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Introduction

→ An unexpected, unwanted event that disturbs normal flow of the program is called exception.

eg → Thread Unhandled Exception, Sleeping Exception, etc.

→ It is highly recommended to handle exceptions & the main objective of E.H is graceful termination of the program.

→ Exception handling doesn't mean repairing an exception.
We have to provide alternative way to continue the rest of program normally, it is called E.H.

eg → Our programmer need is to read data from file located in London. At runtime, if London file is not available our program should not be terminated abnormally.

We have to provide some local file to continue rest of program normally.

This way of defining alternative way is E.H.

try

Read data from remote
file in London

}
catch (FileNotFoundException)

use local file & continue
rest of program

Runtime Stack Mechanism

eg → class Test

{
psvm

 {
 doStuff();

 }
 psv doStuff()

 {
 democStuff();

 }
 democStuff(); Runtime stack

 {
 psv democStuff(); Activation
 {
 System.out.println("Hello");
 }
 }

O/P → Hello

Destroyed by

JVM

after doStuff
democStuff() completed

destroy()

main()

Routine stack

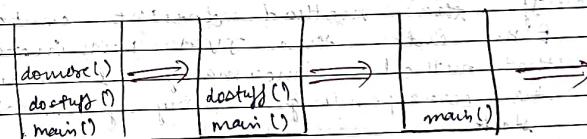
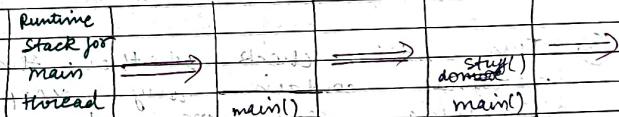
→ for every thread, JVM will create
a Runtime Stack.

→ Each & every method call performed by
that thread will be stored in
the corresponding stack.

→ Each entry in the stack is called
Stack Frame or Activation Record.

→ After completing every method call
the corresponding entry from the
stack will be removed.

→ After completing all methods calls
the stack will become empty &
that empty stack will be destroyed
by JVM just before terminating the
thread.



→ This empty stack will
be destroyed by JVM

Default Exception Handling

① Inside a method if any exception occurs, the method in which it occurs is responsible to create exception object by including the following information -

① Name of exception

② Description of exception

③ Location at which exception occurs
[Stack trace]

④ After creating exception object method handovers that object to the JVM.

⑤ JVM will check whether the methods contain any exception handling code or not.

If the method doesn't contain E.H. code then JVM terminates that method abnormally & removes the corresponding entry from the stack.

⑥ even, JVM identifies caller method & checks whether caller method contains any handling code or not.

If the caller method doesn't contain handling code, then JVM terminates that caller method abnormally & removes corresponding entry from stack.

This process will be continued until main method & if the main method also doesn't contain handling code then, JVM terminates main method also abnormally & removes corresponding entry from the stack.

Then JVM handovers responsibility of E.H. to default exception handler, which is the part of JVM.

→ DEH prints exception information in the following format & terminates program abnormally.

exception in thread "xxx" Name of exception
Stack Trace

e.g. → ① class Test { int a = 1; } . main ()

~~psvmain~~ ~~psvmain~~ ~~psvmain~~

doStuff(); finishing

ps v destroy()

donorestuff() destuff() PS v : donorestuff() int.

ps v domestic stuff (1) int...
s 2nd 3rd 4th

`sopln(10/0);` fehlende
} Zeichenkette: 10/0

• 825-0

→ exception in thread "main"
java.lang.ArithmaticException
Division by 0 — at test.main()
at test.destroy()
at test.main()

(2) class test

PS VM

~~destuff() ist in wichtig ist
Sopin(10/10); wichtig~~

PS. V destuff()

democracy ()

ps v domestic stuff ()

Soprano ("Kello")

and so on

0/P → Hello

Exception in thread "main"
at test.main()

NOTE → In a C program if at least one method terminates abnormally then the program termination is abnormal termination.

