



Types of Exceptions in Java

Exceptions are a vital part of Java programming. Let's explore the different types of exceptions and learn how to handle them effectively.



Checked Exceptions

1 What are they?

Checked exceptions are standard exceptions that are checked at compile time, requiring you to declare them in your source code.

2 Examples

FileNotFoundException,
SQLException, IOException

3 How to Handle Them

You need to handle checked exceptions using a try-catch block or by declaring them with the 'throws' keyword.

Example:

```
/*
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 */
public class CheckedException {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner scanner = new Scanner(source: System.in);
        String option;
        do {
            try {
                System.out.print("Enter age: ");
                int age = scanner.nextInt();
                scanner.nextLine();
                validateAge(age);
                System.out.println("Valid age!");
            } catch (InvalidAgeException e) {
                System.out.println("Invalid age: " + e.getMessage());
            }
            System.out.print("Do you want to enter another age? (y/n): ");
            option = scanner.nextLine();
        } while (option.equalsIgnoreCase("y"));

        scanner.close();
    }

    public static void validateAge(int age) throws InvalidAgeException {
        if (age < 18) {
            throw new InvalidAgeException(message: "Age must be 18 or above.");
        }
    }
}

class InvalidAgeException extends Exception {
    public InvalidAgeException(String message) {
        super(message);
    }
}
```

Unchecked Exceptions

What are they?

Unchecked exceptions are runtime exceptions that are not checked at compile time. They can occur anywhere in your program.

How to Handle Them

Since unchecked exceptions are not checked at compile time, you can handle them using a try-catch block or let them propagate up the call stack.

Examples

`NullPointerException`, `ArithmetricException`, `ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException`

Example:

```
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*/
public class CustomExceptions {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner scanner = new Scanner(source: System.in);
        String option;
        do {
            try {
                System.out.print(s: "Enter dividend: ");
                int dividend = scanner.nextInt();
                System.out.print(s: "Enter divisor: ");
                int divisor = scanner.nextInt();
                scanner.nextLine();
                int result = performDivision(dividend, divisor);
                System.out.println("Result: " + result);
            } catch (ArithmetricException e) {
                System.out.println(s: "Error: Division by zero is not allowed.");
            }
            System.out.print(s: "Do you want to perform another division? (y/n): ");
            option = scanner.nextLine();
        } while (option.equalsIgnoreCase("y"));

        scanner.close();
    }

    public static int performDivision(int dividend, int divisor) {
        return dividend / divisor;
    }
}
```

Throw vs. Throws

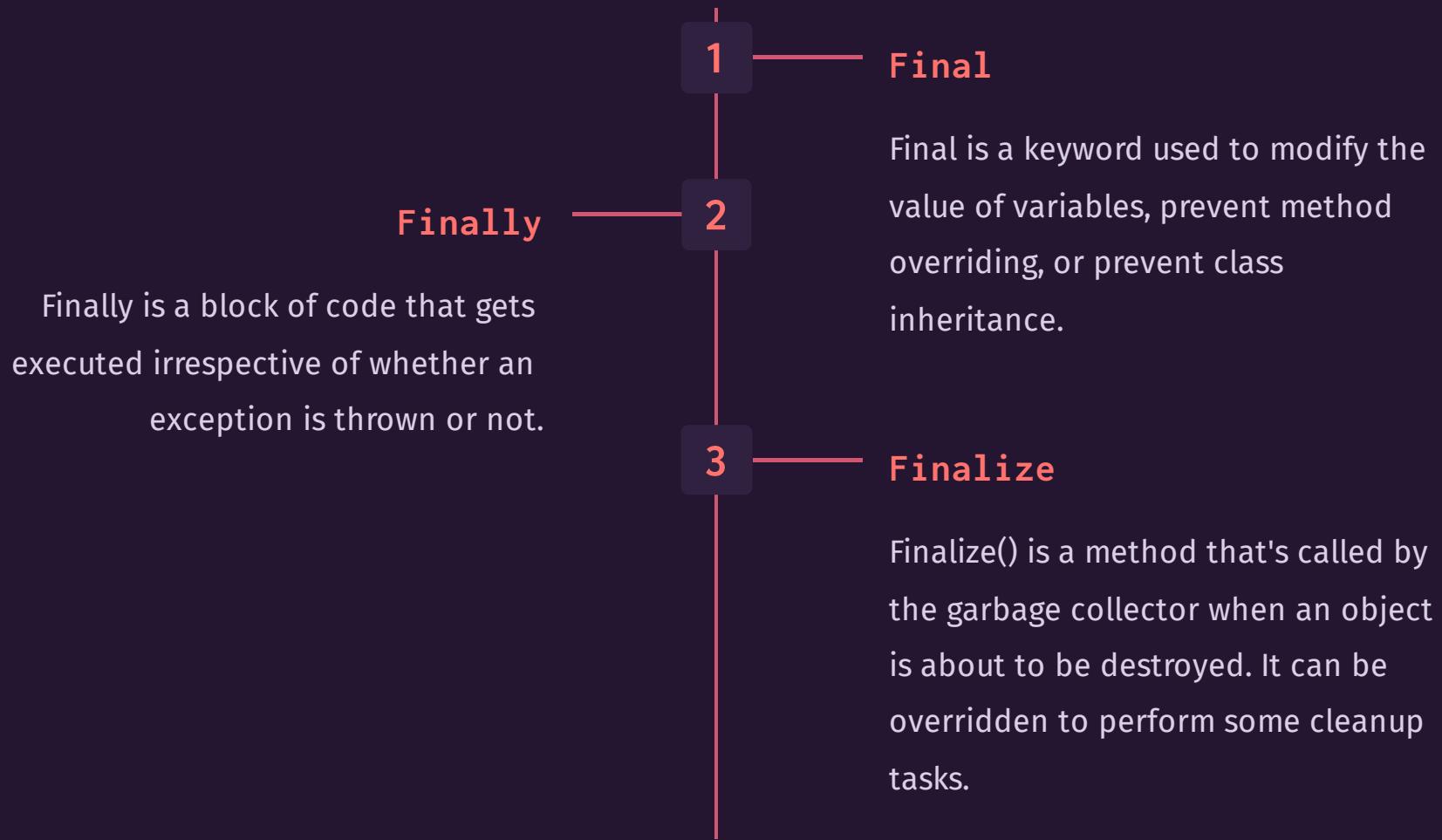
Throw

Throw is used to throw a new exception explicitly in your code.

Throws

Throws can be used to declare the exceptions a method can throw. This is useful when a method does not handle a particular exception, but wants to leave it to the calling method.

Final vs. Finally vs Finalize



Exception Handling Best Practices



Small, Specific Try-Catch Blocks

Try to keep your try-catch blocks small and specific to the code that can potentially throw an exception.



Log Your Exceptions

Logging your exceptions can help you pinpoint the root cause of the exception and find quick solutions.



Test Your Code for Exceptions

Testing your code for exceptions can help you identify and fix problems before they get to production.

Common Exception Handling Mistakes

Ignoring Exceptions

Ignoring exceptions can cause your code to fail silently, making it difficult to find and debug issues.

Catching General Exceptions

Catching general exceptions like `Exception` or `Throwable` can catch all exceptions, including unchecked exceptions, and make it harder to pinpoint the root cause of the problem.

Not Wrapping Exceptions

Not wrapping your exceptions in a custom exception class can make it difficult to understand the cause of the exception and lead to unclear solutions.