What are Java Exceptions?

- **In Java, Exception** is an unwanted or unexpected event, which occurs during the execution of a program, i.e. at run time, that disrupts the normal flow of the program's instructions.
- Exceptions can be caught and handled by the program.
- When an exception occurs within a method, it creates an object. This object is called the exception object.
- It contains information about the exception, such as the name and description of the exception and the state of the program when the exception occurred.

Major reasons why an exception Occurs

- Invalid user input
- Device failure
- Loss of network connection
- Physical limitations (out-of-disk memory)
- Code errors
- Opening an unavailable file

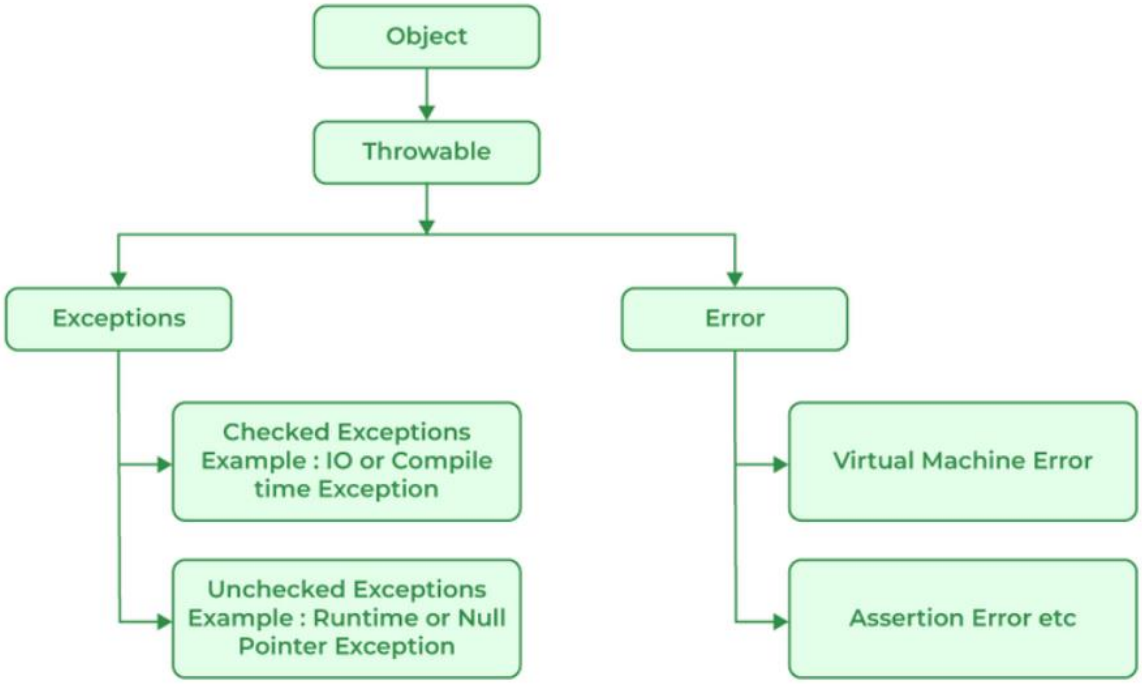
Errors represent irrecoverable conditions such as Java virtual machine (JVM) running out of memory, memory leaks, stack overflow errors, library incompatibility, infinite recursion, etc. Errors are usually beyond the control of the programmer, and we should not try to handle errors.

Difference between Error and Exception

Let us discuss the most important part which is the **differences between Error and Exception** that is as follows:

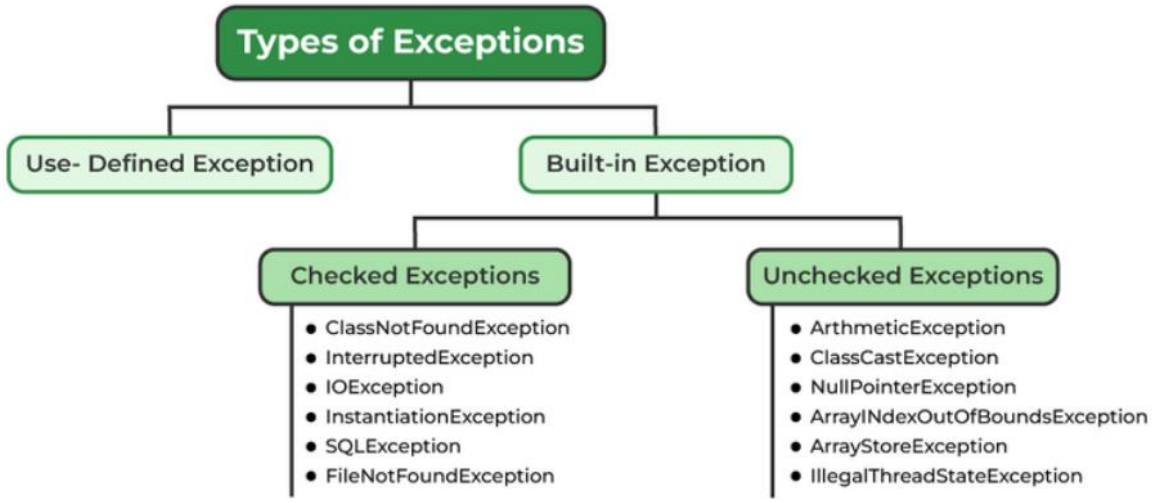
- **Error:** An Error indicates a serious problem that a reasonable application should not try to catch.
- **Exception:** Exception indicates conditions that a reasonable application might try to catch.

