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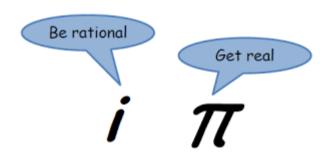
Lecture 9

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TODAY'S CONTENT







Joke File				
See joke Add a jol				
New jok				
Save				

C:\StartingOut\Jump\x64\Debug\Jump.exe		×
JOKE OF THE DAY		^
File open error. Program aborting	now.	
		~

TODAY'S CONTENT



- 1. Results | Solutions | Feedback
 - Midterm
 - Ethics Essay
 - General comments on coding style
- 2. Debugging Loops
- **3.** File I/O

NEXT:

- HW4: due end of Thur
- Reading 4.1 Classes







Software Engineering Ethics

Read Parts 1–5 in the file *An Introduction to Software Engineering Ethics,* by Shannon Vallor and Arvind Narayanan (<u>Students.pdf</u> file).

Answer all the questions in these sections.

Type in your answers in a separate file; do not write it in Students.pdf. Write it in Word or similar. Clearly label your answers with the exercise and/or question numbers; I cannot give credit if I do not know what your answer applies to.

When you are done with your responses, save and upload the file that contains your responses to Canvas. Please name your <yourLast-FirstName-Ethics1.docx (or .pdf)

You will be graded on the effort and thoughtfulness you put into your answers.

EXAM: review solutions

+ see last week document

Need to Traverse A String?

```
for(int r = 0; r < string.length(); r++)</pre>
      System.out.println( string.charAt(r));
Or, backwards...
for(int r = string.length() - 1; r >= 0; r --)
      System.out.println( string.charAt(r));
```

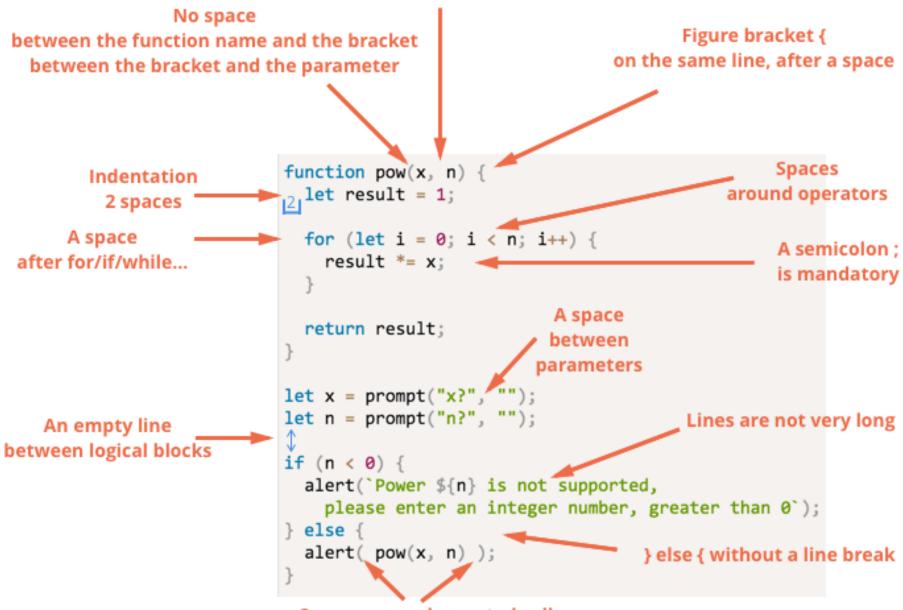
A Running Sum

```
for( int j=0; j <=20; j++ )
   sum += j; //same as sum = sum + j
for( int k = 0; k <= 30; k++)
   if(k \% 2 == 0) 
        sum = sum + k;
```

Coding Style



A space between parameters



Spaces around a nested call

There are two types of people.

```
if (Condition)
{
    Statements
    /*
    */
}
```

```
if (Condition) {
    Statements
    /*
    */
}
```

Programmers will know.

```
public void RefreshCatalog() {
    if (IsCacheValid) {
        ResetFilterToDefaults();
    }
    else {
        RepopulateCatalogFromService();
    }
}
```

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    }
}
```

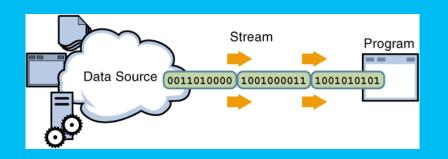
Brace placement	Styles
<pre>while (x == y) { something(); somethingelse(); }</pre>	K&R and variants: 1TBS, Stroustrup, Linux kernel, BSD KNF
<pre>while (x == y) { something(); somethingelse(); }</pre>	Allman
<pre>while (x == y) { something (); somethingelse (); }</pre>	GNU
<pre>while (x == y) { something(); somethingelse(); }</pre>	Whitesmiths

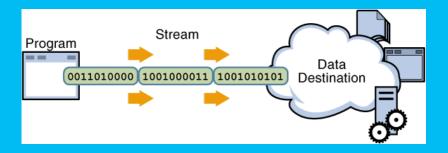


Four More....

