example 1

Let's see a simple example of java multi-catch block.

MultipleCatchBlock1.java

```
public class MultipleCatchBlock1 {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        try{
            int a[]=new int[5];
            a[5]=30/0;
           }
           catch(ArithmeticException e)
             {
              System.out.println("Arithmetic Exception occurs");
             }
           catch(ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException e)
             {
              System.out.println("ArrayIndexOutOfBounds Exception occurs");
             }
```

```
                catch(Exception e)
                  {
                   System.out.println("Parent Exception occurs");
                  }
                System.out.println("rest of the code");
        }
    }
```

Output:

```
Arithmetic Exception occurs
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 **ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException** while the **outer try block** can handle the **ArithemeticException** (division by zero).

Why use nested try block ?

Sometimes a situation may arise where a part of a block may cause one error and the entire block itself may cause another error. In such cases, exception handlers have to be nested.

Syntax:

```
....
//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 Example

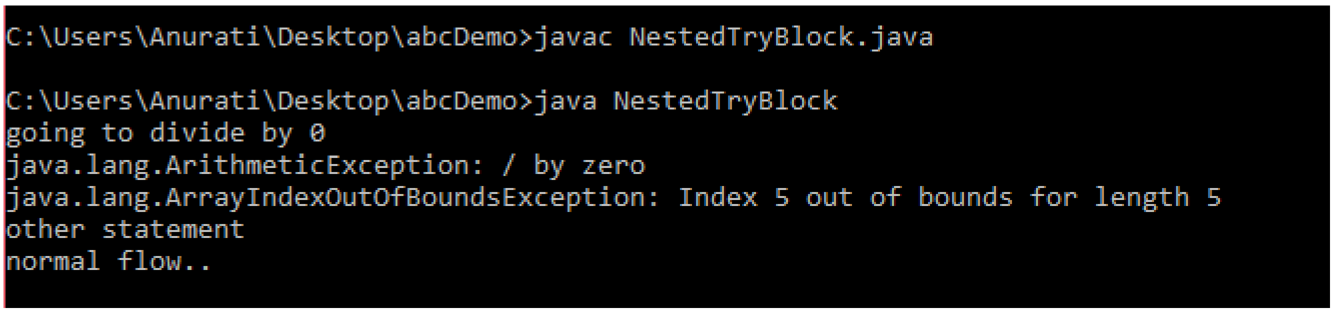
Example 1

Let's see an example where we place a try block within another try block for two different exceptions.

NestedTryBlock.java

```
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
    try{
    int a[]=new int[5];
      //assigning the value out of array bounds
     a[5]=4;
     }
    //catch block of inner try block 2
    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..");
 }
}
```

Output:



```
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C:\Users\Anurati\Desktop\abcDemo>java NestedTryBlock
going to divide by 0
java.lang.ArithmeticException: / by zero
java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: Index 5 out of bounds for length 5
other statement
normal flow..
```

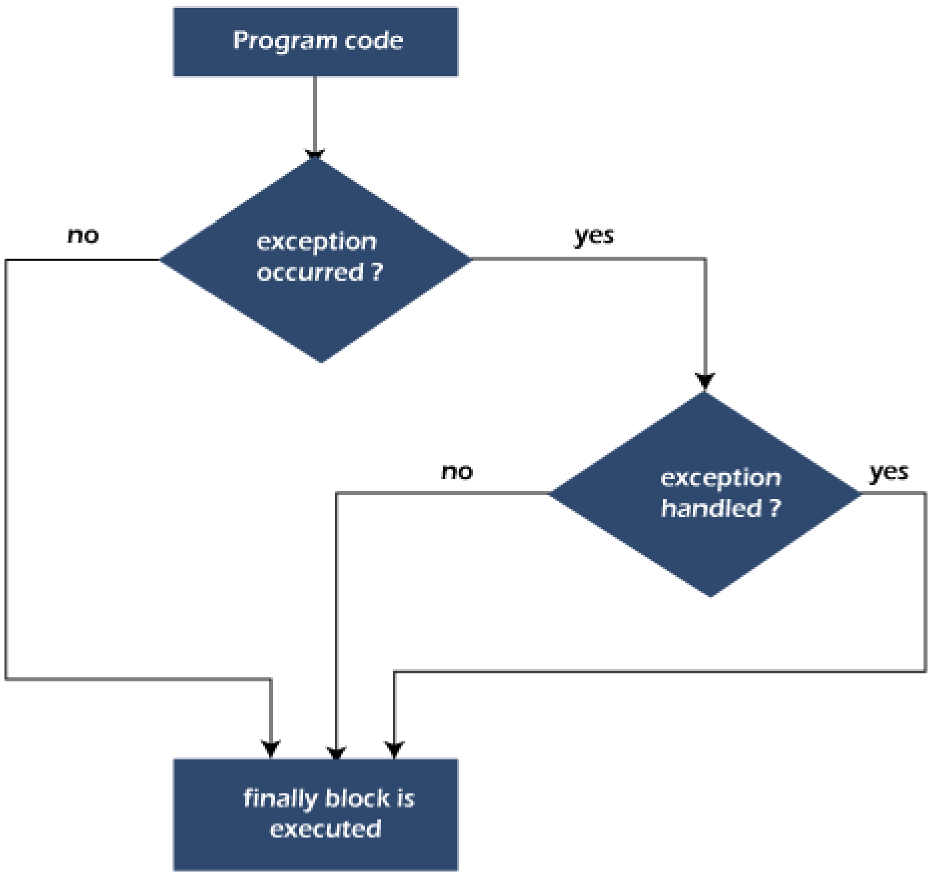
- When any try block does not have a catch block for a particular exception, then the catch block of the outer (parent) try block are checked for that exception, and if it matches, the catch block of outer try block is executed.

- If none of the catch block specified in the code is unable to handle the exception, then the Java runtime system will handle the exception. Then it displays the system generated message for that exception.

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.

Flowchart of finally block



Note: If you don't handle the exception, before terminating the program, JVM executes finally block (if any).

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.

