Java Exception Handling

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An exception is a problem that arises during the execution of a program. An exception can occur for many different reasons, including the following:

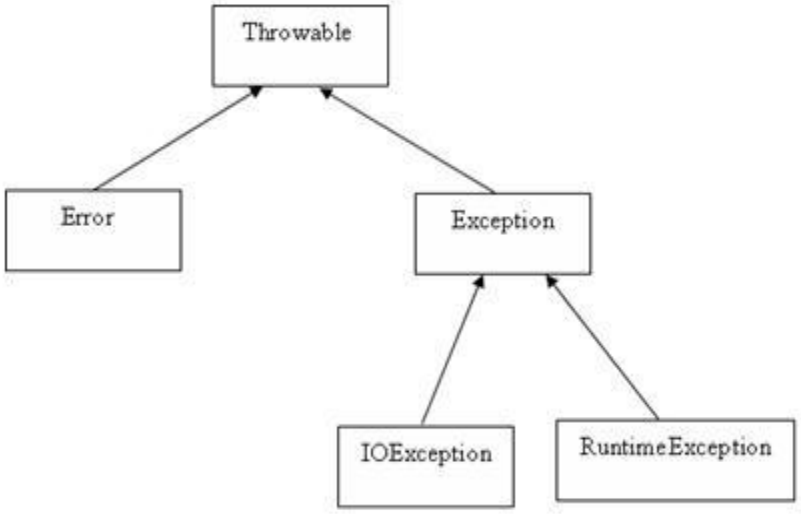
- A user has entered invalid data.
- A file that needs to be opened cannot be found.
- A network connection has been lost in the middle of communications, or the JVM has run out of memory.

Some of these exceptions are caused by user error, others by programmer error, and others by physical resources that have failed in some manner.

To understand how exception handling works in Java, you need to understand the three categories of exceptions:

- **Checked exceptions:** A checked exception is an exception that is typically a user error or a problem that cannot be foreseen by the programmer. For example, if a file is to be opened, but the file cannot be found, an exception occurs. These exceptions cannot simply be ignored at the time of compilation.
- **Runtime exceptions:** A runtime exception is an exception that occurs that probably could have been avoided by the programmer. As opposed to checked exceptions, runtime exceptions are ignored at the time of compliation.
- **Errors:** These are not exceptions at all, but problems that arise beyond the control of the user or the programmer. Errors are typically ignored in your code because you can rarely do anything about an error. For example, if a stack overflow occurs, an error will arise. They are also ignored at the time of compilation.

Exception Hierarchy:



Exceptions Methods:

Following is the list of important medthods available in the Throwable class.

SN	Methods with Description
1	**public String getMessage()** Returns a detailed message about the exception that has occurred. This message is initialized in the Throwable constructor.
2	**public Throwable getCause()** Returns the cause of the exception as represented by a Throwable object.
3	**public String toString()** Returns the name of the class concatenated with the result of getMessage()
4	**public void printStackTrace()** Prints the result of toString() along with the stack trace to System.err, the error output stream.
5	**public StackTraceElement [] getStackTrace()** Returns an array containing each element on the stack trace. The element at index 0 represents the top of the call stack, and the last element in the array represents the method at the bottom of the call stack.
6	**public Throwable fillInStackTrace()** Fills the stack trace of this Throwable object with the current stack trace, adding to any previous information in the stack trace.

Catching Exceptions:

```
try
{
  //Protected code
}catch(ExceptionName e1)
{
  //Catch block
}
```

A try block can be followed by multiple catch blocks. The syntax for multiple catch blocks looks like the following:

```
try
{
  //Protected code
}catch(ExceptionType1 e1)
{
  //Catch block
}catch(ExceptionType2 e2)
{
  //Catch block
}catch(ExceptionType3 e3)
{
  //Catch block
}
```

The finally Keyword

The finally keyword is used to create a block of code that follows a try block. A finally block of code always executes, whether or not an exception has occurred. A finally block appears at the end of the catch blocks and has the following syntax:

```
try
{
  //Protected code
}catch(ExceptionType1 e1)
{
  //Catch block
}finally
{
  //The finally block always executes.
}
```

The throws/throw Keywords:

If a method does not handle a checked exception, the method must declare it using the **throws** keyword. The throws keyword appears at the end of a method's signature.

You can throw an exception, either a newly instantiated one or an exception that you just caught, by using the **throw** keyword. Try to understand the different in throws and throw keywords.


```
import java.io.*;
public class className
{
  public void deposit(double amount) throws RemoteException
  {
    // Method implementation
    throw new RemoteException();
  }
  //Remainder of class definition
}
```

Declaring you own Exception:

We can define our own Exception class as below:

```
class MyException extends Exception{
}
```

You just need to extend the Exception class to create your own Exception class. These are considered to be checked exceptions.