```
while (x == y)
{ something();
                         Horstmann
    somethingelse();
while (x == y)
{ something();
                         Pico
    somethingelse(); }
while (x == y) {
    something();
                         Ratliff
    somethingelse();
while (x == y) {
    something();
                        Lisp
    somethingelse(); }
```

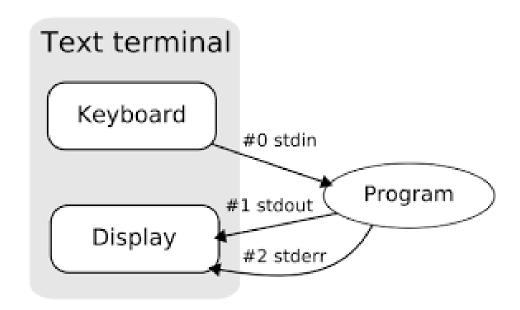
FILE I/O







So far: console I/O



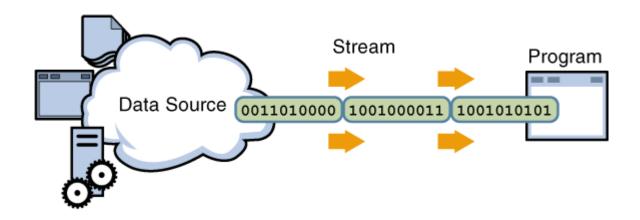
System.in
System.out



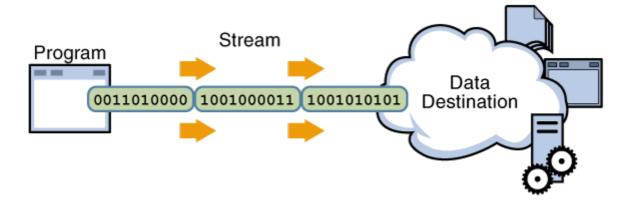
What's missing?

What's file?

File I/O



Input stream



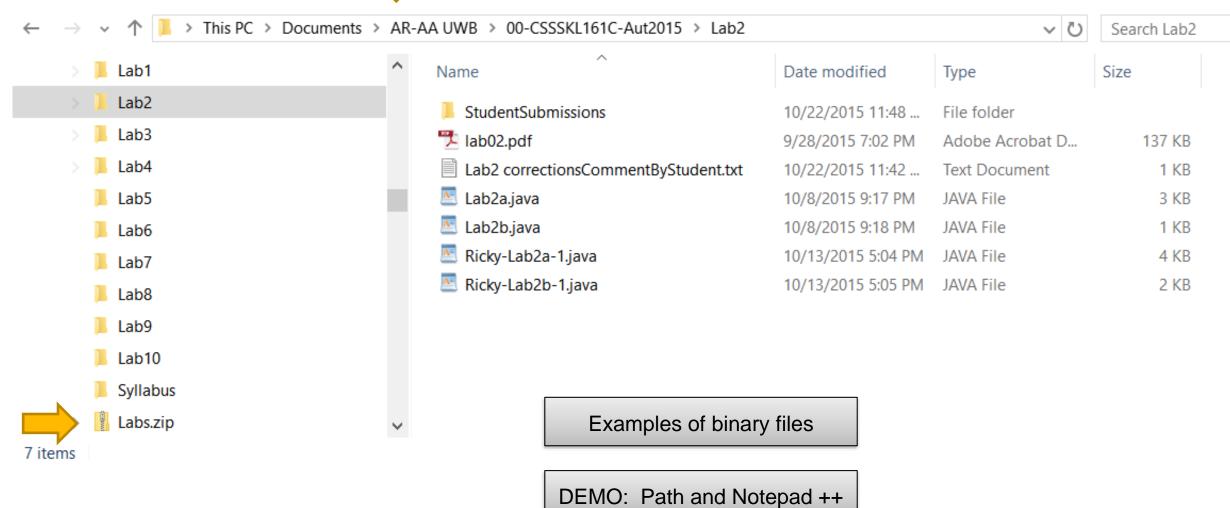
Output stream

Text Files vs Binary Files I/O



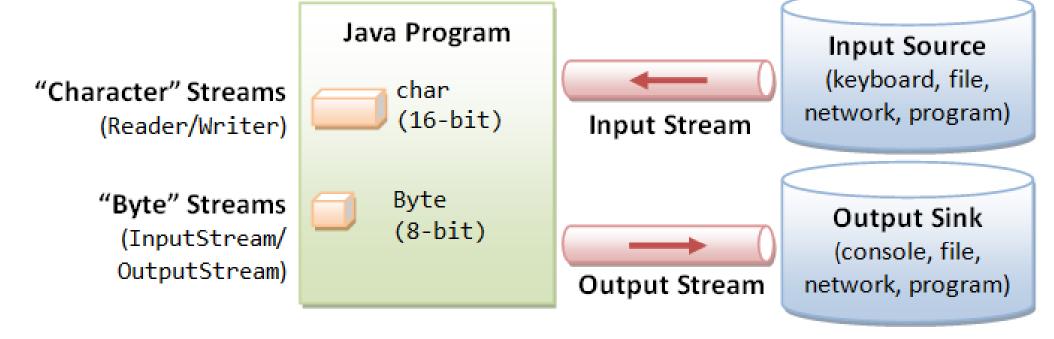


Which are text files?



File Stream





Internal Data Formats:

- Text (char): UCS-2
- int, float, double, etc.

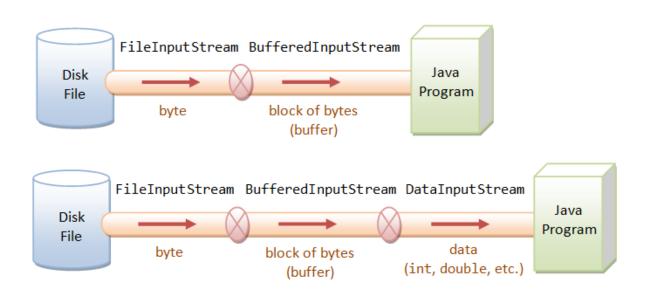
External Data Formats:

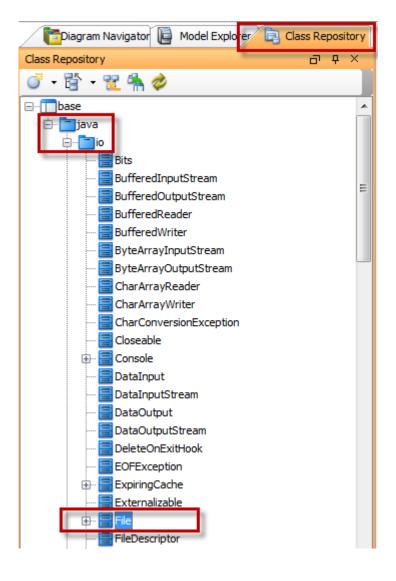
- Text in various encodings (US-ASCII, ISO-8859-1, UCS-2, UTF-8, UTF-16, UTF-16BE, UTF16-LE, etc.)
- Binary (raw bytes)

The File Class



Binary Files





Text Files and Binary Files

- Files that are designed to be read by human beings, and that can be read or written with an editor are called text files
 - Text files can also be called **ASCII files** because the data they contain uses an ASCII encoding scheme
 - An advantage of text files is that the are usually the same on all computers, so
 that they can move from one computer to another

Text Files and Binary Files

- Files that are designed to be read by programs and that consist of a sequence of binary digits are called binary files (or 'binaries')
 - Binary files are designed to be read on the same type of computer and with the same programming language as the computer that created the file
 - An advantage of binary files is that they are more efficient to process than text files
 - Unlike most binary files, Java binary files have the advantage of being platform independent also

- The class PrintWriter is a stream class that can be used to write to a text file
 - An object of the class PrintWriter has the methods print and println
 - These are similar to the **System.out** methods of the same names, but are used for text file output, not screen output

All the file I/O classes that follow are in the package java.io, so a program that
uses PrintWriter will start with a set of import statements:

```
import java.io.PrintWriter;
import java.io.FileOutputStream;
import java.io.FileNotFoundException;
```

- The class **PrintWriter** has no constructor that takes a file name as its argument
 - It uses another class, FileOutputStream, to convert a file name to an object that can be used as the argument to its (the PrintWriter) constructor

 A stream of the class PrintWriter is created and connected to a text file for writing as follows:

```
PrintWriter outputStreamName;
outputStreamName = new PrintWriter(new FileOutputStream(FileName));
```

- The class FileOutputStream takes a string representing the file name as its argument
- The class PrintWriter takes the anonymous FileOutputStream object as its argument

- This produces an object of the class PrintWriter that is connected to the file FileName
 - The process of connecting a stream to a file is called opening the file
 - If the file already exists, then doing this causes the old contents to be lost
 - If the file does not exist, then a new, empty file named FileName is created
- After doing this, the methods print and println can be used to write to the file

- When a text file is opened in this way, a FileNotFoundException can be thrown
 - In this context it actually means that the file could not be created
 - This type of exception can also be thrown when a program attempts to open a file for reading and there is no such file
- It is therefore necessary to enclose this code in exception handling blocks
 - The file should be opened inside a try block
 - A catch block should catch and handle the possible exception
 - The variable that refers to the PrintWriter object should be declared outside the block (and initialized to null) so that it is not local to the block

• When a program is finished writing to a file, it should always close the stream connected to that file