Usage of Java finally

Let's see the different cases where Java finally block can be used.

Case 1: When an exception does not occur

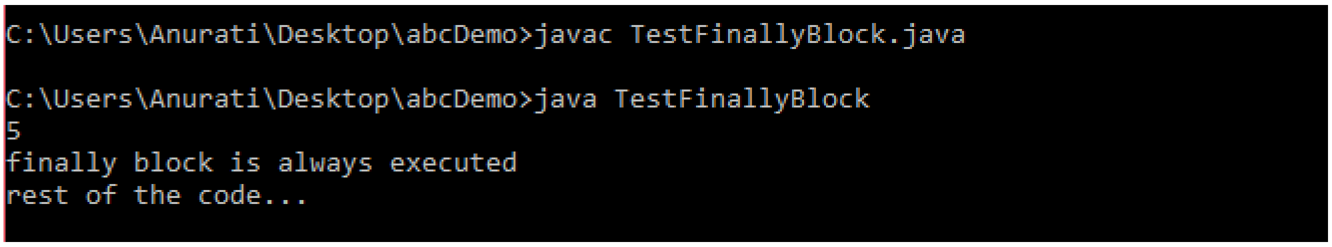
Let's see the below example where the Java program does not throw any exception, and the finally block is executed after the try block.

TestFinallyBlock.java

```
class TestFinallyBlock {
  public static void main(String args[]){
  try{
//below code do not throw any exception
   int data=25/5;
   System.out.println(data);
  }
//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...");
  }
}
```

Output:



```
C:\Users\Anurati\Desktop\abcDemo>javac TestFinallyBlock.java

C:\Users\Anurati\Desktop\abcDemo>java TestFinallyBlock
5
finally block is always executed
rest of the code...
```

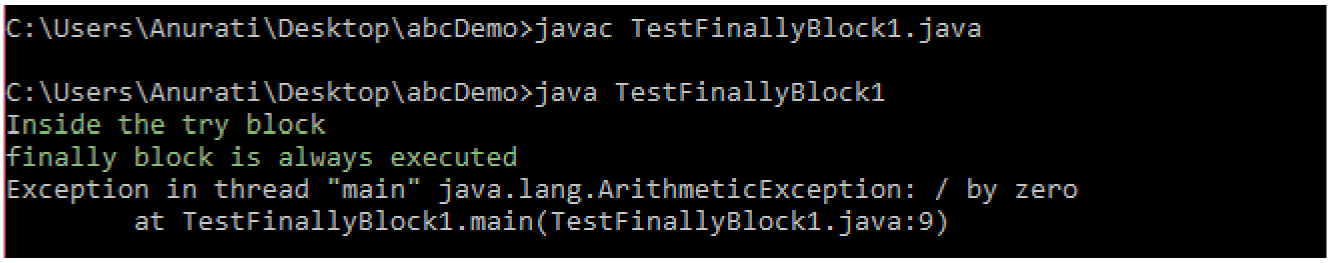
Case 2: When an exception occurr but not handled by the catch block

Let's see the the fillowing example. Here, the code throws an exception however the catch block cannot handle it. Despite this, the finally block is executed after the try block and then the program terminates abnormally.

TestFinallyBlock1.java

```
    public class TestFinallyBlock1{
          public static void main(String args[]){
            try {
              System.out.println("Inside the try block");
             //below code throws divide by zero exception
           int data=25/0;
           System.out.println(data);
          }
          //cannot handle Arithmetic type exception
          //can only accept Null Pointer type exception
          catch(NullPointerException e){
            System.out.println(e);
          }
           //executes regardless of exception occured or not
          finally {
            System.out.println("finally block is always executed");
          }
            System.out.println("rest of the code...");
          }
        }
```

Output:



```
C:\Users\Anurati\Desktop\abcDemo>javac TestFinallyBlock1.java

C:\Users\Anurati\Desktop\abcDemo>java TestFinallyBlock1
Inside the try block
finally block is always executed
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.ArithmeticException: / by zero
        at TestFinallyBlock1.main(TestFinallyBlock1.java:9)
```

Case 3: When an exception occurs and is handled by the catch block

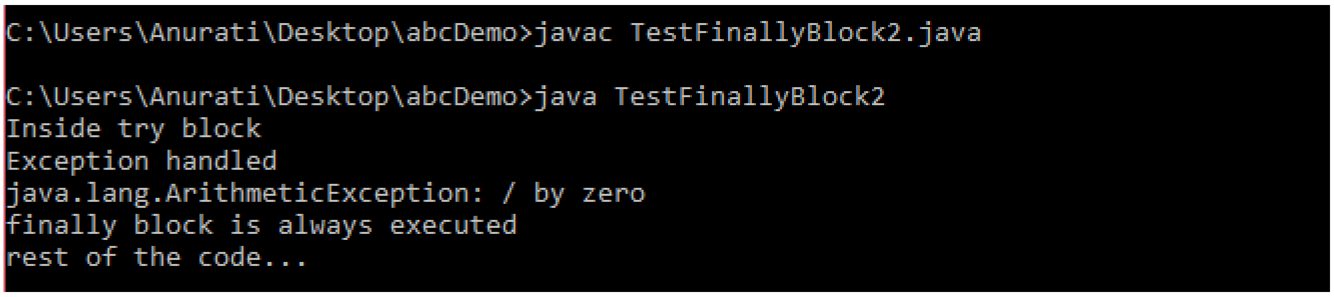
Example:

Let's see the following example where the Java code throws an exception and the catch block handles the exception. Later the finally block is executed after the try-catch block. Further, the rest of the code is also executed normally.

