

# Error Handling

You represent errors using any type that adopts the Error protocol.

```
1 enum PrinterError: Error {
2     case outOfPaper
3     case noToner
4     case onFire
5 }
```

Use `throw` to throw an error and `throws` to mark a function that can throw an error. If you throw an error in a function, the function returns immediately and the code that called the function handles the error.

```
1 func send(job: Int, toPrinter printerName: String) throws -> String {
2     if printerName == "Never Has Toner" {
3         throw PrinterError.noToner
4     }
5     return "Job sent"
6 }
```

There are several ways to handle errors. One way is to use `do-catch`. Inside the `do` block, you mark code that can throw an error by writing `try` in front of it. Inside the `catch` block, the error is automatically given the name `error`, unless you give it a different name.

```
1 do {
2     let printerResponse = try send(job: 1040, toPrinter: "Bi Sheng")
3     print(printerResponse)
4 } catch {
5     print(error)
6 }
7 // Prints "Job sent"
```

## EXPERIMENT

Change the printer name to "Never Has Toner" so that the `send(job:toPrinter:)` function throws an error.

You can provide multiple catch blocks that handle specific errors. You write a pattern after catch just as you do after case in a switch.

```
1  do {
2      let printerResponse = try send(job: 1440, toPrinter: "Gutenberg")
3      print(printerResponse)
4  } catch PrinterError.onFire {
5      print("I'll just put this over here, with the rest of the fire.")
6  } catch let printerError as PrinterError {
7      print("Printer error: \(printerError).")
8  } catch {
9      print(error)
10 }
11 // Prints "Job sent"
```

#### EXPERIMENT

Add code to throw an error inside the do block. What kind of error do you need to throw so that the error is handled by the first catch block? What about the second and third blocks?

Another way to handle errors is to use `try?` to convert the result to an optional. If the function throws an error, the specific error is discarded and the result is `nil`. Otherwise, the result is an optional containing the value that the function returned.

```
1  let printerSuccess = try? send(job: 1884, toPrinter: "Mergenthaler")
2  let printerFailure = try? send(job: 1885, toPrinter: "Never Has Toner")
```

Use `defer` to write a block of code that's executed after all other code in the function, just before the function returns. The code is executed regardless of whether the function throws an error. You can use `defer` to write setup and cleanup code 서로 옆에, 나란히 next to each other, even though they need to be executed at different times.

```
1  var fridgeIsOpen = false
2  let fridgeContent = ["milk", "eggs", "leftovers"]
3
4  func fridgeContains(_ food: String) -> Bool {
5      fridgeIsOpen = true
6      defer {
7          fridgeIsOpen = false
8      }
9
10     let result = fridgeContent.contains(food)
11     return result
12 }
13 fridgeContains("banana")
14 print(fridgeIsOpen)
15 // Prints "false"
```