```
outputStreamName.close();
```

- This allows the system to release any resources used to connect the stream to the file
- If the program does not close the file before the program ends, Java will close it automatically, but it is safest to close it explicitly

- Output streams connected to files are usually buffered
 - Rather than physically writing to the file as soon as possible, the data is saved in a temporary location (buffer)
 - When enough data accumulates, or when the method flush is invoked, the buffered data is written to the file all at once
 - This is more efficient, since physical writes to a file can be slow

- The method close invokes the method flush, thus insuring that all the data is written to the file
 - If a program relies on Java to close the file, and the program terminates abnormally,
 then any output that was buffered may not get written to the file
 - Also, if a program writes to a file and later reopens it to read from the same file, it will have to be closed first anyway



 The sooner a file is closed after writing to it, the less likely it is that there will be a problem

File Names

- The rules for how file names should be formed depend on a given operating system, not Java
 - When a file name is given to a java constructor for a stream, it is just a string, not
 a Java identifier (e.g., "fileName.txt")
 - Any suffix used, such as . txt has no special meaning to a Java program

A File Has Two Names

- Every input file and every output file used by a program has two names:
 - The real file name used by the operating system
 - The name of the stream that is connected to the file
- The actual file name is used to connect to the stream
- The stream name serves as a temporary name for the file, and is the name that is primarily used within the program

IOException

- When performing file I/O there are many situations in which an exception, such as
 FileNotFoundException, may be thrown
- Many of these exception classes are subclasses of the class IOException
 - The class IOException is the root class for a variety of exception classes having to do with input and/or output
- These exception classes are all checked exceptions
 - Therefore, they must be caught or declared in a throws clause

Unchecked Exceptions



Define | Examples

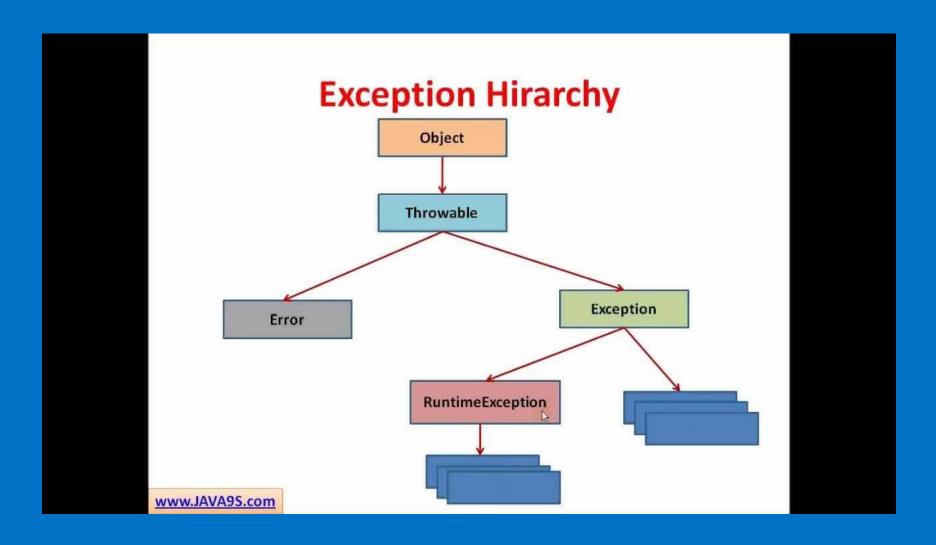
UNCHECKED: represent defects in the program (bugs)

CHECKED: represent invalid conditions in areas outside the immediate control of the program (invalid user input, database problems, network outages, absent files)

Unchecked Exceptions

- In contrast, the exception classes NoSuchElementException,
 InputMismatchException, and IllegalStateException
 are all unchecked exceptions
 - Unchecked exceptions are not required to be caught or declared in a throws clause

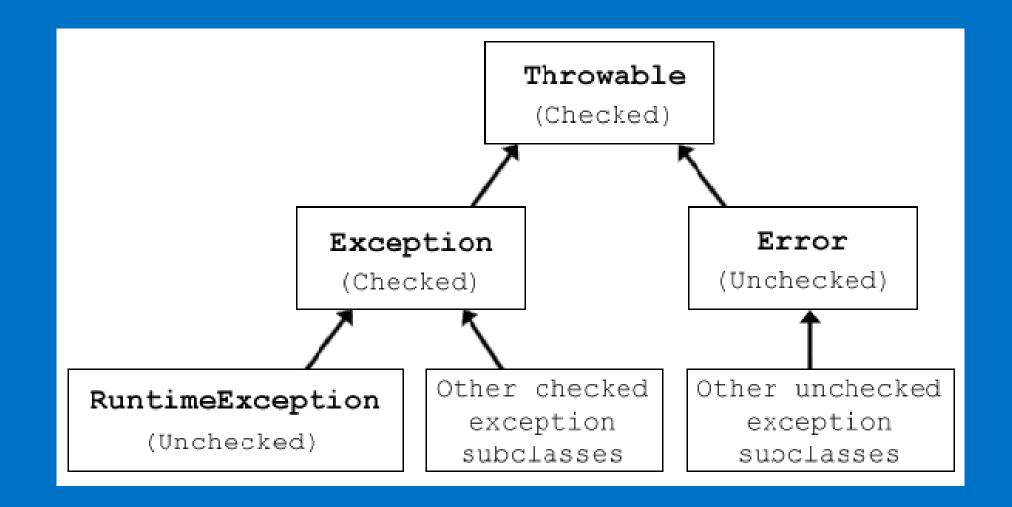
Exception Handling

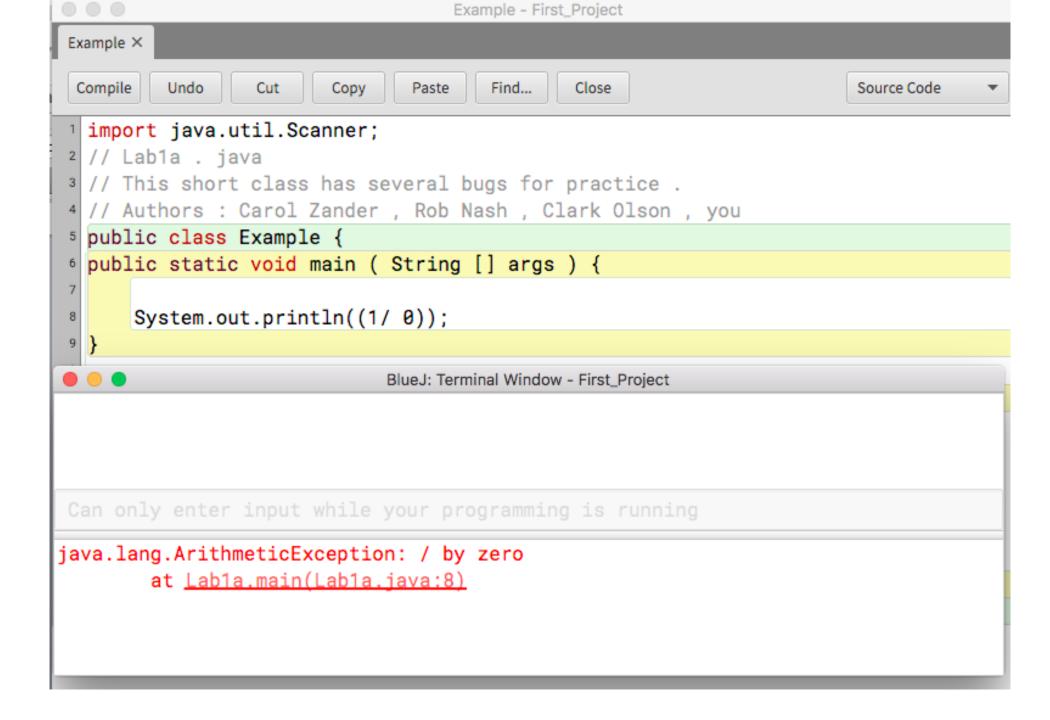


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Exception Handling

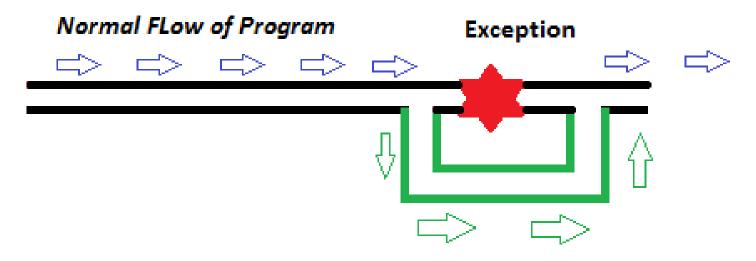




Exceptions

- Used by Java to let the programmer know that a run-time error has occurred
- Most of the time, we don't have to deal with exceptions
 - Such as the previous example
- But...
 - Sometime we have to take extra precautions
 - This is called exception handling

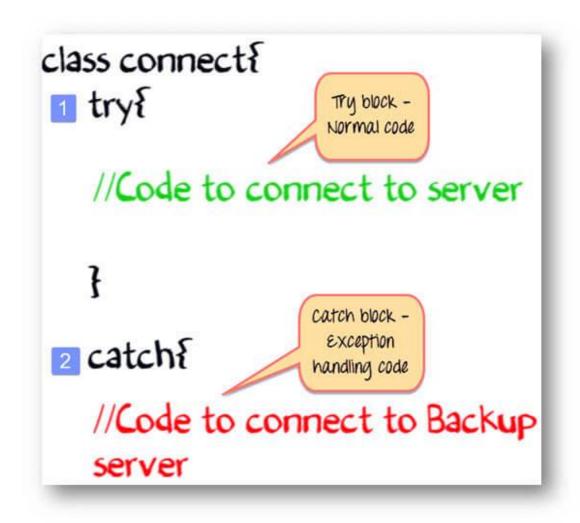
Exceptions



EXCEPTION HANDLING

Alternate way to continue flow of program

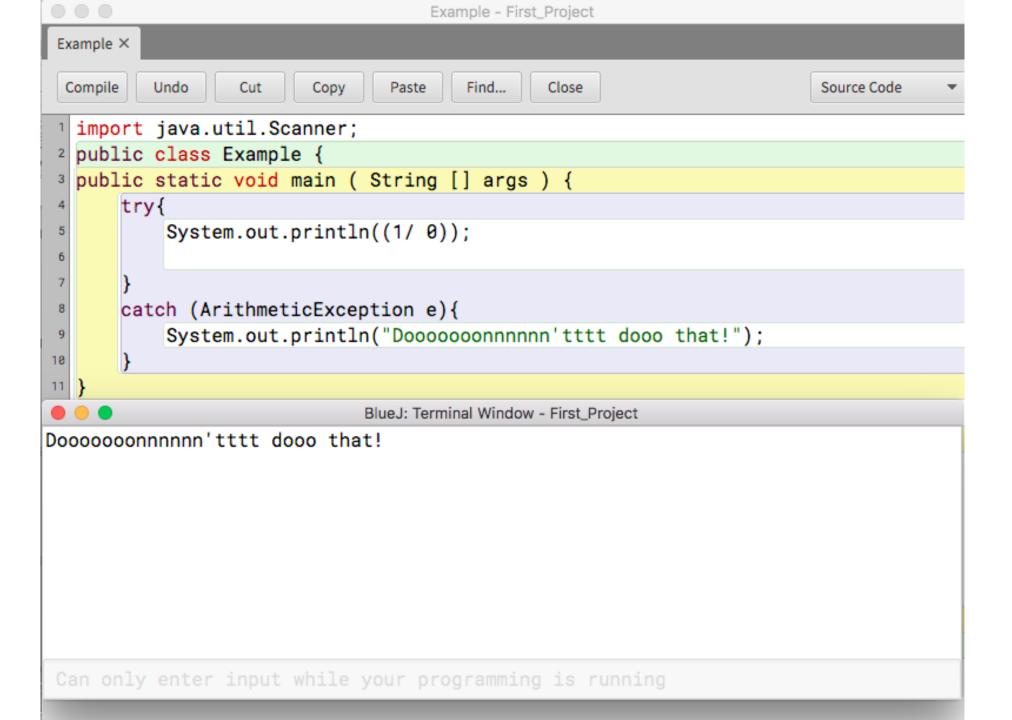
Exceptions



Exception Handling

How do we take extra precautions in case an exception occurs?