TestFinallyBlock2.java

```
public class TestFinallyBlock2{
   public static void main(String args[]){
     try {
       System.out.println("Inside try block");
       //below code throws divide by zero exception
    int data=25/0;
    System.out.println(data);
   }
     //handles the Arithmetic Exception / Divide by zero exception
   catch(ArithmeticException e){
     System.out.println("Exception handled");
     System.out.println(e);
   }
     //executes regardless of exception occured or not
   finally {
     System.out.println("finally block is always executed");
   }
     System.out.println("rest of the code...");
   }
  }
```

Output:



```
C:\Users\Anurati\Desktop\abcDemo>javac TestFinallyBlock2.java

C:\Users\Anurati\Desktop\abcDemo>java TestFinallyBlock2
Inside try block
Exception handled
java.lang.ArithmeticException: / by zero
finally block is always executed
rest of the code...
```

Rule: For each try block there can be zero or more catch blocks, but only one finally block.

Note: The finally block will not be executed if the program exits (either by calling System.exit() or by causing a fatal error that causes the process to abort).

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 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 a number by another number. Here, we just need to set the condition and throw exception using throw keyword.

The syntax of the Java throw keyword is given below.

throw Instance i.e.,

1. **throw new** exception_class("error message");

Let's see the example of throw IOException.

1. **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 Example

Example 1: Throwing Unchecked Exception

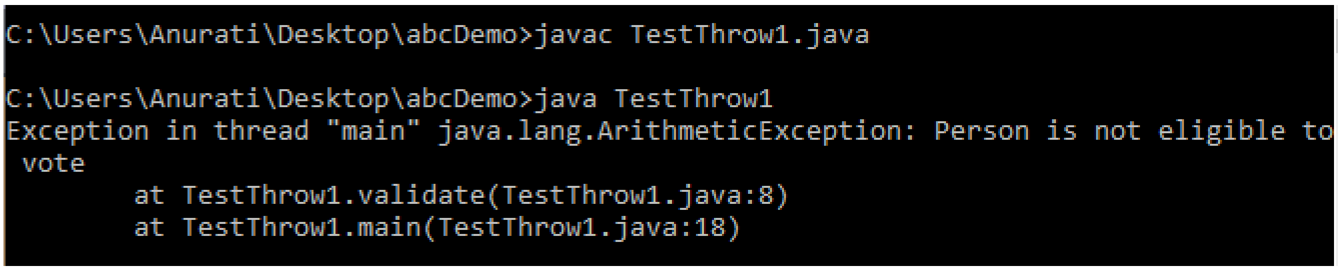
In this example, we have created a method named validate() that accepts an integer as a parameter. If the age is less than 18, we are throwing the ArithmeticException otherwise print a message welcome to vote.

TestThrow1.java

In this example, we have created the validate method that takes integer value as a parameter. If the age is less than 18, we are throwing the ArithmeticException otherwise print a message welcome to vote.

```
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!!");
        }
    }
    //main method
    public static void main(String args[]){
        //calling the function
        validate(13);
        System.out.println("rest of the code...");
  }
}
```

Output:



```
C:\Users\Anurati\Desktop\abcDemo>javac TestThrow1.java

C:\Users\Anurati\Desktop\abcDemo>java TestThrow1
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.ArithmeticException: Person is not eligible to
 vote
        at TestThrow1.validate(TestThrow1.java:8)
        at TestThrow1.main(TestThrow1.java:18)
```

The above code throw an unchecked exception. Similarly, we can also throw unchecked and user defined exceptions.

Note: If we throw unchecked exception from a method, it is must to handle the exception or declare in throws clause.

If we throw a checked exception using throw keyword, it is must to handle the exception using catch block or the method must declare it using throws declaration.

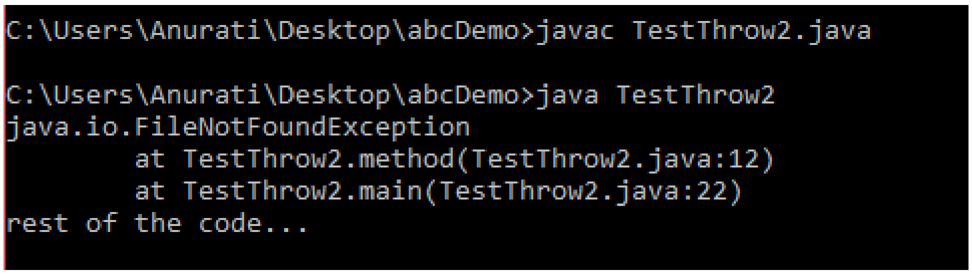
Example 2: Throwing Checked Exception

Note: Every subclass of Error and RuntimeException is an unchecked exception in Java. A checked exception is everything else under the Throwable class.

TestThrow2.java

```
import java.io.*;
  public class TestThrow2 {
      //function to check if person is eligible to vote or not
    public static void method() throws FileNotFoundException {
          FileReader file = new FileReader("C:\\Users\\Anurati\\Desktop\\abc.txt");
          BufferedReader fileInput = new BufferedReader(file);
          throw new FileNotFoundException();
      }
    //main method
    public static void main(String args[]){
        try
        {
            method();
        }
        catch (FileNotFoundException e)
        {
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
        System.out.println("rest of the code...");
  }
}
```

Output:



```
C:\Users\Anurati\Desktop\abcDemo>javac TestThrow2.java

C:\Users\Anurati\Desktop\abcDemo>java TestThrow2
java.io.FileNotFoundException
        at TestThrow2.method(TestThrow2.java:12)
        at TestThrow2.main(TestThrow2.java:22)
rest of the code...
```

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

1. return_type method_name() **throws** exception_class_name{
2. //method code
3. }

Which exception should be declared?

Ans: Checked exception only, because:

- **unchecked exception:** under our control so we can correct our code.
- **error:** beyond our control. For example, we are unable to do anything if there occurs VirtualMachineError or StackOverflowError.

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.

Java throws Example

Let's see the example of Java throws clause which describes that checked exceptions can be propagated by throws keyword.

Testthrows1.java

```
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[]){
   Testthrows1 obj=new Testthrows1();
   obj.p();
   System.out.println("normal flow...");
  }
   }
```

Output:

```
exception handled
normal flow...
```

Rule: If we are calling a method that declares an exception, we must either caught or declare the exception.

There are two cases:

1. **Case 1:** We have caught the exception i.e. we have handled the exception using try/catch block.
2. **Case 2:** We have declared the exception i.e. specified throws keyword with the method.

