



Chapter 3 Java Exception



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Exceptional Condition

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- Exceptional Condition
 - Divided by 0
 - No input or output file
 - Visit a Null reference
- A Sound Program Should
 - Declare the possible exceptional condition
 - Handle the exceptions at right time and in right place



Exceptional Condition

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- **Exceptional Condition VS. Normal Condition**
 - End of file is a normal condition
 - Normal condition does not lead to program halt
 - Exceptional conditions lead to program halt
- **Exceptional Condition VS. Error Condition**
 - JVM crash is an error condition
 - Error conditions cannot be handled by program
 - Exceptional conditions can and should be handled by program



Significance of Exception

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- Java Exception
 - Offering a clear grammar for handling program correctness
 - Balancing between **Clarity** and **Correctness**

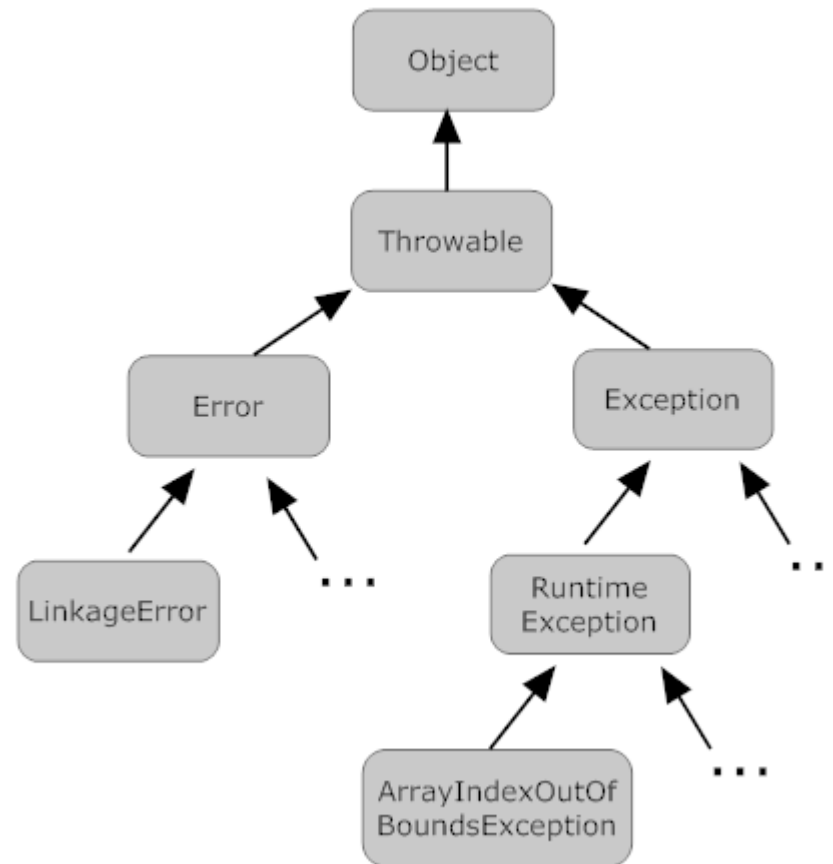
```
public void getShape(Person p){  
    if(p==null){  
        ...  
    }else if(p.weight==0){  
        ...  
    }else{  
        double ratio = p.height / p.weight;  
        // Calculate and print the body shape of Person p  
    }  
}
```

```
public void getShape(Person p)  
    throws NullPointerException, ArithmeticException{  
    double ratio = p.height / p.weight;  
    // Calculate and print the body shape of Person p  
}
```



Java Exception

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Runtime Exception

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- Throwable Exceptions in Normal Run-time
- Related to Execution of Program
- Not Related to the Business Logic
- Difference: DO NOT HAVE TO Declare
- Example:
 - NullPointerException
 - ArithmeticException



Java Exception Handling

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- Java Use Following Exception Handling Process:
 - Block A meets an exceptional condition
 - Block A halt
 - One or more exception objects generated
 - Exception objects are **thrown**
 - JVM looks for proper codes to **catch** these objects
 - Exceptional condition is handled
 - Program continues from exceptional handling code