```
By using a try-catch block
try{
    //statements that can cause an
    //exception
catch (ExceptionClass variableName) {
    //statements responding to an
    //exception
```



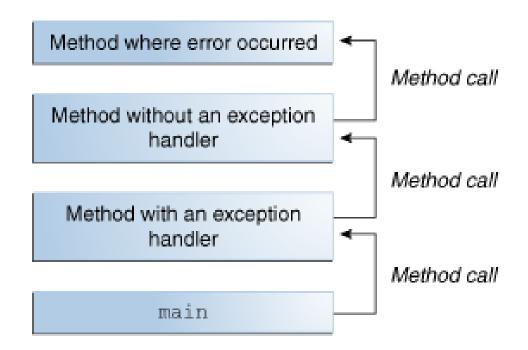
What Is an Exception?

The term *exception* is shorthand for the phrase "exceptional event."

Definition: An **exception** is an **event**, which occurs during the execution of a program, that disrupts the normal flow of the program's instructions.

When an error occurs within a method, the **method creates an object and hands it off to the runtime system**. The object, called an **exception object**, contains information about the error, including its type and the state of the program when the error occurred. Creating an exception object and handing it to the runtime system is called **throwing an exception**.

After a method throws an exception, the runtime system attempts to find something to handle it. The set of possible "somethings" to handle the exception is the ordered list of methods that had been called to get to the method where the error occurred. The list of methods is known as the *call stack*.



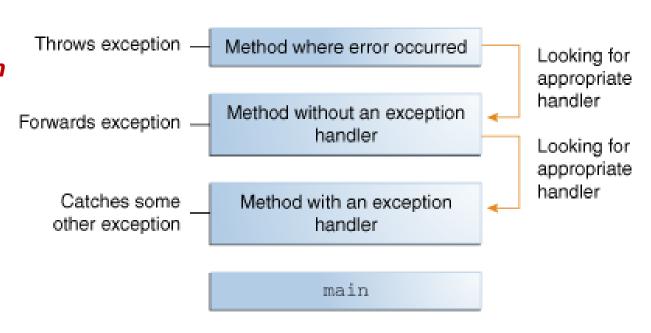
Call Stack

Exception Handling

The runtime system searches the call stack for a method that contains a block of code that can handle the exception. This block of code is called an *exception handler*.

The search begins with the method in which the error occurred and proceeds through the call stack **in the reverse order** in which the methods were called. When an appropriate handler is found, the runtime system passes the exception to the handler. An exception handler is considered appropriate if the type of the exception object thrown matches the type that can be handled by the handler.

The exception handler chosen is said to *catch the exception*. If the runtime system exhaustively searches all the methods on the call stack without finding an appropriate exception handler, the runtime system (and, consequently, the program) terminates.



Searching the call stack for the exception handler.

Pitfall: a try Block is a Block

- Since opening a file can result in an exception, it should be placed inside a try block
- If the variable for a PrintWriter object needs to be used outside that block,
 then the variable must be declared outside the block



- Otherwise it would be local to the block, and could not be used elsewhere
- If it were declared in the block and referenced elsewhere, the compiler will generate a message indicating that it is an undefined identifier

Appending to a Text File

To create a PrintWriter object and connect it to a text file for appending, a second argument, set to true, must be used in the constructor for the
 FileOutputStream object