If all methods terminated normally then only program termination is normal termination.

Exception Hierarchy

- Throwable class acts as root for java exception hierarchy.
- Throwable class defines two child classes
 - ① Exception
 - ② Error

exception → Most of the times, exception are caused by our program and these are recoverable.

e.g. → try {
 // some code
}

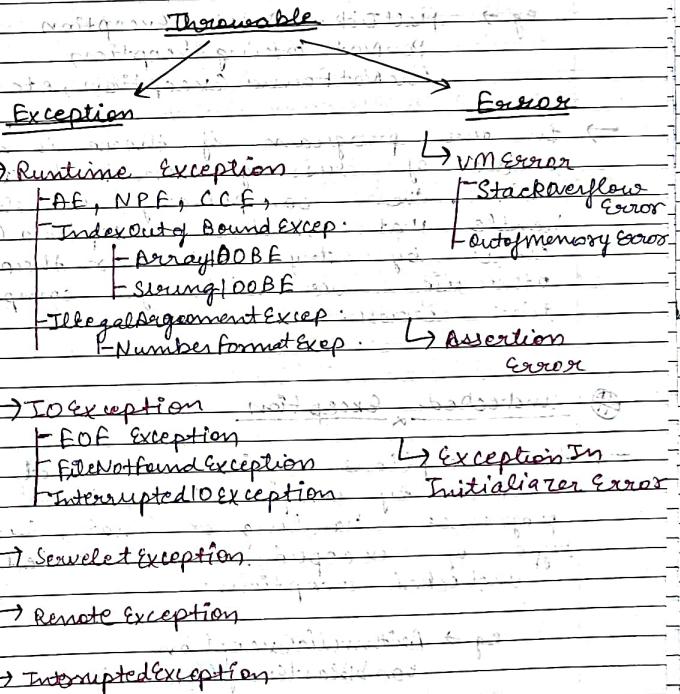
 Read data from Remote file located in london
 catch (FileNotFoundException)

 use local file & continue rest of the program

Error → Most of the times, errors are not caused by our program and these are non-coverable.

→ & caused because of lack of system resources.

eg → If OutOfMemoryError being a programmer we can't do anything & the program will be terminated abnormally.
System Admin or Server Admin is responsible to increase heap memory.



Checked vs. Unchecked Exception

(1) checked exception

→ the exceptions which are checked by compiler for smooth execution of the program.

eg → NullPointerException
FileNotFoundException
FileNotFoundException, etc.

→ In our program if there is a chance of raising checked exceptions, then compulsorily we should handle that checked exception (either by try, catch or throws) otherwise we will get compile time errors.

(2) unchecked exception

→ the exceptions which are not checked by compiler whether programmer handling or not, such type of exceptions are called unchecked exceptions.

eg → ArithmeticException

BombBlastException, etc.

→ NOTE →

① whether it is checked/unchecked every exception occurs at runtime only.
there is no chance of occurring exception at compile time.

② Runtime exception & its child classes, error & its child classes are unchecked except these remaining are checked.

fully checked vs partially checked

A checked exception is said to be fully checked if & only if all its child classes also checked.

eg → IOException
InterruptedException

A checked exception is said to be partially checked if & only if some of its child classes are unchecked.

eg → exception
Throwable

NOTE →

the only possible partially checked exception in java are —

- 1) Exception
- 2) throwable

Ques → Describe the behaviour of following Exceptions —

1) Exception fully checked

Runtimeexception unchecked

InterruptedException fully checked

Error unchecked

Throwable partially

AF

NPE unchecked

Exception Partially checked

FileNotFoundException fully checked

Customised Exception handling by using — try, catch

It is highly recommended to handle exceptions.

The code which may raise an exception is called Risky code & we have to define that code inside try block & corresponding handling code we have to define inside catch block.

