

## Exception in Dart:

An **exception** is an error occurred at runtime because Dart runtime could not execute a statement successfully or any other thousand reasons. When an exception is thrown, there is a good chance that our program will crash.

Some of the exception in dart are `FormatException`, `IntegerDivisionByZeroException`, `IOException`, `Timeout` etc.

We can handle exception in dart by using:

- Try
- On
- Catch
- Finally

To save our program from crashing, we need to catch an exception. This is done using `try/catch/finally` block you might already be familiar with. Let's take a classical example of dividing a number by zero.

```
1 void main() {  
2     int result = 12 ~/ 0;  
3     print('The result is $result');  
4 }
```

This program will throw an exception because we cannot divide a number by zero. It will abnormally terminate your program by showing error:

```
shyamkhatiwada@Shyams-MacBook-Pro dart % dart "/Users/shyamkhatiwada/workspace/dart/bin/test.dart"  
Unhandled exception:  
IntegerDivisionByZeroException  
#0      int~/ (dart:core-patch/integers.dart:30:7)  
#1      main (file:///Users/shyamkhatiwada/workspace/dart/bin/test.dart:2:19)  
#2      _delayEntrypointInvocation.<anonymous closure> (dart:isolate-patch/isolate_patch.dart:283:19)  
#3      _RawReceivePortImpl._handleMessage (dart:isolate-patch/isolate_patch.dart:184:12)
```

In order to avoid such problem, we must handle the exception by using above keywords:

We can handle the above exception by different ways which is shown below:

#### Case 1: using on keyword

- On keyword is used, if you know the exception that is going to be generated.

```
Run | Debug
1  void main() {
2      // case 1: using on keyword
3      try {
4          int result = 12 ~/ 0;
5          print('The result is $result');
6      } on IntegerDivisionByZeroException {
7          print("cannot divide by Zero");
8      }
9  }
```

#### Case 2: using catch keyword

- Catch is used, if you don't know the exception that is going to be generated.

```
Run | Debug
1  void main() {
2      // case 2: using catch keyword
3      try {
4          int result = 12 ~/ 0;
5          print('The result is $result');
6      } catch(e) {
7          print("Exception occurred: $e");
8      }
9  }
```

#### Case 3: catch clause with exception object and Stack Trace object.

- Stack trace is used to know the events occurred before exception was thrown.

```

Run | Debug
1 void main() {
2     // case 3: catch keyword with exception and stacktrace object
3     try {
4         int result = 12 ~/ 0;
5         print('The result is $result');
6     } catch (e, s) {
7         print("Exception occurred: $e");
8         print("StackTrace \n $s");
9     }
10 }

```

Here we will get the events occurred before exception in the output:

```

cannot divide by Zero
shyamkhatiwada@Shyams-MacBook-Pro dart % dart "/Users/shyamkhatiwada/workspace/dart/bin/test.dart"
Exception occurred: IntegerDivisionByZeroException
StackTrace
#0      int.~/ (dart:core-patch/integers.dart:30:7)
#1      main (file:///Users/shyamkhatiwada/workspace/dart/bin/test.dart:4:21)
#2      _delayEntrypointInvocation.<anonymous closure> (dart:isolate-patch/isolate_patch.dart:283:19)
#3      _RawReceivePortImpl._handleMessage (dart:isolate-patch/isolate_patch.dart:184:12)

```

Case 4: finally, keyword

- finally, is used for clean-up code.
- i.e., to close the resources- to close the file, close the database connection.
- finally, block is always executed whether the exception occurred or not.

```

Run | Debug
1 void main() {
2     // case 3: catch keyword with exception and stacktrace object
3     try {
4         int result = 12 ~/ 0;
5         print('The result is $result');
6     } catch (e) {
7         print("Exception occurred: $e");
8     } finally {
9         print("This is finally block and is always executed");
10    }
11 }

```