```
outputStreamName = new PrintWriter(new FileOutputStream(FileName, true));
```

- After this statement, the methods print, println and/or printf can be used to write to the file
- The new text will be written after the old text in the file

toString Helps with Text File Output

- If a class has a suitable toString() method, and anObject is an object of that class, then anObject can be used as an argument to System.out.println, and it will produce sensible output
- The same thing applies to the methods **print** and **println** of the class

```
PrintWriter
```

```
outputStreamName.println(anObject);
```

Some Methods of the Class PrintWriter (Part 1 of 3)

Display 10.2 Some Methods of the Class PrintWriter

PrintWriter and FileOutputStream are in the java.io package.

```
public PrintWriter(OutputStream streamObject)
```

This is the only constructor you are likely to need. There is no constructor that accepts a file name as an argument. If you want to create a stream using a file name, you use

```
new PrintWriter(new FileOutputStream(File_Name))
```

When the constructor is used in this way, a blank file is created. If there already was a file named *File_Name*, then the old contents of the file are lost. If you want instead to append new text to the end of the old file contents, use

```
new PrintWriter(new FileOutputStream(File_Name, true))
```

(For an explanation of the argument true, read the subsection "Appending to a Text File.")

When used in either of these ways, the FileOutputStream constructor, and so the PrintWriter constructor invocation, can throw a FileNotFoundException, which is a kind of IOException.

If you want to create a stream using an object of the class File, you can use a File object in place of the File_Name. (The File class will be covered in Section 10.3. We discuss it here so that you will have a more complete reference in this display, but you can ignore the reference to the class File until after you've read that section.)

Some Methods of the Class PrintWriter (Part 2 of 3)

Display 10.2 Some Methods of the Class PrintWriter

public void println(Argument)

The Argument can be a string, character, integer, floating-point number, boolean value, or any combination of these, connected with + signs. The Argument can also be any object, although it will not work as desired unless the object has a properly defined toString() method. The Argument is output to the file connected to the stream. After the Argument has been output, the line ends, and so the next output is sent to the next line.

public void print(Argument)

This is the same as println, except that this method does not end the line, so the next output will be on the same line.

Some Methods of the Class PrintWriter (Part 3 of 3)

Display 10.2 Some Methods of the Class PrintWriter

```
public PrintWriter printf(Arguments)
```

This is the same as System.out.printf, except that this method sends output to a text file rather than to the screen. It returns the calling object. However, we have always used printf as a void method.

```
public void close()
```

Closes the stream's connection to a file. This method calls flush before closing the file.

```
public void flush()
```

Flushes the output stream. This forces an actual physical write to the file of any data that has been buffered and not yet physically written to the file. Normally, you should not need to invoke flush.

Reading From a Text File Using Scanner

- The class Scanner can be used for reading from the keyboard as well as reading from a text file
 - Simply replace the argument System. in (to the Scanner constructor) with a suitable stream
 that is connected to the text file

```
Scanner StreamObject =
  new Scanner(new FileInputStream(FileName));
```

- Methods of the Scanner class for reading input behave the same whether reading from the keyboard or reading from a text file
 - For example, the nextInt and nextLine methods

Reading Input from a Text File Using Scanner (Part 1 of 3)

Display 10.3 Reading Input from a Text File Using Scanner

```
import java.util.Scanner;
    import java.io.FileInputStream;
    import java.io.FileNotFoundException;
    public class TextFileScannerDemo
 6
        public static void main(String[] args)
           System.out.println("I will read three numbers and a line");
           System.out.println("of text from the file morestuff.txt.");
10
11
12
           Scanner inputStream = null;
13
14
           try
15
16
               inputStream =
                  new Scanner(new FileInputStream("morestuff.txt"));
17
18
                                                                                    (continued)
```

Reading Input from a Text File Using Scanner (Part 2 of 3)

Display 10.3 Reading Input from a Text File Using Scanner

```
19
           catch(FileNotFoundException e)
20
               System.out.println("File morestuff.txt was not found");
21
               System.out.println("or could not be opened.");
22
23
               System.exit(0);
24
               int n1 = inputStream.nextInt();
25
26
               int n2 = inputStream.nextInt();
27
               int n3 = inputStream.nextInt();
28
29
               inputStream.nextLine(); //To go to the next line
30
31
               String line = inputStream.nextLine();
32
```

Reading Input from a Text File Using Scanner (Part 3 of 3)

Display 10.3 Reading Input from a Text File Using Scanner

File morestuff.txt

```
1 2
3 4
Eat my shorts.
```

This file could have been made with a text editor or by another Java program.

Display 10.3 Reading Input from a Text File Using Scanner

SCREEN OUTPUT

```
I will read three numbers and a line of text from the file morestuff.txt.
The three numbers read from the file are:
1, 2, and 3
The line read from the file is:
Eat my shorts.
```

Testing for the End of a Text File with Scanner

- A program that tries to read beyond the end of a file using methods of the Scanner class will cause an exception to be thrown
- However, instead of having to rely on an exception to signal the end of a file, the Scanner class provides methods such as hasNextInt and hasNextLine
 - These methods can also be used to check that the next token to be input is a suitable element of the appropriate type

Checking for the End of a Text File with hasNextLine (Part 1 of 4)

Display 10.4 Checking for the End of a Text File with hasNextLine

