Java try-catch block

Java try block

Java **try** block is used to enclose the code that might throw an exception. It must be used within the method.

If an exception occurs at the particular statement of try block, the rest of the block code will not execute. So, it is recommended not to keeping the code in try block that will not throw an exception.

Java try block must be followed by either catch or finally block.

Syntax of Java try-catch

1. **try**{
2. //code that may throw an exception
3. }**catch**(Exception\_class\_Name ref){}

Syntax of try-finally block

1. **try**{
2. //code that may throw an exception
3. }**finally**{}

Java catch block

Java catch block is used to handle the Exception by declaring the type of exception within the parameter. The declared exception must be the parent class exception ( i.e., Exception) or the generated exception type. However, the good approach is to declare the generated type of exception.

The catch block must be used after the try block only. You can use multiple catch block with a single try block.

Problem without exception handling

Let's try to understand the problem if we don't use a try-catch block.

Example 1

1. **public** **class** TryCatchExample1 {
3. **public** **static** **void** main(String[] args) {
5. **int** data=50/0; //may throw exception
7. System.out.println("rest of the code");
9. }
11. }

**[Test it Now](http://www.javatpoint.com/opr/test.jsp?filename=TryCatchExample1" \t "_blank)**

**Output:**

Exception in thread "main" java.lang.ArithmeticException: / by zero

As displayed in the above example, the **rest of the code** is not executed (in such case, the **rest of the code** statement is not printed).

There can be 100 lines of code after exception. So all the code after exception will not be executed.

Solution by exception handling

Let's see the solution of the above problem by a java try-catch block.

Example 2

1. **public** **class** TryCatchExample2 {
3. **public** **static** **void** main(String[] args) {
4. **try**
5. {
6. **int** data=50/0; //may throw exception
7. }
8. //handling the exception
9. **catch**(ArithmeticException e)
10. {
11. System.out.println(e);
12. }
13. System.out.println("rest of the code");
14. }
16. }

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**Output:**

java.lang.ArithmeticException: / by zero

rest of the code

Now, as displayed in the above example, the **rest of the code** is executed, i.e., the **rest of the code** statement is printed.

Example 3

In this example, we also kept the code in a try block that will not throw an exception.

1. **public** **class** TryCatchExample3 {
3. **public** **static** **void** main(String[] args) {
4. **try**
5. {
6. **int** data=50/0; //may throw exception
7. // if exception occurs, the remaining statement will not exceute
8. System.out.println("rest of the code");
9. }
10. // handling the exception
11. **catch**(ArithmeticException e)
12. {
13. System.out.println(e);
14. }
16. }
18. }

**[Test it Now](http://www.javatpoint.com/opr/test.jsp?filename=TryCatchExample3" \t "_blank)**

**Output:**

java.lang.ArithmeticException: / by zero

Here, we can see that if an exception occurs in the try block, the rest of the block code will not execute.

Example 4

Here, we handle the exception using the parent class exception.

1. **public** **class** TryCatchExample4 {
3. **public** **static** **void** main(String[] args) {
4. **try**
5. {
6. **int** data=50/0; //may throw exception
7. }
8. // handling the exception by using Exception class
9. **catch**(Exception e)
10. {
11. System.out.println(e);
12. }
13. System.out.println("rest of the code");
14. }
16. }

**[Test it Now](http://www.javatpoint.com/opr/test.jsp?filename=TryCatchExample4" \t "_blank)**

**Output:**

java.lang.ArithmeticException: / by zero

rest of the code

Example 5

Let's see an example to print a custom message on exception.

1. **public** **class** TryCatchExample5 {
3. **public** **static** **void** main(String[] args) {
4. **try**
5. {
6. **int** data=50/0; //may throw exception
7. }
8. // handling the exception
9. **catch**(Exception e)
10. {
11. // displaying the custom message
12. System.out.println("Can't divided by zero");
13. }
14. }
16. }

**[Test it Now](http://www.javatpoint.com/opr/test.jsp?filename=TryCatchExample5" \t "_blank)**

**Output:**

Can't divided by zero

Example 6

Let's see an example to resolve the exception in a catch block.

1. **public** **class** TryCatchExample6 {
3. **public** **static** **void** main(String[] args) {
4. **int** i=50;
5. **int** j=0;
6. **int** data;
7. **try**
8. {
9. data=i/j; //may throw exception
10. }
11. // handling the exception
12. **catch**(Exception e)
13. {
14. // resolving the exception in catch block
15. System.out.println(i/(j+2));
16. }
17. }
18. }

**[Test it Now](http://www.javatpoint.com/opr/test.jsp?filename=TryCatchExample6" \t "_blank)**

**Output:**

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Example 7

In this example, along with try block, we also enclose exception code in a catch block.