→ try { } catch { }

Risky code

catch (Exception e)

Handling code

without try, catch →

class Test

0/P + fi
RE: / by zero

psv main

sopln("run");	Abnormal Termination
sopln("10/0");	
sopln("0/0");	

→ with try, catch

class Test

{

psv main

{

sopln("Hi");

try

{

sopln(10/2);

}

catch (ArithmeticException)

{

sopln(10/2);

}

sopln ("Bo");

}

O/P →	Hi
	5
	Bo

→ control flow in try, catch

try

{

Stat 1;

Stat 2;

Stat 3;

{

Catch (x c)

{

Stat 4;

{

Stat 5;

case 1 → If there is no exception.

O/P → 1, 2, 3, 5 (Normal Termination)

case 2 → If an exception raised at statement 2 & corresponding catch block matched

O/P → 1, 4, 5, NT

case 3 → If an exception raised at statement 2 & corresponding catch block not matched

O/P → 1, Abnormal termination

case 4 → If an exception raised at statement 4 or Statement 5 then it is always abnormal termination.

NOTE → Within the try block, if anywhere exception raised then rest of the try block won't be executed even though we handled that exception.

Hence, within the try block we have to take only risky code.

→ length of try block as less as possible

② In addition to try block there may be a chance of rising an exception inside catch & finally blocks.

If any statement which is not part of try block & rises an exception then it is always abnormal exception.

Methods to print exception information

Throwable class defines the following methods to print exception info -

Method	Printable format
① printStackTrace()	Name of exception Description Stack Trace
② toString()	Name of exception Description
③ getMessage()	Description

Eg → class test

```
{
```

```
    public static void main(String[] args) {
```

```
        try
```

```
            {
```

```
                System.out.println("Hello");
```

```
            }
```

```
        }
```

catch f

ArithmeticException e)

e.printStackTrace();

"SopIn(e) or SopIn(e.toString());"

SopIn(e.getMessage());

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final -

- It is a modifier applicable for classes, methods & variables.
- If a class declared as final then, we can't extend that class i.e. we can't create child class for that class it means inheritance is not possible for final classes.
- If a method is final, then we can't override in the child class.
- If a variable declared as final then we can't perform reassignment for that variable.

finally()

- It is a block always associated with try catch to main cleanup code.

```
eg → try
      { Risky code;
      }
      catch (exception e)
      {
      }
      finally
      {
          cleanup code;
      }
```

→ the speciality of finally block is - it will be executed always irrespective of whether exception is raised or not raised & whether handled or not handled.

finalize()

→ finalize is a method always invoked by garbage collector just before destroying an object to perform cleanup activities.

→ Once finalize method completes, immediately garbage collector destroys that object.

NOTE →

→ finally block is responsible to perform cleanup activities related to try block i.e. whatever resource we open at the part of try block will be closed inside finally block.

→ whereas finalize method is responsible to perform cleanup activities related to object i.e. whatever resource we open for object will be deallocated before destroying an object by using finalize.

Various possible combination of try catch finally

① In try, catch finally — order is important

② whenever we are writing try compulsory we should write either catch or finally otherwise we will get CE : try without catch or finally is invalid.

③ whenever we are writing catch block compulsory we should write in try block otherwise CE : catch without try is invalid.

④ whenever we are writing finally compulsory we should write try block otherwise CE : finally without try is invalid.

⑤ Inside try, catch & finally blocks we can declare try, catch & finally blocks i.e nesting of try, catch, finally is allowed.

⑥ curly brackets are mandatory for try, catch & finally blocks.

① try

② try

③ try {

{

}

try

catch(x e)

{

catch(x e)

{

try

{

catch(x e)

{

CE: exception e

has already been declared.

