Exception Handling

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What are Exceptions?

- We don't live in a perfect world.
 - there are so many unexpected situations that cause our programs to behave different from our expectations.
- Exceptions refer to
 - situations where programs cannot behave normally.
 - any abnormal situation can lead to a incorrect program behavior.
- Examples of exceptions
 - Happen to divide integer by zero → it may halt the program
 - Non numeric character is entered when an integer is expected.
 - No available memory space when memory allocation is requested by new.
 - No such file when a program tries to open a file.



What are Exceptions?

- To prevent a program from abnormal behavior, we need to check every statement that could cause exceptions.
- What exceptions should be considered in the following code?

```
double badCode(int a[], int y) {
    x = a[y];
    z = a[x];
    return 1 / z;
}
```

- The array a may point to null.
- The index of y may not be within the valid range: 0 .. a.length-1
- The index of x may not be within the valid range: 0 .. a.length-1
- The value of z may be zero.

The Traditional Approach to Handling Exceptions

To prevent a program from abnormal behavior, we need to check every statement that could cause exceptions.

```
double badCode(int a[], int y) {
   if ( a == null ) { System.out.println("null array") ; return -1.0; }
   if (y < 0 || y >= a.length) {
       System.out.printf("Array index %d is not valid%n", y); return -2.0;
   int x = a[y];
   if (x < 0 || x >= a.length) {
       System.out.printf("Array index %d is not valid%n", x); return -3.0;
   int z = a[x];
   if (z == 0) {
       System.out.println("Error: Denominator is 0"); return -4.0;
   return 1 / z;
```

Problems with the Traditional Approach

- Problem #1: Too much overhead for the exception handling codes
- Problem #2: exception handling codes are interspersed with normal codes.
- Problem #3: artificial codes are used to notify exceptional situations.

```
double badCode(int a[], int y) {
   if ( a == null ) { System.out.println("null array") ; return -1.0; }
   if (y < 0 || y > = a.length) {
       System.out.printf("Array index %d is not valid%n", y); return -2.0;
   int x = a[y];
   if (x < 0 | x >= a.length) {
       System.out.printf("Array index %d is not valid%n", x); return -3.0;
   int z = a[x];
   if (z == 0) {
       System.out.println("Error: Denominator is 0"); return -4.0;
   return 1 / z;
```

Exception Handling in Java

- * With try/catch block, we can separate the error checking codes from the normal code.
- * Exception handling in Java is similar to that in C++.

```
statements;
try {
  error-prone code...;
catch (Exception-type1 e1) {
  code for dealing with e1 exception
catch (Exception-type2 e2) {
  code for dealing with e2 exception
more-statements;
```

Try block wraps the errorprone code

If an exception (error) occurs anywhere in the code inside the try block, the catch block is executed immediately

After the catch block (the catch handler) has finished, execution continues after the catch block

badCode with Exception Handling

```
public class ExceptionHandling 1 {
  private static double badCode(int a[], int y) throws Exception {
     try {
       int x = a[y]; // NullPointerException
       int z = a[x];
       return 1 / z;
     catch ( Exception e ) {
       System.out.println("Exception occurred: " + e);
       throw e;
  public static void main(String[] args) {
     try { badCode(null, 10) ; }
     catch ( Exception e) { System.out.println("badCode failed") ; }
```

Exception occurred: java.lang.NullPointerException badCode failed



badCode with Exception Handling

```
public class ExceptionHandling 2 {
  private static double badCode(int a[], int y) throws Exception {
    try {
       int x = a[y]; // ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException
       int z = a[x];
       return 1 / z;
    catch ( Exception e ) {
       System.out.println("Exception occurred: " + e);
       throw e;
 public static void main(String[] args) {
    try { int[] a = {0, 1, 2}; badCode(a, 3); }
    catch ( Exception e) { System.out.println("badCode failed") ; }
```

Exception occurred: java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException:
Index 3 out of bounds for length 3
badCode failed



Standard Exceptions in Java

- Many useful exceptions are defined as subclasses of RuntimeException class in Java.
- * They belong to java.lang package, not requiring importing

Exception	Description
NullPointerException	Thrown when an application attempts to use null in a case where an object is required
ArithmeticException	Thrown when an exceptional arithmetic condition has occurred; e.g.) divide by zero
ClassCastException	Thrown when an application attempts an illegal cast; for example Object x = new Integer(0); System.out.println((String)x);
ArrayIndexOutOfBounds Exception	Thrown to indicate that an array has been accessed with an illegal index