Exception	Superclass of all exceptions
DateFormatException	Error data format
ClassNotFoundException	Exception in class loading
IOException	IO operation error
SQLException	Database operation error
TimeoutException	Timeout error
SocketException	Socket operation error
<i>ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException</i>	Exception in visiting array
<i>NullPointerException</i>	Visiting null reference



Declare Exception

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- **throw** and **throws** – Declare Possible Exceptions
- **throw** throws exceptions in method body
- **throws** defines **Exception Specification**

```
public void checkFile(File file) throws IOException, IllegalArgumentException{  
    if(!file.exists()){  
        throw new IOException("File doesn't exist!");  
    }else if(file.isDirectory()){  
        throw new IllegalArgumentException("Not a file!");  
    }  
}
```



Catch and Handling of Exceptions

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- **try**, **catch** and **finally**
- **try** is used to monitor method invocation
- **catch** is used to catch thrown exceptions
- **finally** is used for execute essential code – whether there are exceptions or not
- Multiple **catch** clause
- At least one **catch** or **finally** clause

```
public void test(File file){  
    try{  
        this.checkFile(file);  
    }catch(IOException e){  
        System.out.println(e.getMessage());  
    }catch(IllegalArgumentException e){  
        System.out.println("Please provide a file");  
    }catch(Exception e){  
        System.out.println("Other exceptions occur");  
    }finally{  
        file.delete();  
    }  
}
```



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The finally block always executes when the try block exits. This ensures that the finally block is executed even if an **unexpected exception** occurs. But finally is useful for more than just exception handling — it allows the programmer to **avoid having cleanup code accidentally bypassed by a return, continue, or break.** Putting cleanup code in a finally block is always a good practice, even when no exceptions are anticipated.

Note: If the JVM exits while the try or catch code is being executed, then **the finally block may not execute.** Likewise, if the thread executing the try or catch code is interrupted or killed, the finally block may not execute even though the application as a whole continues.

- No catch
- Return in catch



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- Guess the result:

```
public void test(){
    try{
        System.out.println("try block");
        return;
    }finally{
        System.out.println("finally block");
    }
}
```



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- Guess the result:

```
public int test(){
    try{
        System.out.println("try block");
        int i = 1 / 0;
        return 1;
    }
    catch(Exception e){
        System.out.println("catch block");
        return 2;
    }
    finally{
        System.out.println("finally block");
    }
}
```




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- <http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/cn/java/j-lo-finally/>



Rethrow Exceptions

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```
public void test(File file) throws IOException{
    try{
        this.checkFile(file);
    } catch(IOException e){
        throw e;
    } catch(IllegalArgumentException e){
        throw e;
    } catch(Exception e){
        System.out.println("Other exceptions occur");
    } finally{
        file.delete();
    }
}
```

Is there something wrong?



Exception Handling

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- **Message**
 - new Exception(String message)
 - getMessage()
- **Cause**
 - initCause()
 - new Exception(Exception cause)
 - getCause()
- **StackTrace**
 - printStackTrace()



User-defined Exception

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```
public class BadObjectException extends Exception{  
    private Object badObject;  
  
    public BadObjectException(Object object, String msg){  
        super(msg);  
        this.badObject = object;  
    }  
  
    public Object getBadObject(){  
        return this.badObject;  
    }  
}
```



Think

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- Exception in Overriding
- Which is allowed?

```
public class A{  
    public void test() throws IOException, SQLException{  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

```
public class B extends A{  
    public void test() throws Exception{  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

```
public class C extends A{  
    public void test() throws SQLException{  
        ...  
    }  
}
```



Self-study

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- Assertions(断言)

- Used for Software Testing

```
i++;  
assert i < max;
```

- Regular Expression(正则表达式)

- java.util.regex

```
Pattern p = Pattern.compile("a*b");  
Matcher m = p.matcher("aaaaab");  
boolean b = m.matches();
```



Forecast

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- Java I/O Introduction
- File and Directory
- Byte-stream and Character-stream
- Bridge between b-s and c-s
- Random Access File
- Standard I/O
 - System.in
 - System.out
- java.nio Pilot