Exception Hierarchy



Types of Exceptions

Java defines several types of exceptions that relate to its various class libraries. Java also allows users to define their own exceptions.



Exceptions can be categorized in two ways:

1. **Built-in Exceptions**
    - Checked Exception
    - Unchecked Exception

2. **User-Defined Exceptions**

Let us discuss the above-defined listed exception that is as follows:

1. Built-in Exceptions

Built-in exceptions are the exceptions that are available in Java libraries. These exceptions are suitable to explain certain error situations.

- **Checked Exceptions:** Checked exceptions are called compile-time exceptions because these exceptions are checked at compile-time by the compiler.

- **Unchecked Exceptions:** The unchecked exceptions are just opposite to the checked exceptions.
- The compiler will not check these exceptions at compile time. In simple words, if a program throws an unchecked exception, and even if we didn't handle or declare it, the program would not give a compilation error.
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2. User-Defined Exceptions:

Sometimes, the built-in exceptions in Java are not able to describe a certain situation. In such cases, users can also create exceptions, which are called 'user-defined Exceptions'.

The ***advantages of Exception Handling in Java*** are as follows:

1. Provision to Complete Program Execution
2. Easy Identification of Program Code and Error-Handling Code
3. Propagation of Errors
4. Meaningful Error Reporting
5. Identifying Error Types

This is the general form of an exception-handling block:

```
try {
    // block of code to monitor for errors
}

catch (ExceptionType1 exOb) {
    // exception handler for ExceptionType1
}

catch (ExceptionType2 exOb) {
    // exception handler for ExceptionType2
}
// ...
finally {
    // block of code to be executed after try block ends
}
```

```
class Exc2 {
  public static void main(String args[]) {
    int d, a;

    try { // monitor a block of code.
     d = 0;
     a = 42 / d;
     System.out.println("This will not be printed.");
    } catch (ArithmeticException e) { // catch divide-by-zero error
     System.out.println("Division by zero.");
    }

     System.out.println("After catch statement.");
    }
  }
```

This program generates the following output:

```
Division by zero.
After catch statement.
```

Multiple catch Clauses

- In some cases, more than one exception could be raised by a single piece of code.
- To handle this type of situation, you can specify two or more catch clauses, each catching a different type of exception.
- When an exception is thrown, each catch statement is inspected in order, and the first one whose type matches that of the exception is executed.
- After one catch statement executes, the others are bypassed, and execution continues after the try / catch block.
- The following example traps two different exception types:

```
// Demonstrate multiple catch statements.
class MultipleCatches {
  public static void main(String args[]) {
    try {
       int a = args.length;
      System.out.println("a = " + a);
      int b = 42 / a;
      int c[] = { 1 };
      c[42] = 99;
    } catch(ArithmeticException e) {
      System.out.println("Divide by 0: " + e);
    } catch(ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException e) {
      System.out.println("Array index oob: " + e);
    }
    System.out.println("After try/catch blocks.");
  }
}
```

Built-in Exceptions:

Built-in exceptions are the exceptions that are available in Java libraries. These exceptions are suitable to explain certain error situations. Below is the list of important built-in exceptions in Java.

1. **ArithmeticException:** It is thrown when an exceptional condition has occurred in an arithmetic operation.

2. **ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException:** It is thrown to indicate that an array has been accessed with an illegal index. The index is either negative or greater than or equal to the size of the array.
3. **ClassNotFoundException:** This Exception is raised when we try to access a class whose definition is not found
4. **FileNotFoundException:** This Exception is raised when a file is not accessible or does not open.
5. **IOException:** It is thrown when an input-output operation failed or interrupted
6. **InterruptedException:** It is thrown when a thread is waiting, sleeping, or doing some processing, and it is interrupted.
7. **NoSuchFieldException:** It is thrown when a class does not contain the field (or variable) specified
8. **NoSuchMethodException:** It is thrown when accessing a method that is not found.
9. **NullPointerException:** This exception is raised when referring to the members of a null object. Null represents nothing
10. **NumberFormatException:** This exception is raised when a method could not convert a string into a numeric format.
11. **RuntimeException:** This represents an exception that occurs during runtime.
12. **StringIndexOutOfBoundsException:** It is thrown by String class methods to indicate that an index is either negative or greater than the size of the string