Case 1: Handle Exception Using try-catch block

In case we handle the exception, the code will be executed fine whether exception occurs during the program or not.

Testthrows2.java

```
import java.io.*;
class M{
 void method()throws IOException{
  throw new IOException("device error");
 }
}
public class Testthrows2{
   public static void main(String args[]){
    try{
     M m=new M();
     m.method();
    }catch(Exception e){System.out.println("exception handled");}
      System.out.println("normal flow...");
  }
}
```

Output:

```
exception handled
       normal flow...
```

Case 2: Declare Exception

- In case we declare the exception, if exception does not occur, the code will be executed fine.
- In case we declare the exception and the exception occurs, it will be thrown at runtime because **throws** does not handle the exception.

Let's see examples for both the scenario.

A) If exception does not occur

Testthrows3.java

```
import java.io.*;
class M{
 void method()throws IOException{
  System.out.println("device operation performed");
 }
}
class Testthrows3{
   public static void main(String args[])throws IOException{//declare exception
     M m=new M();
     m.method();

    System.out.println("normal flow...");
  }
}
```

Output:

```
device operation performed
       normal flow...
```

B) If exception occurs

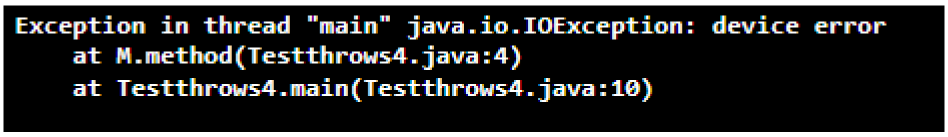
Testthrows4.java

```
import java.io.*;
class M{
 void method()throws IOException{
  throw new IOException("device error");
 }
}
class Testthrows4{
   public static void main(String args[])throws IOException{//declare exception
```

```
    M m=new M();
    m.method();

   System.out.println("normal flow...");
  }
}
```

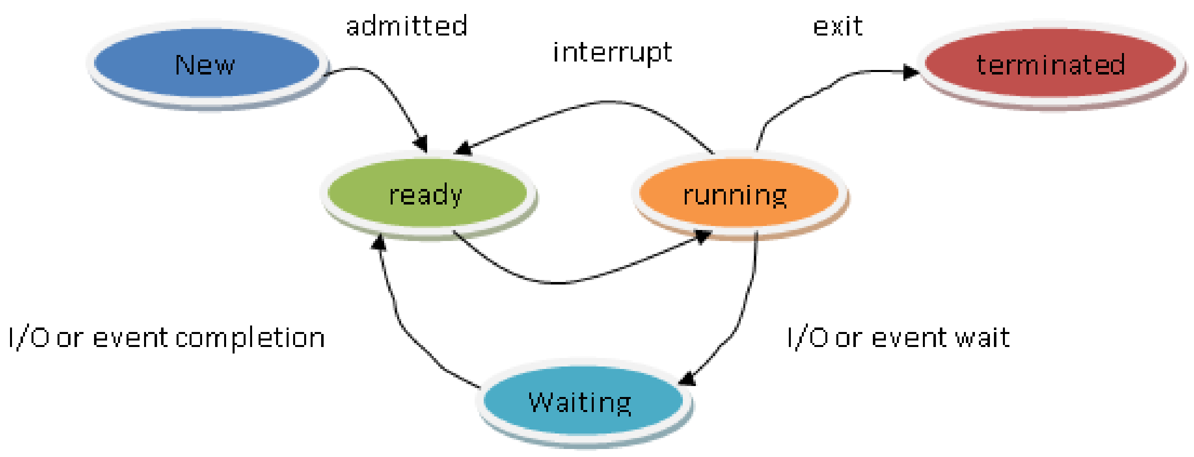
Output:



```
Exception in thread "main" java.io.IOException: device error
    at M.method(Testthrows4.java:4)
    at Testthrows4.main(Testthrows4.java:10)
```

Java Thread Classes, The Java Thread Model, The Main Thread, Creating a Thread, Creating Multiple Threads, Using is Alive() and join(), Thread Priorities, Synchronization, Suspending, Resuming and Stopping Threads.

Prerequisite: Process State Diagram



- Multithreading in Java is a process of executing multiple threads simultaneously.
- A thread is a lightweight sub-process, the smallest unit of processing. Multiprocessing and multithreading, both are used to achieve multitasking.
- However, we use multithreading than multiprocessing because threads use a shared memory area. They don't allocate separate memory area so saves memory, and context-switching between the threads takes less time than process.
- **Java Multithreading is mostly used in games, animation, etc.**

Advantages of Java Multithreading

1) It doesn't block the user because threads are independent and you can perform multiple operations at the same time.

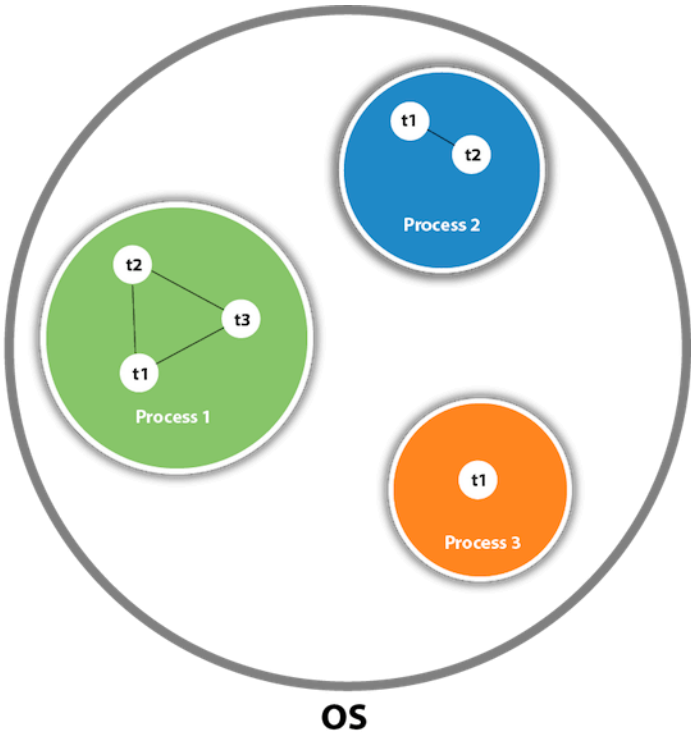
2) You can perform many operations together, so it saves time.

