C++ Exception Handling

Exception Handling in C++ is a process to handle runtime errors. We perform exception handling so the normal flow of the application can be maintained even after runtime errors.

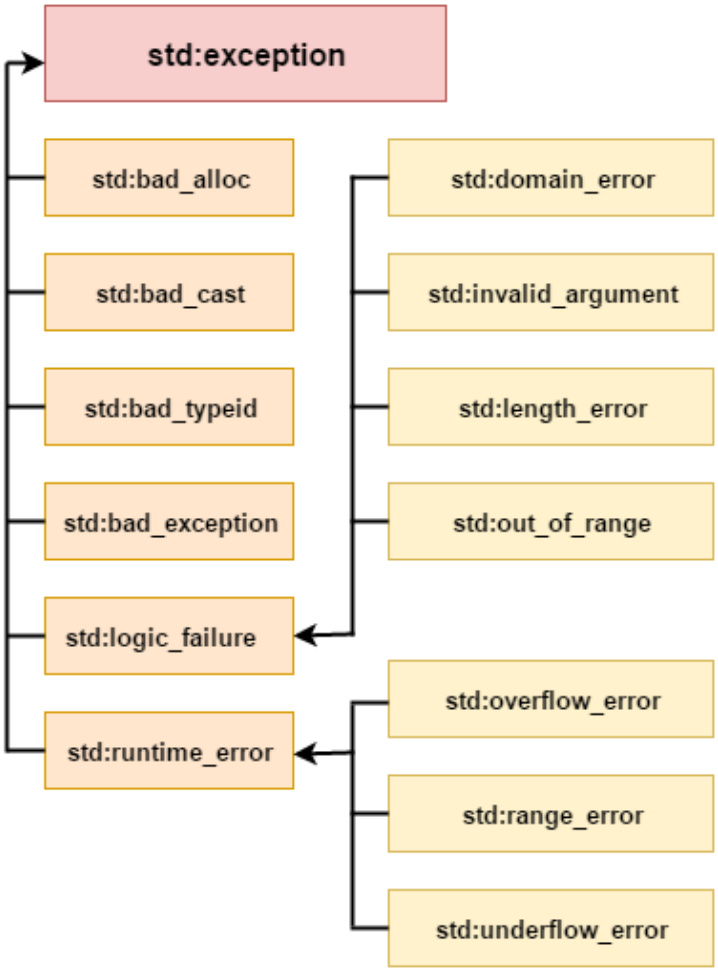
In C++, exception is an event or object which is thrown at runtime. All exceptions are derived from std::exception class. It is a runtime error which can be handled. If we don't handle the exception, it prints exception message and terminates the program.

Advantage

It maintains the normal flow of the application. In such case, rest of the code is executed even after exception.

C++ Exception Classes

In C++ standard exceptions are defined in <exception> class that we can use inside our programs. The arrangement of parent-child class hierarchy is shown below:



All the exception classes in C++ are derived from std::exception class. Let's see the list of C++ common exception classes.

Exception	Description
std::exception	It is an exception and parent class of all standard C++ exceptions.
std::logic_failure	It is an exception that can be detected by reading a code.
std::runtime_error	It is an exception that cannot be detected by reading a code.
std::bad_exception	It is used to handle the unexpected exceptions in a c++ program.
std::bad_cast	This exception is generally be thrown by **dynamic_cast.**
std::bad_typeid	This exception is generally be thrown by **typeid.**
std::bad_alloc	This exception is generally be thrown by **new.**

C++ Exception Handling Keywords

In C++, we use 3 keywords to perform exception handling:

- try
- catch, and
- throw

Moreover, we can create user-defined exception which we will learn in next chapters.

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C++ try/catch

In C++ programming, exception handling is performed using try/catch statement. The C++ **try block** is used to place the code that may occur exception. The **catch block** is used to handle the exception.

C++ example without try/catch

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
float division(int x, int y) {
  return (x/y);
}
int main () {
  int i = 50;
  int j = 0;
  float k = 0;
    k = division(i, j);
    cout << k << endl;
  return 0;
}
```

Output:

```
Floating point exception (core dumped)
```

C++ try/catch example

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
float division(int x, int y) {
  if( y == 0 ) {
    throw "Attempted to divide by zero!";
  }
```

```
  return (x/y);
}
int main () {
  int i = 25;
  int j = 0;
  float k = 0;
  try {
    k = division(i, j);
    cout << k << endl;
  }catch (const char* e) {
    cerr << e << endl;
  }
  return 0;
}
```

Output:

```
Attempted to divide by zero!
```

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C++ User-Defined Exceptions

The new exception can be defined by overriding and inheriting **exception** class functionality.

C++ user-defined exception example

Let's see the simple example of user-defined exception in which **std::exception** class is used to define the exception.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <exception>
using namespace std;
class MyException : public exception{
   public:
      const char * what() const throw()
      {
         return "Attempted to divide by zero!\n";
      }
};
int main()
{
   try
   {
      int x, y;
      cout << "Enter the two numbers : \n";
      cin >> x >> y;
      if (y == 0)
      {
         MyException z;
         throw z;
      }
      else
      {
         cout << "x / y = " << x/y << endl;
      }
   }
   catch(exception& e)
```

```
    {
        cout << e.what();
    }
}
```

Output:

```
Enter the two numbers :
10
2
x / y = 5
```

Output:

```
Enter the two numbers :
10
0
Attempted to divide by zero!
```

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Note: In above example what() is a public method provided by the exception class. It is used to return the cause of an exception.

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