Trace with Exception: printStackTrace()

```
01: public class ExceptionHandling 3 {
     private static double badCode(int a[], int y) throws Exception {
02:
03:
       try {
04:
          int x = a[y]; // throws ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException
05:
          int z = a[x];
06:
          return 1 / z;
07:
08:
       catch ( Exception e ) {
09:
          System.out.println("Exception occurred: " + e);
10:
          e.printStackTrace();
                                              You can trace the source of the
11:
          throw e;
12:
                                              exception by printStackTrace()
13: }
     public static void main(String[] args) {
14:
        try { int[] a = {0, 1, 2}; badCode(a, 3); }
15:
16:
       catch (Exception e) { System.out.println("badCode failed"); }
17: }
18: }
Exception occurred: java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: 3
java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: 3
          at ExceptionHandling_3.badCode(ExceptionHandling_3.java:4)
          at ExceptionHandling_3.main(ExceptionHandling_3.java:15)
badCode failed
```

Multiple Catch Handlers

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class MultipleCatchHandlers {
public static void main(String[] args) {
  try {
    Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);
    int x = scanner.nextInt(); // can throw java.util.InputMismatchException
    int[] a = \{-1, 0, 1, 2\};
    int y = a[x]; // can throw ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException
    int z = a[y]/a[y]; // can throw ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException and ArithmeticException
  catch (ArithmeticException e) {
    System.out.println("Arithmetic exception took place: " + e);
                                                                     Multiple catch blocks
                                                                     can be provided to
  catch (ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException e) {
                                                                     handle different types
    System.out.println("Array index is invalid: " + e);
                                                                     of exceptions.
  catch (java.util.InputMismatchException e) {
    System.out.println("The given string cannot be converted into an integer: " + e);
```

```
try {
 Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);
  int x = \text{scanner.nextInt()}; // (3) java.util.lnputMismatchException
  int[] a = \{-1, 0, 1, 2\};
 int y = a[x];
  int z = a[y] / a[x]; // (1) ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException, (2) ArithmeticException
catch (ArithmeticException e) {
  System.out.println("Arithmetic exception took place: " + e);
catch (ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException e) {
  System.out.println("Array index is invalid: " + e);
catch (java.util.InputMismatchException e) {
  System.out.println("The given string cannot be converted into an integer: " + e);
```

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Array index is invalid: java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: -1

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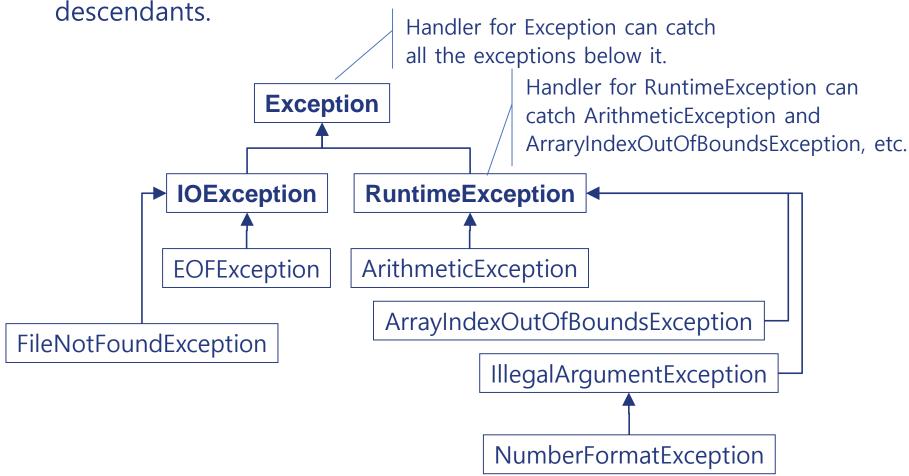
Arithmetic exception took place: java.lang.ArithmeticException: / by zero

abc

The given string cannot be converted into an integer: java.util.InputMismatchException

Catch Handler for Multiple Exceptions

Catch handler can catch all the exceptions of its own type and its