3) Threads are independent, so it doesn't affect other threads if an exception occurs in a single thread.

What is Thread in java ?

- A thread is a lightweight subprocess, the smallest unit of processing. It is a separate path of execution. Threads are independent. If there occurs exception in one thread, it doesn't affect other threads. It uses a shared memory area.
- As shown in the above figure, a thread is executed inside the process. There is context-switching between the threads. There can be multiple processes inside the OS, and one process can have multiple threads.

Note: At a time one thread is executed only.



The Java Thread Model

- The Java run-time system depends on threads for many things, and all the class libraries are designed with multithreading in mind. In fact, Java uses threads to enable the entire environment to be asynchronous. This helps reduce inefficiency by preventing the waste of CPU cycles.
- The value of a multithreaded environment is best understood in contrast to its counterpart. Single-threaded systems use an approach called an *event loop* with *polling*. In this model, a single thread of control runs in an infinite loop, polling a single event queue to decide what to do next. Once this

polling mechanism returns with, say, a signal that a network file is ready to be read, then the event loop dispatches control to the appropriate event handler.

- Until this event handler returns, nothing else can happen in the system. This wastes CPU time. It can also result in one part of a program dominating the system and preventing any other events from being processed. In general, in a singled-threaded environment, when a thread *blocks* (that is, suspends execution) because it is waiting for some resource, the entire program stops running.
- The benefit of Java's multithreading is that the main loop/polling mechanism is eliminated. One thread can pause without stopping other parts of your program. For example, the idle time created when a thread reads data from a network or waits for user input can be utilized elsewhere. Multithreading allows animation loops to sleep for a second between each frame without causing the whole system to pause. When a thread blocks in a Java program, only the single thread that is blocked pauses. All other threads continue to run.
- Threads exist in several states. A thread can be *running*. It can be *ready to run* as soon as it gets CPU time. A running thread can be *suspended,* which temporarily suspends its activity. A suspended thread can then be *resumed,* allowing it to pick up where it left off. A thread can be *blocked* when waiting for a resource. At any time, a thread can be terminated, which halts its execution immediately. Once terminated, a thread cannot be resumed.

Thread Priorities

- Java assigns to each thread a priority that determines how that thread should be treated with respect to the others. Thread priorities are integers that specify the relative priority of one thread to another. As an absolute value, a priority is meaningless; a higher-priority thread doesn't run any faster than a lower-priority thread if it is the only thread running.

- Instead, a thread's priority is used to decide when to switch from one running thread to the next. This is called a *context switch.* The rules that determine when a context switch takes place are simple:

1. *A thread can voluntarily relinquish control.* This is done by explicitly yielding, sleeping, or blocking on pending I/O. In this scenario, all other threads are examined, and the highest-priority thread that is ready to run is given the CPU.
2. *A thread can be preempted by a higher-priority thread.* In this case, a lower-priority thread that does not yield the processor is simply preempted—no matter what it is doing—by a higher-priority thread. Basically, as soon as a higher-priority thread wants to run, it does. This is called *preemptive multitasking.*

In cases where two threads with the same priority are competing for CPU cycles, the situation is a bit complicated. For operating systems such as Windows, threads of equal priority are time-sliced automatically in round-robin fashion. For other types of operating systems, threads of equal priority must voluntarily yield control to their peers. If they don't, the other threads will not run.

Synchronization

- Because multithreading introduces an asynchronous behavior to your programs, there must be a way for you to enforce synchronicity when you need it. For example, if you want two threads to communicate and share a complicated data structure, such as a linked list, you need some way to ensure that they don't conflict with each other. That is, you must prevent one thread from writing data while another thread is in the middle of reading it.
- For this purpose, Java implements an elegant twist on an age-old model of interprocess synchronization: the *monitor.* The monitor is a control mechanism first defined by C.A.R. Hoare. You can think of a monitor as a very small box that can hold only one thread. Once a thread enters a

monitor, all other threads must wait until that thread exits the monitor. In this way, a monitor can be used to protect a shared asset from being manipulated by more than one thread at a time.

- Most multithreaded systems expose monitors as objects that your program must explicitly acquire and manipulate. Java provides a cleaner solution. There is no class "Monitor"; instead, each object has its own implicit monitor that is automatically entered when one of the object's synchronized methods is called. Once a thread is inside a synchronized method, no other thread can call any other synchronized method on the same object. This enables you to write very clear and concise multithreaded code, because synchronization support is built into the language.

