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## Exceptions

## TODO(This is a stub)

An exception type declaration is any type declaration that meets the following criteria:

- It is a [class or object declaration][Classifier declaration];
- It has kotlin. Throwable as supertype;
- It has no type parameters.

Any object of an exception type may be thrown or catched.

## Catching exceptions

A [try-expression][Try-expression] becomes active once the execution of the program enters it and stops being active once the execution of the program leaves it. If there are several active try-expressions, the one that became active last is currently active.

If an exception is thrown while a try-expression is currently active and this try-expression has any catch-blocks, those catch-blocks are checked for applicability for this exception. A catch-block is applicable for an exception object if the runtime type of this expression object is a subtype of the bound exception parameter of this catch-block. Note that this is subject to Kotlin [runtime type information][Runtime type information] limitations and may be dependent on the platform implementation of runtime type information, as well as the implementation of exception classes.

If a catch-block is applicable for the exception thrown, the code inside the block is evaluated and the value of the block is returned as the value of a try-expression. If this try-expression contains a finally-block, the body of this block is evaluated after the body of the selected catch block. The try-expression itself is not considered active inside its own catch and finally blocks. If this results in throwing other exceptions (including the one caught by the catch-block), they are propagated as normal.

If none of the catch-blocks of the currently active try-expression are applicable for the exception, the finally block (if any) is still evaluated and the exception is propagated, meaning that the next active try-expression becomes currently active and is checked for applicability.

If there is not a single active try-block, the execution of the program finishes, signaling that the exception has reached top level.

## Throwing exceptions

Throwing an exception object is performed using throw-expression. A valid throw expression throw e requires that:

- e is a value of [a runtime-available type] [Runtime-available types];
- e is a value of an exception type (see above).

Throwing an exception results in checking active try-blocks as described above.

Note: Kotlin does not specify whether throwing exceptions involves construction of a program stack trace and how the actual exception handling is performed internally. This is a platform-dependent mechanism.

TODO: control flow?

TODO: concurrency?

TODO: write it better