```
import java.io.*;
public class CatchingMultipleExceptions {
public static void main(String[] args) {
   try {
     FileReader fin = new FileReader("employee.txt"); // can throw FileNotFoundException
     BufferedReader in = new BufferedReader(fin);
     int i1 = Integer.parseInt(in.readLine()); // can throw NumberFormatException
     int i2 = Integer.parseInt(in.readLine()); // can throw NumberFormatException
     System.out.printf("%d %d%n ", i1, i2);
     int[] a = {-10, 0, 10, 20};
     System.out.println(a[i1] / a[i2]);
     // can throw ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException and ArithmeticException
   catch ( IOException e) { // can catch java.io.FileNotFoundException
     System.out.println(e);
   catch (RuntimeException e) {
     // can catch ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException, ArithmeticException, and NumberFormatException
     System.out.println(e);
```

2 1 java.lang.ArithmeticException: / by zero

0 4 java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: 4

The Most General Hander

```
catch (Exception e) {
can catch any exception because Exception is the superclass of all exception types
 import java.io.*;
 public class CatchingMultipleExceptions {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    try {
    catch (Exception e) { System.out.println(e) ; }
    catch ( IOException e) { System.out.println(e) ; }
    catch (RuntimeException e) { System.out.println(e) ; }
```

Exception in thread "main" java.lang.Error: Unresolved compilation problems:

Unreachable catch block for IOException.

It is already handled by the catch block for Exception

Unreachable catch block for RuntimeException.

It is already handled by the catch block for Exception

Subclasses of Exception

Class Exception

java.lang.Object

Ljava.lang.Throwable

Ljava.lang.Exception

All Implemented Interfaces:

Serializable

Direct Known Subclasses:

AcINotFoundException, ActivationException, AlreadyBoundException, ApplicationException, AWTException, BackingStoreException, BadAttributeValueExpException, BadBinaryOpValueExpException, BadLocationException, BadStringOperationException, BrokenBarrierException, CertificateException, ClassNotFoundException, CloneNotSupportedException, DataFormatException, DatatypeConfigurationException, DestroyFailedException, ExecutionException, ExpandVetoException, FontFormatException, GeneralSecurityException, GSSException, IllegalAccessException, IllegalClassFormatException, InstantiationException, InterruptedException, IntrospectionException, InvalidApplicationException, InvalidMidiDataException, InvalidPreferencesFormatException, InvalidTargetObjectTypeException, InvocationTargetException, IOException, JMException, LastOwnerException, LineUnavailableException, MidiUnavailableException, MimeTypeParseException, NamingException, NoninvertibleTransformException, NoSuchFieldException, NoSuchMethodException, NotBoundException, NotOwnerException, ParseException, ParserConfigurationException, PrinterException, PrintException, Privileged Action Exception, Property Veto Exception, Refresh Failed Exception, Remarshal Exception, RuntimeException, SAXException, ServerNotActiveException, SQLException, TimeoutException, TooManyListenersException, TransformerException, UnmodifiableClassException, UnsupportedAudioFileException, UnsupportedCallbackException, UnsupportedFlavorException, UnsupportedLookAndFeelException, URISyntaxException, UserException, XAException, XMLParseException, **XPathException**

Subclasses of IOException

java.io

Class IOException

java.lang.Object

∟java.lang.Throwable

∟java.lang.Exception

∟java.io.10Exception

All Implemented Interfaces:

Serializable

Direct Known Subclasses:

ChangedCharSetException, CharacterCodingException, CharConversionException, ClosedChannelException, EOFException, FileLockInterruptionException, FileNotFoundException, HttpRetryException, IIOException, InterruptedIOException, InvalidPropertiesFormatException, JMXProviderException, JMXServerErrorException, MalformedURLException, ObjectStreamException, ProtocolException, RemoteException, SasIException, SocketException, SyncFailedException, UnknownHostException, UnknownServiceException, UnsupportedEncodingException, UTFDataFormatException, ZipException

Subclasses of RuntimeException

java.lang

Class RuntimeException

java.lang.Object ∟ java.lang.Throwable ∟ java.lang.Exception └ iava.lang.BuntimeException

All Implemented Interfaces:

Serializable

Direct Known Subclasses:

AnnotationTypeMismatchException, ArithmeticException, ArrayStoreException, BufferOverflowException, BufferUnderflowException, CannotRedoException, CannotUndoException, ClassCastException, CMMException, ConcurrentModificationException, DOMException, EmptyStackException, EnumConstantNotPresentException, EventException, IllegalArgumentException, IllegalMonitorStateException, IllegalPathStateException, IllegalStateException, ImagingOpException, IncompleteAnnotationException, IndexOutOfBoundsException, JMRuntimeException, LSException, MalformedParameterizedTypeException, MissingResourceException, NegativeArraySizeException, NoSuchElementException, NullPointerException, ProfileDataException, ProviderException, RasterFormatException, RejectedExecutionException, SecurityException, SystemException, TypeNotPresentException, UndeclaredThrowableException, UnmodifiableSetException, UnsupportedOperationException

The finally Block

The finally block always executes