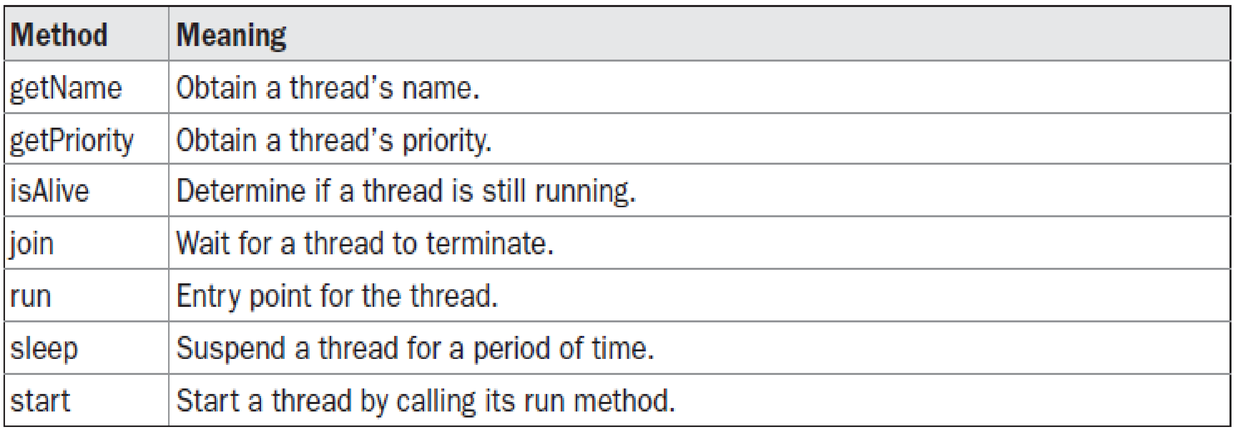
Messaging

- After you divide your program into separate threads, you need to define how they will communicate with each other. When programming with most other languages, you must depend on the operating system to establish communication between threads. This, of course, adds overhead. By contrast, Java provides a clean, low-cost way for two or more threads to talk to each other, via calls to predefined methods that all objects have.
- Java's messaging system allows a thread to enter a synchronized method on an object, and then wait there until some other thread explicitly notifies it to come out.

The Thread Class and the Runnable Interface

- Java's multithreading system is built upon the **Thread** class, its methods, and its companion interface, **Runnable**.
- **Thread** encapsulates a thread of execution. Since you can't directly refer to the ethereal state of a running thread, you will deal with it through its proxy, the **Thread** instance that spawned it.

- To create a new thread, your program will either extend **Thread** or implement the **Runnable** interface.
- The **Thread** class defines several methods that help manage threads.



Method	Meaning
getName	Obtain a thread's name.
getPriority	Obtain a thread's priority.
isAlive	Determine if a thread is still running.
join	Wait for a thread to terminate.
run	Entry point for the thread.
sleep	Suspend a thread for a period of time.
start	Start a thread by calling its run method.

The Main Thread

When a Java program starts up, one thread begins running immediately. This is usually called the *main thread* of your program, because it is the one that is executed when your program begins. The main thread is important for two reasons:

- It is the thread from which other "child" threads will be spawned.
- Often, it must be the last thread to finish execution because it performs various shutdown actions.

Although the main thread is created automatically when your program is started, it can be controlled through a **Thread** object. To do so, you must obtain a reference to it by calling the method **currentThread( )**, which is a **public static** member of **Thread**. Its general form is shown here:

static Thread currentThread( )

This method returns a reference to the thread in which it is called. Once you have a reference to the main thread, you can control it just like any other thread.

Let's begin by reviewing the following example:

```
// Controlling the main Thread.
class CurrentThreadDemo {
public static void main(String args[]) {
Thread t = Thread.currentThread();
System.out.println("Current thread: " + t);
// change the name of the thread
t.setName("My Thread");
System.out.println("After name change: " + t);
try {
for(int n = 5; n > 0; n--) {
System.out.println(n);
Thread.sleep(1000);
}
} catch (InterruptedException e) {
System.out.println("Main thread interrupted");
}
}
}
```

In this program, a reference to the current thread (the main thread, in this case) is obtained by calling **currentThread( )**, and this reference is stored in the local variable **t**. Next, the program displays information about the thread. The program then calls **setName( )** to change the internal name of the thread. Information about the thread is then redisplayed. Next, a loop counts down from five, pausing one second between each line. The pause is accomplished by the **sleep( )** method. The argument to **sleep( )** specifies the delay period in milliseconds. Notice the **try/catch** block around this loop. The **sleep( )** method in **Thread** might throw an **InterruptedException**. This would happen if some other thread wanted to interrupt this sleeping one. This example just prints a message if it gets interrupted.

In a real program, you would need to handle this differently. Here is the output generated by this program:

```
Current thread: Thread[main,5,main]
After name change: Thread[My Thread,5,main]
5
4
3
2
1
```

Creating a Thread

In the most general sense, you create a thread by instantiating an object of type Thread.

Java defines two ways in which this can be accomplished:

- You can implement the Runnable interface.
- You can extend the Thread class, itself.

The following two sections look at each method, in turn.

Implementing Runnable

The easiest way to create a thread is to create a class that implements the Runnable interface. Runnable abstracts a unit of executable code. You can construct a thread on any object that implements Runnable. To implement Runnable, a class need only implement a single method called run( ), which is declared like this:

public void run( )

Inside run( ), you will define the code that constitutes the new thread. It is important to understand that run( ) can call other methods, use other classes, and declare variables, just like the main thread can. The only difference is that run( ) establishes the entry point for another, concurrent thread of execution within your program. This thread will end when run( ) returns.

After you create a class that implements **Runnable**, you will instantiate an object of type **Thread** from within that class. **Thread** defines several constructors. The one that we will use is shown here:

Thread(Runnable *threadOb*, String *threadName*)

In this constructor, *threadOb* is an instance of a class that implements the **Runnable** interface. This defines where execution of the thread will begin. The name of the new thread is specified by *threadName*.

After the new thread is created, it will not start running until you call its **start( )** method, which is declared within **Thread**. In essence, **start( )** executes a call to **run( )**. The **start( )** method is shown here:

void start( )

Here is an example that creates a new thread and starts it running:

```
// Create a second thread.
class NewThread implements Runnable {
Thread t;
NewThread() {
// Create a new, second thread
t = new Thread(this, "Demo Thread");
System.out.println("Child thread: " + t);
t.start(); // Start the thread
}
// This is the entry point for the second thread.
public void run() {
try {
for(int i = 5; i > 0; i--) {
System.out.println("Child Thread: " + i);
Thread.sleep(500);
}
} catch (InterruptedException e) {
System.out.println("Child interrupted.");
}
System.out.println("Exiting child thread.");
}
}
class ThreadDemo {
public static void main(String args[]) {
new NewThread(); // create a new thread
try {
for(int i = 5; i > 0; i--) {
System.out.println("Main Thread: " + i);
Thread.sleep(1000);
}
} catch (InterruptedException e) {
System.out.println("Main thread interrupted.");
```

```
            }
            System.out.println("Main thread exiting.");
            }
}
```