④ try { }

catch(x e)

{

⑤ try { }

catch(x e)

{

finally

{

try { }

catch(x e)

{

⑥ try { }

catch(x e)

{

try { }

catch(x e)

{

try { }

catch(x e)

{

⑦ try { }

catch(x e)

{

try { }

finally

{

⑧ try { }

catch(x e)

{

finally

{

⑨ catch(x e)

{

CE: try catch finally
without try / catch / finally

⑩ finally

{

⑪ try

{

finally

{

catch(x e)

{

⑫ try { }

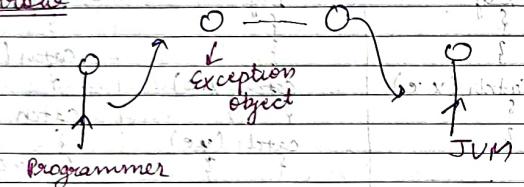
catch(x e)

{

catch(x e)

{

Throw



Sometimes, we can create exceptions explicitly and handover to the JVM manually for this we have to use throw keyword:

→ throw new AE ("1 by zero")

[creation of AE explicitly]

handover
our created
exception object
to the JVM
manually

Hence, the main objective of throw keyword is to handover our created exception to the JVM manually.

The result of following two programs are same -

① class Test

```
psv main
{
    System.out.println(10/0);
}
```

exception in thread
"main" j.l.AE:1 by zero
at Test.main()

② class Test

```
psv main
{
    throws new AE("1 by zero")
}
```

exception in thread
"main" j.l.AE:1 by zero
at Test.main()

In 1st case, main method is responsible to create exception object & handover to the JVM.

In 2nd case, programmes creating exception object explicitly & handover to the JVM manually.

NOTE →

Best use of throw keyword is for user defined exceptions or customised exceptions.

Case 1 → throw c;

If e refers null then we will get NullPointerexception.

class Test{

```
static AE = new AE();  
psvm  
{  
    throw e;  
}
```

RE: AE

class Test

```
{  
    station AE e;  
    psvm  
    {  
        throw e;  
    }
```

RE: NPE

Case 3 → we can use throw keyword only for throwable types.

If we are trying to use normal java objects we will get CE saying incompatible types.

class Test

```
{  
    psvm  
    {  
        throw new Test();  
    }
```

class Test extends RE

psvm

```
{  
    throw new Test();  
}
```

RE: Exception in thread "main" Test at Test.main()

CE: incompatible types
found: Test
required: jd. Throwable

case 2 → After throw, we are not allowed to write any statement directly otherwise we will be saying unreachable statement.

class Test

```
{  
    psvm  
    {  
        System.out.println("10/0");  
        System.out.println("hi");  
    }
```

RE: AE / by zero

class Test

```
{  
    psvm  
    {  
        throw new  
        AE ("by zero");  
        System.out.println("hi");  
    }
```

CE: unreachable statement

throws

In our program, if there is a possibility of raising checked exception, then, compulsory we should handle that exception otherwise we will get CE : unreported exception.

eg - ① class Test

```
{  
    psvm ...  
    {  
        PrintWriter pw = new PrintWriter("abc.txt");  
        pw.println("Hello");  
    }  
}
```

CE: unreported exception java.io.FileNotFoundException
must be caught or declared to be thrown.

② class Test

```
{  
    psvm ...  
    {  
        Thread.sleep(10000);  
    }  
}
```

CE: unreported exception java.lang.InterruptedException
must be caught or declared to be thrown.

We can handle this exception by two ways

first way → By using try catch

eg 1 class Test

```
{  
    psvm ...  
    {  
        try {  
            ...  
        }  
    }  
}
```

try

```
{  
    Thread.sleep(10000);  
}  
catch (InterruptedException)  
{  
    ...  
}
```

Second way → By using throws keyword

eg 2 class Test

```
{  
    psvm (String [] args) throws IE  
    {  
        Thread.sleep(10000);  
    }  
}
```

→ we can use throws to delineate responsibility of EH to the caller (it may another method or JVM) then called method is responsible to handle that exception.

→ Threwes keyword required only for checked exception & usage of throws keyword unchecked exception - there is no use or impact.