```
public class FinallyBlock {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
     String[] array = {"First", "Second", "Third"};
     List < String > list = new ArrayList < > (Arrays.asList(array));
     PrintWriter out = null;
     try {
        System.err.println("Entering try statement");
        out = new PrintWriter( new FileWriter("OutFile.txt"));
        for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) out.println("Value at: " + i + " = " + list.get(i));
     } catch (IndexOutOfBoundsException e) {
        System.err.println("Caught IndexOutOfBoundsException: " + e.getMessage());
     } catch (IOException e) {
        System.err.println("Caught IOException: " + e.getMessage());
     } finally {
        if (out != null) { System.err.println("Closing PrintWriter"); out.close(); }
        else { System.err.println("PrintWriter not open"); }
                Entering try statement
               Caught IndexOutOfBoundsException: Index 3 out of bounds for length 3
               Closing PrintWriter
```

Closing a File with Finally Block

* You can use a finally block to ensure that a resource is closed regardless of whether the try statement completes normally or abruptly.

```
public static String readFirstLine(String path) throws IOException {
    BufferedReader br = null;
    String line = "";
    try {
        br = new BufferedReader(new FileReader(path));
        line = br.readLine();
    } finally {
        if ( br != null ) br.close(); // may throw exception
    }
    return line;
}
```

The try-with-resources Statement (Since Java 7)

- The try-with-resources statement ensures that <u>each resource is</u> <u>closed at the end of the statement.</u>
- A resource: <u>any object that implements java.lang.AutoCloseable</u> can be used as a resource.

```
public static String readFirstLine(String path) throws IOException {
   String line = "";
   try ( BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader(new FileReader(path)) )
   {
      line = br.readLine();
   }
   return line;
}
```

User-defined Exceptions: definitions

Programmer can define new classes of exceptions by extending, commonly, the RuntimeException class.

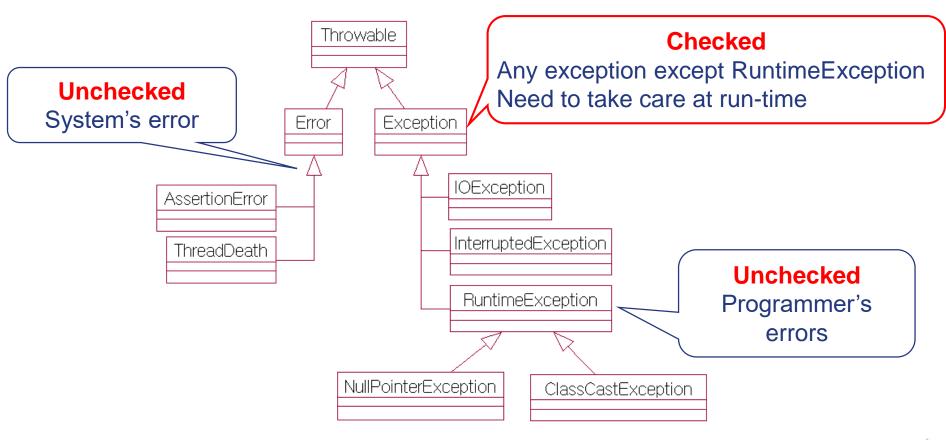
```
class MyDivideByZeroException extends RuntimeException {
  public String toString() {
    return "Zero denominator used";
class MyArrayOutOfBoundsException extends RuntimeException {
  private final int invalidIndex;
  public MyArrayOutOfBoundsException(int invalidIndex) {
    this.invalidIndex = invalidIndex;
  public String toString() {
     return String.format("Invalid Array Index: %d", invalidIndex);
```

User-defined Exceptions: Throwing and Catching