Output:

```
            Child thread: Thread[Demo Thread,5,main]
            Main Thread: 5
            Child Thread: 5
            Child Thread: 4
            Main Thread: 4
            Child Thread: 3
            Child Thread: 2
            Main Thread: 3
            Child Thread: 1
            Exiting child thread.
            Main Thread: 2
            Main Thread: 1
            Main thread exiting.
```

Creating Multiple Threads

So far, you have been using only two threads: the main thread and one child thread. However, your program can spawn as many threads as it needs. For example, the following program creates three child threads:

```
// Create multiple threads.
class NewThread implements Runnable {
String name; // name of thread
Thread t;
NewThread(String threadname) {
name = threadname;
t = new Thread(this, name);
System.out.println("New thread: " + t);
t.start(); // Start the thread
}
// This is the entry point for thread.
public void run() {
try {
for(int i = 5; i > 0; i--) {
System.out.println(name + ": " + i);
Thread.sleep(1000);
}
} catch (InterruptedException e) {
System.out.println(name + "Interrupted");
}
System.out.println(name + " exiting.");
}
}
class MultiThreadDemo {
public static void main(String args[]) {
new NewThread("One"); // start threads
new NewThread("Two");
new NewThread("Three");
try {
// wait for other threads to end
Thread.sleep(10000);
} catch (InterruptedException e) {
System.out.println("Main thread Interrupted");
}
System.out.println("Main thread exiting.");
}
}
```

The output from this program is shown here:

```
New thread: Thread[One,5,main]
New thread: Thread[Two,5,main]
New thread: Thread[Three,5,main]
One: 5
Two: 5
Three: 5
One: 4
Two: 4
Three: 4
One: 3
Three: 3
Two: 3
One: 2
Three: 2
Two: 2
One: 1
Three: 1
Two: 1
One exiting.
Two exiting.
Three exiting.
Main thread exiting.
```

Using isAlive( ) and join( )

Two ways exist to determine whether a thread has finished. First, you can call isAlive( ) on the thread. This method is defined by Thread, and its general form is shown here:

final boolean isAlive( )

The isAlive( ) method returns true if the thread upon which it is called is still running. It returns false otherwise. While isAlive( ) is occasionally useful, the method that you will more commonly use to wait for a thread to finish is called join( ), shown here:

final void join( ) throws InterruptedException

This method waits until the thread on which it is called terminates. Its name comes from the concept of the calling thread waiting until the specified thread *joins* it. Additional forms of join( ) allow you to specify a maximum amount of time that you want to wait for the specified thread to terminate.

```
// Using join() to wait for threads to finish.
class NewThread implements Runnable {
String name; // name of thread
Thread t;
NewThread(String threadname) {
name = threadname;
t = new Thread(this, name);
System.out.println("New thread: " + t);
t.start(); // Start the thread
}
// This is the entry point for thread.
public void run() {
try {
for(int i = 5; i > 0; i--) {
System.out.println(name + ": " + i);
Thread.sleep(1000);
}
} catch (InterruptedException e) {
System.out.println(name + " interrupted.");
}
System.out.println(name + " exiting.");
}
}
class DemoJoin {
public static void main(String args[]) {
NewThread ob1 = new NewThread("One");
NewThread ob2 = new NewThread("Two");
NewThread ob3 = new NewThread("Three");
System.out.println("Thread One is alive: "
+ ob1.t.isAlive());
System.out.println("Thread Two is alive: "
+ ob2.t.isAlive());
System.out.println("Thread Three is alive: "
+ ob3.t.isAlive());
// wait for threads to finish
try {
System.out.println("Waiting for threads to finish.");
ob1.t.join();
ob2.t.join();
ob3.t.join();
} catch (InterruptedException e) {
System.out.println("Main thread Interrupted");
}
System.out.println("Thread One is alive: "
+ ob1.t.isAlive());
System.out.println("Thread Two is alive: "
+ ob2.t.isAlive());
System.out.println("Thread Three is alive: "
+ ob3.t.isAlive());
System.out.println("Main thread exiting.");
}
}
```

Sample output from this program is shown here. (Your output may vary based on processor
speed and task load.)

```
New thread: Thread[One,5,main]
New thread: Thread[Two,5,main]
New thread: Thread[Three,5,main]
Thread One is alive: true
Thread Two is alive: true
Thread Three is alive: true
```

```
Waiting for threads to finish.
One: 5
Two: 5
Three: 5
One: 4
Two: 4
Three: 4
One: 3
Two: 3
Three: 3
One: 2
Two: 2
Three: 2
One: 1
Two: 1
Three: 1
Two exiting.
Three exiting.
One exiting.
Thread One is alive: false
Thread Two is alive: false
Thread Three is alive: false
Main thread exiting.
```

Thread Priorities

- Thread priorities are used by the thread scheduler to decide when each thread should be allowed to run. In theory, higher-priority threads get more CPU time than lower-priority threads. In practice, the amount of CPU time that a thread gets often depends on several factors besides its priority.
- (For example, how an operating system implements multitasking can affect the relative availability of CPU time.) A higher-priority thread can also

preempt a lower-priority one. For instance, when a lower-priority thread is running and a higher-priority thread resumes (from sleeping or waiting on I/O, for example), it will preempt the lowerpriority thread.