→ Threwes required only to convince compiler & usage of throws does not prevent abnormal termination of program.

eg → class Test

```
psv main (String [] args) throws IE  
{
```

```
    dostuff();
```

```
} psv dostuff () throws IE E: unreported exec.
```

```
{ j. i. IF must be caught or thrown  
    demostuff();
```

```
psv demostuff () throws IE
```

```
{ Thread.sleep(10000);
```

In the above program, if we remove at least one throws statement then the code won't compile.

We can use to delegate responsibilities of EH to the caller

It is required only for checked exception
→ usage of throws for unchecked, there is no use

throws

Required only to convince compiler & usage of throws does not prevent abnormal termination of program.

Case I → We can use throws for methods & constructors but not for classes.

eg → class Test throws exception X

```
Test () throws exception ✓
```

```
{
```

```
psv m () throws exception ✓
```

```
{
```

case 2 → we can use throws keyword only for throwable types if we are trying to use for normal java classes then we will get CF saying incompatible types.

eg → ① class Test

```
public void m1() throws Test
```

↳ incompatible types
found : test
required : j.l.Throwable

② class Test extends RuntimeException

```
public void m1() throws Test
```

case 3 → ① class Test

```
ps v main
```

throws Exception(); → checked

(E) unexpected exception j.l.Exception must be caught or declared to be thrown.

② class Test

```
ps v main
```

throws Error(); → unchecked

↳ exception in thread "main" j.l.Error
at test.main()

case 4 → within the try block if there is no chance of rising an exception then we can't write catch block for that exception otherwise we will get CF : exception XXX is never thrown in body of corresponding try statement

but this rule is applicable only for fully checked exceptions.

eg → ① class Test

```
ps v main
```

O/P → Hello

try

```
{ sopn("Hello") }
```

catch (Ae e) unchecked

there is no such as "throw" keyword
in java.

② class test

```

psvm
{
    try {
        System.out.println("error");
    }
    catch (Exception e) partially checked
}
  
```

③ import java.util.io;

```

class test
{
    psvm
    {
        try {
            System.out.println("hi");
        }
        catch (IOException e) fully checked
    }
}
  
```

*if: exception in
java.io.IOException*

④ class test

```

{
    psvm
    {
        try {
            System.out.println("hi");
        }
        catch (UnreportedException e)
    }
}
  
```

*(if: exception in
jdt.IE)*

Customized Exception (Summary)

- ① try → to maintain risky code
- ② catch → to maintain exception handling code
- ③ finally → to maintain cleanup code
- ④ throw → to handover our created exception object to the JVM manually
- ⑤ throws → to delegate responsibility of EH. to the caller

Various possible compile time errors
in EH →

- unreported exception xxx; must be caught or declared to be thrown
- exception xxx has already been caught
- exception xxx is never thrown in body of corresponding try statement
- unreachable statement
- incompatible types
- try/catch/finally without catch/finally/try

Customized / User Defined exception

Sometimes, to meet programming requirements, we can define our own exceptions. Such type of exceptions are called customized or user defined exceptions.

eg → TooYoung → TooOld → InsufficientFunds / Exceptions

eg → class TooYoungException extends RuntimeException

{
 TooYoungException (String s)

 {
 Sopn (s); → to make description
 } → available to default
 }
 Exception Handler

class TooOldException extends RuntimeException

{
 TooOldException (String s)

 Sopn (s);

class custException

{
 int age = Integer.parseInt (args [0]);

if (age > 60)
 new

 throw new TooYoungException ("wait");

else if (age < 18)

 throw new TooOldException ("age
 parsed");

else

 {
 throw Sopn ("soon");

NOTE →

→ there is best suitable for user defined
or customised exceptions.
But not for pre-defined exceptions.

→ It is highly recommended to define
customised exceptions as uncheckable
we have to extends RE but not
exception.

→ We use Sopn in customised
exception to make description
available to default exception handler
to print statement.