```
public class UserDefinedException {
 private static double badCode(int a[], int y) {
   if (y < 0 \parallel y > = a.length) throw new MyArrayOutOfBoundsException(y);
   int x = a[y];
   if (x == 0) throw new MyDivideByZeroException();
   return 1 / x;
 public static void main(String[] args) {
   try {
      int[] a = \{0, 1, 2\};
      badCode(a, 5) ; // throw MyArrayOutOfBoundsException(y)
     // badCode(a, 0); // throw MyDivideByZeroException()
   catch (MyDivideByZeroException e ) { System.out.println(e) ; }
   catch ( MyArrayOutOfBoundsException e) { System.out.println(e) ; }
```

Types of Exceptions

Exceptions are classified into checked and unchecked



How to handle checked exceptions

For checked exceptions, you should catch them

```
class MyRangeException extends Exception { // checked
 public String toString() { return "MyRangeException" ; }
class MyNumberException extends RuntimeException { // unchecked
 public String toString() { return " MyNumberException " ; }
public class CheckedException {
 public static void write() {
    try {
       FileReader fin = new FileReader("employee.txt");
       throw new MyNumberException();
       throw new MyRangeException();
    catch (IOException e) { ... } // catching checked exception
    catch ( MyRangeException e) { ... } // catching checked exception
```

How to handle checked exceptions

Or, you should rethrow, so that the caller can handle them

```
class MyRangeException extends Exception { // checked exception
 public String toString() { return "MyRangeException" ; }
class MyNumberException extends RuntimeException { // unchecked exception
 public String toString() { return " MyNumberException " ; }
public class CheckedException {
 private static void write() throws IOException, MyRangeException {
      FileReader fin = new FileReader("employee.txt");
      throw new MyNumberException();
      throw new MyRangeException();
 public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException, MyRangeException {
    write();
```

How to handle checked exceptions

If there are no catch or rethrows for checked exceptions, compiler will issue an error message

```
public class CheckedException {
 private static void write() {
      FileReader fin = new FileReader("employee.txt");
      // unhandled exception type FileNotFoundException
      throw new MyNumberException();
      throw new MyRangeException();
      // unhandled exception type MyRangeException
```

```
public class CheckedException {
 private static void write() throws IOException, MyRangeException {
      FileReader fin = new FileReader("employee.txt");
      throw new MyNumberException();
      throw new MyRangeException();
 public static void main(String[] args) {
    write();
```

Not Handling an Exception

- If a method raises an exception and it does not have a catch block or throws declaration then...
 - *checked exception*: the compiler will reject your code at compile time: You should catch or rethrows it!
 - *unchecked exception:* the program will terminate at runtime

Not Handling an Unchecked Exception

Unhandled unchecked exceptions

```
1: class MyNumberException extends RuntimeException {
     public String toString() { return "MyNumberException" ; }
3: }
4: public class UncheckedException {
      public static void main(String[] args) {
5:
        write() ; // not handle MyNumberException
6:
7:
     public static void write() {
        throw new MyNumberException();
9:
10:
```

```
Exception in thread "main" MyNumberException
        at UncheckedException.write(UncheckedException.java:9)
        at UncheckedException.main(UncheckedException.java:6)
```

Stack Trace Information

- If no handler is called, then the system prints a stack trace as the program terminates
 - it is a list of the called methods that are waiting to return when the exception occurred
 - very useful for debugging/testing
- The stack trace can also be printed by calling exception.printStackTrace()

```
01: public class UsingStackTrace {
02:
03:
    'public static void main( String args[] ) {
       try { method1(); }
04:
       catch (Exception exception) {
05:
           System.err.println( exception.getMessage() + "\foralln" );
06:
           exception.printStackTrace();
07:
           StackTraceElement[] traceElements = exception.getStackTrace();
           System.out.println("\\mathbb{\pi}\nStack trace from getStackTrace:");
08:
           Sýstem.out.println( "Class\t\tFile\t\t\tIne\tMtMtLine\tMtMethod" );
09:
10:
           for ( int i = 0; i < traceElements.length; i++ ) {
             r (int I = U; I < uraceciements.iong...,
StackTraceElement element = traceElements[ i ];