```
import java.util.Scanner;
    import java.io.FileInputStream;
    import java.io.FileNotFoundException;
    import java.io.PrintWriter;
    import java.io.FileOutputStream;
 6
    public class HasNextLineDemo
 8
        public static void main(String[] args)
10
            Scanner inputStream = null;
11
12
            PrintWriter outputStream = null;
                                                                           (continued)
```

Checking for the End of a Text File with hasNextLine (Part 2 of 4)

Display 10.4 Checking for the End of a Text File with hasNextLine

```
13
             try
14
15
                inputStream =
16
                   new Scanner(new FileInputStream("original.txt"));
                outputStream = new PrintWriter(
17
                                new FileOutputStream("numbered.txt"));
18
19
20
             catch(FileNotFoundException e)
21
22
                System.out.println("Problem opening files.");
23
                System.exit(0);
24
25
             String line = null;
             int count = 0;
26
                                                                          (continued)
```

Checking for the End of a Text File with hasNextLine (Part 3 of 4)

Display 10.4 Checking for the End of a Text File with hasNextLine

```
while (inputStream.hasNextLine( ))
27
28
                line = inputStream.nextLine();
29
30
                count++;
                outputStream.println(count + " " + line);
31
32
33
            inputStream.close();
34
            outputStream.close( );
35
36
                                                            (continued)
```

Checking for the End of a Text File with hasNextLine (Part 4 of 4)

Display 10.4 Checking for the End of a Text File with hasNextLine

File original.txt

Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet eating her curves away. Along came a spider

who sat down beside her and said "Will you marry me?"

File numbered.txt (after the program is run)

- 1 Little Miss Muffet
- 2 sat on a tuffet
- 3 eating her curves away.
- 4 Along came a spider
- 5 who sat down beside her
- 6 and said "Will you marry me?"

Checking for the End of a Text File with hasNextInt (Part 1 of 2)

Display 10.5 Checking for the End of a Text File with hasNextInt

```
import java.util.Scanner;
    import java.io.FileInputStream;
    import java.io.FileNotFoundException;
    public class HasNextIntDemo
        public static void main(String[] args)
            Scanner inputStream = null;
            try
10
11
               inputStream =
12
                   new Scanner(new FileInputStream("data.txt"));
13
            catch(FileNotFoundException e)
14
15
                System.out.println("File data.txt was not found");
16
               System.out.println("or could not be opened.");
17
18
               System.exit(0);
19
```

Checking for the End of a Text File with hasNextInt (Part 2 of 2)

Display 10.5 Checking for the End of a Text File with hasNextInt

```
20
             int next, sum = 0;
             while (inputStream.hasNextInt())
22
23
                 next = inputStream.nextInt();
24
                  sum = sum + next;
25
             inputStream.close();
26
             System.out.println("The sum of the numbers is " + sum);
28
29
                                    Reading ends when either the end of the file is
    File data.txt
                                    reach or a token that is not an int is reached.
                                    So, the 5 is never read.
      4 hi 5
```

SCREEN OUTPUT

The sum of the numbers is 10

Methods in the Class **Scanner** (Part 1 of 11)

Display 10.6 Methods in the Class Scanner

Scanner is in the java.util package.

public Scanner(InputStream streamObject)

There is no constructor that accepts a file name as an argument. If you want to create a stream using a file name, you can use

new Scanner(new FileInputStream(File_Name))

When used in this way, the FileInputStream constructor, and thus the Scanner constructor invocation, can throw a FileNotFoundException, which is a kind of IOException.

To create a stream connected to the keyboard, use

new Scanner(System.in)

Methods in the Class **Scanner** (Part 2 of 11)

Display 10.6 Methods in the Class Scanner

```
public Scanner(File fileObject)
```

The File class will be covered in the section entitled "The File Class," later in this chapter. We discuss it here so that you will have a more complete reference in this display, but you can ignore this entry until after you've read that section.

If you want to create a stream using a file name, you can use