1. **public** **class** TryCatchExample7 {
3. **public** **static** **void** main(String[] args) {
5. **try**
6. {
7. **int** data1=50/0; //may throw exception
9. }
10. // handling the exception
11. **catch**(Exception e)
12. {
13. // generating the exception in catch block
14. **int** data2=50/0; //may throw exception
16. }
17. System.out.println("rest of the code");
18. }
19. }

**[Test it Now](http://www.javatpoint.com/opr/test.jsp?filename=TryCatchExample7" \t "_blank)**

**Output:**

Exception in thread "main" java.lang.ArithmeticException: / by zero

Here, we can see that the catch block didn't contain the exception code. So, enclose exception code within a try block and use catch block only to handle the exceptions.

Example 8

In this example, we handle the generated exception (Arithmetic Exception) with a different type of exception class (ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException).

1. **public** **class** TryCatchExample8 {
3. **public** **static** **void** main(String[] args) {
4. **try**
5. {
6. **int** data=50/0; //may throw exception
8. }
9. // try to handle the ArithmeticException using ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException
10. **catch**(ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException e)
11. {
12. System.out.println(e);
13. }
14. System.out.println("rest of the code");
15. }
17. }

**[Test it Now](http://www.javatpoint.com/opr/test.jsp?filename=TryCatchExample8" \t "_blank)**

**Output:**

Exception in thread "main" java.lang.ArithmeticException: / by zero

Example 9

Let's see an example to handle another unchecked exception.

1. **public** **class** TryCatchExample9 {
3. **public** **static** **void** main(String[] args) {
4. **try**
5. {
6. **int** arr[]= {1,3,5,7};
7. System.out.println(arr[10]); //may throw exception
8. }
9. // handling the array exception
10. **catch**(ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException e)
11. {
12. System.out.println(e);
13. }
14. System.out.println("rest of the code");
15. }
17. }

**[Test it Now](http://www.javatpoint.com/opr/test.jsp?filename=TryCatchExample9" \t "_blank)**

**Output:**

java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: 10

rest of the code

Example 10

Let's see an example to handle checked exception.

1. **import** java.io.FileNotFoundException;
2. **import** java.io.PrintWriter;
4. **public** **class** TryCatchExample10 {
6. **public** **static** **void** main(String[] args) {

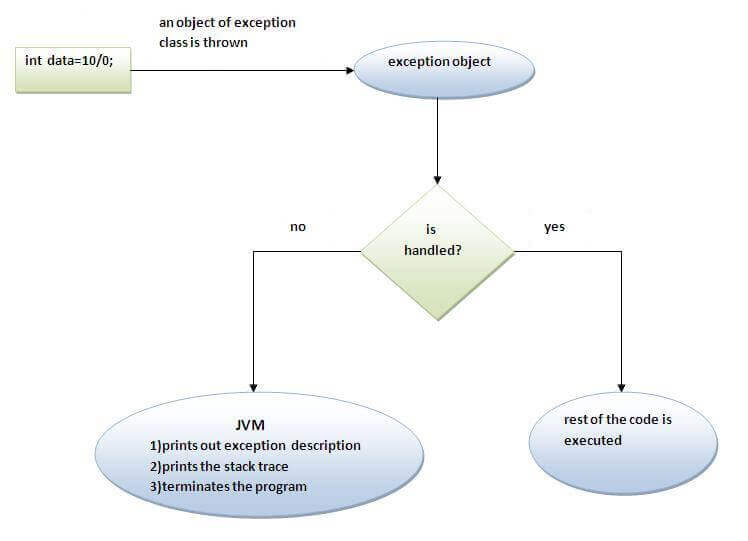
9. PrintWriter pw;
10. **try** {
11. pw = **new** PrintWriter("jtp.txt"); //may throw exception
12. pw.println("saved");
13. }
14. // providing the checked exception handler
15. **catch** (FileNotFoundException e) {
17. System.out.println(e);
18. }
19. System.out.println("File saved successfully");
20. }
21. }

**[Test it Now](http://www.javatpoint.com/opr/test.jsp?filename=TryCatchExample10" \t "_blank)**

**Output:**

File saved successfully

Internal working of java try-catch block



The JVM firstly checks whether the exception is handled or not. If exception is not handled, JVM provides a default exception handler that performs the following tasks:

* Prints out exception description.
* Prints the stack trace (Hierarchy of methods where the exception occurred).
* Causes the program to terminate.

But if exception is handled by the application programmer, normal flow of the application is maintained i.e. rest of the code is executed.