| tariat( alament getClassName() + "₩t" );
11:
                                                                            The compiler will reject the
12:
              System.out.print( element.getFileName() + "\t");
System.out.print( element.getFileName() + "\t");
13:
                                                                            program at compile time if
14:
              System.out.print( element.getLineNumber() +
                                                                           the throws are not included
15:
              Sýstem.out.print( element.getMethodName() + "₩n′/
                                                                           because Exception is
16:
17:
                                                                            checked exception
18:
19:
      public static void method1() throws Exception { method2(); public static void method2() throws Exception { method3();
20:
      public static void method3() throws Exception { throw new Exception( "Exception
 thrown in method3" ); }
Exception thrown in method3
java.lang.Exception: Exception thrown in method3
       at UsingStackTrace.method3(UsingStackTrace.java:21)
       at UsingStackTrace.method2(UsingStackTrace.java:20)
       at UsingStackTrace.method1(UsingStackTrace.java:19)
       at UsingStackTrace.main(UsingStackTrace.java:3)
Stack trace from getStackTrace:
Class
                                                       Method
                                               Line
                                              21
20
UsingStackTrace UsingStackTrace.java
                                                      method3
UsingStackTrace UsingStackTrace.java
                                                      method2
UsingStackTrace UsingStackTrace.java
                                                      method1
```

main

UsingStackTrace UsingStackTrace.java

Using Assertions

With assertions, you can use assertions to check some conditions.

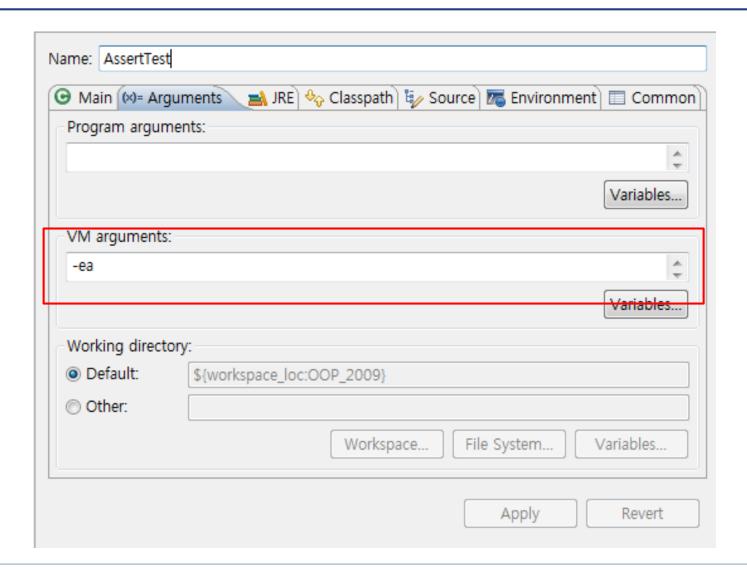
```
1: public class AssertTest {
2: public static void main(String args[]) {
      assert args.length > 0 : "₩nusage: java AssertTest <args>";
3:
      int i = 0;
4:
  do {
6:
          System.out.println(args[i]);
         j++;
8: } while (i < args.length);
9: }
```

```
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.AssertionError:
usage: java AssertTest <args>
       at AssertTest.main(AssertTest.java:3)
```

Using Assertions

- Usages for assert
 - assert condition;
 - assert condition : expression ;
- * Assertions can be enabled and disabled by -ea option
 - java –ea AssertTest
 - java –da AssertTest

Enabling and Disabling assertions in Eclipse



Enabling and Disabling assertions: Comparison

When assertions are enabled; java –ea AssertTest

```
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.AssertionError:
usage: java AssertTest <args>
         at AssertTest.main(<u>AssertTest.java:</u>3)
```

When assertions are disabled; java -da AssertTest

Exception in thread "main" java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: Index 0 out of bounds for length 0 at AssertTest.main(AssertTest.java:6)

Checking Pre/post condition by assertions

- Precondition: conditions that should be satisfied before the execution
- Postcondition: conditions that should be satisfied after the execution

```
public class PrePostCondition {
  public static void sort(int []a) {
      assert a != null ;
                                                 // precondition
      for ( int i = 0; i < a.length - 1; i ++)
         for (int j = i + 1; j < a.length - 1; j + +)
             if (a[i] < a[i]) {
                   int t = a[i]; a[i] = a[j]; a[j] = t;
      for (int i = 0; i < a.length - 1; i ++) // postcondition
         assert a[i] >= a[i+1];
  public static void main(String[] args) {
      int[] a = \{0, 25, 20, 50\};
      sort(a);
                      Exception in thread "main" java.lang.AssertionError
                                at PrePostCondition.sort(PrePostCondition.java:12)
                                at PrePostCondition.main(PrePostCondition.java:16)
```

Q&A