```
new Scanner(new File(File_Name))
```

```
public int nextInt()
```

Returns the next token as an int, provided the next token is a well-formed string representation of an int.

Throws a NoSuchElementException if there are no more tokens.

Throws an InputMismatchException if the next token is not a well-formed string representation of an int.

Throws an IllegalStateException if the Scanner stream is closed.

Methods in the Class **Scanner** (Part 3 of 11)

Display 10.6 Methods in the Class Scanner

public boolean hasNextInt()

Returns true if the next token is a well-formed string representation of an int; otherwise returns false.

Throws an IllegalStateException if the Scanner stream is closed.

public long nextLong()

Returns the next token as a long, provided the next token is a well-formed string representation of a long.

Throws a NoSuchElementException if there are no more tokens.

Throws an InputMismatchException if the next token is not a well-formed string representation of a long.

Throws an IllegalStateException if the Scanner stream is closed.

Methods in the Class **Scanner** (Part 4 of 11)

Display 10.6 Methods in the Class Scanner

public boolean hasNextLong()

Returns true if the next token is a well-formed string representation of a long; otherwise returns false.

Throws an IllegalStateException if the Scanner stream is closed.

public byte nextByte()

Returns the next token as a byte, provided the next token is a well-formed string representation of a byte.

Throws a NoSuchElementException if there are no more tokens.

Throws an InputMismatchException if the next token is not a well-formed string representation of a byte.

Throws an IllegalStateException if the Scanner stream is closed.

Methods in the Class **Scanner** (Part 5 of 11)

Display 10.6 Methods in the Class Scanner

public boolean hasNextByte()

Returns true if the next token is a well-formed string representation of a byte; otherwise returns false.

Throws an IllegalStateException if the Scanner stream is closed.

public short nextShort()

Returns the next token as a short, provided the next token is a well-formed string representation of a short.

Throws a NoSuchElementException if there are no more tokens.

Throws an InputMismatchException if the next token is not a well-formed string representation of a short.

Throws an IllegalStateException if the Scanner stream is closed.

Methods in the Class **Scanner** (Part 6 of 11)

Display 10.6 Methods in the Class Scanner

public boolean hasNextShort()

Returns true if the next token is a well-formed string representation of a short; otherwise returns false.

Throws an IllegalStateException if the Scanner stream is closed.

public double nextDouble()

Returns the next token as a double, provided the next token is a well-formed string representation of a double.

Throws a NoSuchElementException if there are no more tokens.

Throws an InputMismatchException if the next token is not a well-formed string representation of a double.

Throws an IllegalStateException if the Scanner stream is closed.

Methods in the Class **Scanner** (Part 7 of 11)

Display 10.6 Methods in the Class Scanner

public boolean hasNextDouble()

Returns true if the next token is a well-formed string representation of an double; otherwise returns false.

Throws an IllegalStateException if the Scanner stream is closed.

public float nextFloat()

Returns the next token as a float, provided the next token is a well-formed string representation of a float.

Throws a NoSuchElementException if there are no more tokens.

Throws an InputMismatchException if the next token is not a well-formed string representation of a float.

Throws an IllegalStateException if the Scanner stream is closed.

Methods in the Class **Scanner** (Part 8 of 11)

Display 10.6 Methods in the Class Scanner

public boolean hasNextFloat()

Returns true if the next token is a well-formed string representation of an float; otherwise returns false.

Throws an IllegalStateException if the Scanner stream is closed.

public String next()

Returns the next token.

Throws a NoSuchElementException if there are no more tokens.

Throws an IllegalStateException if the Scanner stream is closed.

Methods in the Class **Scanner** (Part 9 of 11)

Display 10.6 Methods in the Class Scanner

public boolean hasNext()

Returns true if there is another token. May wait for a next token to enter the stream.

Throws an IllegalStateException if the Scanner stream is closed.

public boolean nextBoolean()

Returns the next token as a boolean value, provided the next token is a well-formed string representation of a boolean.

Throws a NoSuchElementException if there are no more tokens.

Throws an InputMismatchException if the next token is not a well-formed string representation of a boolean value.

Throws an IllegalStateException if the Scanner stream is closed.

Methods in the Class **Scanner** (Part 10 of 11)

Display 10.6 Methods in the Class Scanner

public boolean hasNextBoolean()

Returns true if the next token is a well-formed string representation of a boolean value; otherwise returns false.

Throws an IllegalStateException if the Scanner stream is closed.

public String nextLine()

Returns the rest of the current input line. Note that the line terminator \n is read and discarded; it is not included in the string returned.

Throws a NoSuchElementException if there are no more lines.

Throws an IllegalStateException if the Scanner stream is closed.

Methods in the Class **Scanner** (Part 11 of 11)

Display 10.6 Methods in the Class Scanner

public boolean hasNextLine()

Returns true if there is a next line. May wait for a next line to enter the stream.

Throws an IllegalStateException if the Scanner stream is closed.

public Scanner useDelimiter(String newDelimiter);

Changes the delimiter for input so that newDelimiter will be the only delimiter that separates words or numbers. See the subsection "Other Input Delimiters" in Chapter 2 for the details. (You can use this method to set the delimiters to a more complex pattern than just a single string, but we are not covering that.)

Returns the calling object, but we have always used it as a void method.

Preview: next Lecture

- When a file name is used as an argument for opening a file, it is
 assumed that the file is in the same directory or folder as the one in
 which the program is run
- If it is not in the same directory, the **full** or **relative path name** must be given



- A path name not only gives the name of the file, but also the directory or folder in which the file exists
- A full path name gives a complete path name, starting from the root directory
- A *relative path name* gives the path to the file, starting with the directory in which the program is located

- The way path names are specified depends on the operating system
 - A typical Unix path name that could be used as a file name argument is

```
"/user/sallyz/data/data.txt"
```

A BufferedReader input stream connected to this file is created as follows:

```
BufferedReader inputStream =
  new BufferedReader(new
  FileReader("/user/sallyz/data/data.txt"));
```



What the difference b/w Unix (aka UNIX) and Linux?

- The Windows operating system specifies path names in a different way
 - A typical Windows path name is the following:

```
C:\dataFiles\goodData\data.txt
```

A BufferedReader input stream connected to this file is created as follows:

```
BufferedReader inputStream = new
```



```
BufferedReader(new FileReader ("C:\\dataFiles\\goodData\\data.txt"));
```



Note that in Windows \\ must be used in place of \, since a single backslash denotes an the
 beginning of an escape sequence



Why \\ and not \

- A double backslash (\\\) must be used for a Windows path name enclosed in a quoted string
 - This problem does not occur with path names read in from the keyboard
- Problems with escape characters can be avoided altogether by always using Unix conventions when writing a path name



 A Java program will accept a path name written in either Windows or Unix format regardless of the operating system on which it is run

System.in, System.out, and System.err

- Using these methods, any of the three standard streams can be redirected
 - For example, instead of appearing on the screen, error messages could be redirected to a file
- In order to redirect a standard stream, a new stream object is created



- Like other streams created in a program, a stream object used for redirection must be closed
 after I/O is finished
- Note, standard streams do not need to be closed

System.in, System.out, and System.err

• Redirecting System.err:

```
public void getInput()
{
    . . .
    PrintStream errStream = null;
    try
    {
        errStream = new PrintStream(new FileOuptputStream("errMessages.txt"));
        System.setErr(errStream);
        . . . //Set up input stream and read
    }
}
```

System.in, System.out, and System.err

```
catch(FileNotFoundException e)
{
    System.err.println("Input file not found");
}
finally
{
    . . .
    errStream.close();
}
```

Hands-on: Class Activity (HoA)