- To set a thread's priority, use the setPriority( ) method, which is a member of Thread. This is its general form:

final void setPriority(int *level*)

- Here, *level* specifies the new priority setting for the calling thread. The value of *level* must be within the range MIN_PRIORITY and MAX_PRIORITY. Currently, these values are 1 and
- 10, respectively. To return a thread to default priority, specify NORM_PRIORITY, which is currently 5. These priorities are defined as static final variables within Thread. You can obtain the current priority setting by calling the getPriority( ) method of Thread, shown here:

final int getPriority( )

```
// Demonstrate thread priorities.
class clicker implements Runnable {
long click = 0;
Thread t;
private volatile boolean running = true;
public clicker(int p) {
t = new Thread(this);
t.setPriority(p);
}
public void run() {
while (running) {
click++;
}
}
public void stop() {
running = false;
}
public void start() {
t.start();
}
}
class HiLoPri {
public static void main(String args[]) {
Thread.currentThread().setPriority(Thread.MAX_PRIORITY);
clicker hi = new clicker(Thread.NORM_PRIORITY + 2);
clicker lo = new clicker(Thread.NORM_PRIORITY - 2);
lo.start();
hi.start();
try {
Thread.sleep(10000);
} catch (InterruptedException e) {
System.out.println("Main thread interrupted.");
}
lo.stop();
hi.stop();
// Wait for child threads to terminate.
try {
hi.t.join();
lo.t.join();
} catch (InterruptedException e) {
System.out.println("InterruptedException caught");
}
System.out.println("Low-priority thread: " + lo.click);
System.out.println("High-priority thread: " + hi.click);
}
}
```

The output of this program, shown as follows when run under Windows, indicates that the threads did context switch, even though neither voluntarily yielded the CPU nor blocked for I/O. The higher-priority thread got the majority of the CPU time.

Low-priority thread: 4408112

High-priority thread: 589626904

Synchronization

- When two or more threads need access to a shared resource, they need some way to ensure that the resource will be used by only one thread at a time. The process by which this is achieved is called *synchronization.* As you will see, Java provides unique, language-level support for it.
- You can synchronize your code in either of two ways. Both involve the use of the **synchronized** keyword

1) Using Synchronized Methods

```
// This program is not synchronized.
class Callme {
synchronized void call(String msg) {
System.out.print("[" + msg);
try {
Thread.sleep(1000);
} catch(InterruptedException e) {
System.out.println("Interrupted");
}
System.out.println("]");
}
}
class Caller implements Runnable {
String msg;
Callme target;
Thread t;
public Caller(Callme targ, String s) {
target = targ;
msg = s;
t = new Thread(this);
t.start();
}
public void run() {
target.call(msg);
}
}
class Synch {
public static void main(String args[]) {
Callme target = new Callme();
Caller ob1 = new Caller(target, "Hello");
Caller ob2 = new Caller(target, "Synchronized");
Caller ob3 = new Caller(target, "World");
// wait for threads to end
try {
ob1.t.join();
ob2.t.join();
ob3.t.join();
} catch(InterruptedException e) {
System.out.println("Interrupted");
}
}
}
```

advantage is that the caller objects will use only one callme class object instead of defining multiple objects

Here is the output produced by this program:

```
[Hello]
[Synchronized]
[World]
```

2) The synchronized Statement

This is the general form of the **synchronized** statement:

```
synchronized(object) {
// statements to be synchronized
}
```

```
// This program uses a synchronized block.
class Callme {
void call(String msg) {
System.out.print("[" + msg);
try {
Thread.sleep(1000);
} catch (InterruptedException e) {
System.out.println("Interrupted");
}
System.out.println("]");
}
}
class Caller implements Runnable {
String msg;
Callme target;
Thread t;
public Caller(Callme targ, String s) {
target = targ;
msg = s;
t = new Thread(this);
t.start();
}
// synchronize calls to call()
public void run() {
synchronized(target) { // synchronized block
target.call(msg);
}
}
}
class Synch1 {
public static void main(String args[]) {
Callme target = new Callme();
Caller ob1 = new Caller(target, "Hello");
Caller ob2 = new Caller(target, "Synchronized");
Caller ob3 = new Caller(target, "World");
// wait for threads to end
try {
ob1.t.join();
ob2.t.join();
ob3.t.join();
} catch(InterruptedException e) {
System.out.println("Interrupted");
}
}
}
```

Suspending, Resuming, and Stopping Threads

Thread, to pause and restart the execution of a thread. They have the form shown below:

final void suspend( )

final void resume( )

The following program demonstrates these methods:

```
// Using suspend() and resume().
class NewThread implements Runnable {
String name; // name of thread
Thread t;
NewThread(String threadname) {
name = threadname;
t = new Thread(this, name);
System.out.println("New thread: " + t);
t.start(); // Start the thread
}
// This is the entry point for thread.
public void run() {
```

```
try {
for(int i = 15; i > 0; i--) {
System.out.println(name + ": " + i);
Thread.sleep(200);
}
} catch (InterruptedException e) {
System.out.println(name + " interrupted.");
}
System.out.println(name + " exiting.");
}
}
class SuspendResume {
public static void main(String args[]) {
NewThread ob1 = new NewThread("One");
NewThread ob2 = new NewThread("Two");
try {
Thread.sleep(1000);
ob1.t.suspend();
System.out.println("Suspending thread One");
Thread.sleep(1000);
ob1.t.resume();
System.out.println("Resuming thread One");
ob2.t.suspend();
System.out.println("Suspending thread Two");
Thread.sleep(1000);
ob2.t.resume();
System.out.println("Resuming thread Two");
} catch (InterruptedException e) {
System.out.println("Main thread Interrupted");
}
// wait for threads to finish
try {
```

```
System.out.println("Waiting for threads to finish.");
ob1.t.join();
ob2.t.join();
} catch (InterruptedException e) {
System.out.println("Main thread Interrupted");
}
System.out.println("Main thread exiting.");
}
}
```

Sample output from this program is shown here. (Your output may differ based on processor
speed and task load.)

```
New thread: Thread[One,5,main]
One: 15
New thread: Thread[Two,5,main]
Two: 15
One: 14
Two: 14
One: 13
Two: 13
One: 12
Two: 12
One: 11
Two: 11
Suspending thread One
Two: 10
Two: 9
Two: 8
Two: 7
Two: 6
Resuming thread One
Suspending thread Two
```

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One: 10
One: 9
One: 8
One: 7
One: 6
Resuming thread Two
Waiting for threads to finish.
Two: 5
One: 5
Two: 4
One: 4
Two: 3
One: 3
Two: 2
One: 2
Two: 1
One: 1
Two exiting.
One exiting.
Main thread exiting.
```

The **Thread** class also defines a method called **stop( )** that stops a thread. Its signature is shown here:

final void stop( )

Once a thread has been stopped, it cannot be restarted using **resume( )**.