

# Exception in C++

⇒ Exception Handling provides a simpler and reliable way to:

- 1) Report error as exceptional events
- 2) Transfer Control to an exception handler.

↳ Along with information about the event

⇒ It employs three keywords:

- ① throw
- ② catch
- ③ try

```
try {  
    .....  
} catch ( ) {  
    .....  
}
```

## ★ Throwing

⇒ A throw-expression generally has the form:  
throw expression;

⇒ The expression's value conveys information about the nature of the exception.

↳ You can throw objects of primitive types, but it's generally preferable to throw object of class types.

## ★ Exception Classes

⇒ Various standard C++ language and library components report errors by throwing an exception.

⇒ They throw only objects of types derived from a base class called exception, defined in std header <exception>



⇒ The standard header `<stdexcept>` defines classes such as `invalid_argument`, `out_of_range`, and `overflow_error`.

↳ All are derived from `exception`

### Stack unwinding

- objects on the stack are destroyed
- Destruction happens in reverse order.

⇒ Unhandled exceptions result in a call to `std::terminate()`

- No stack unwinding
- No destructors are called
- Resources are potentially leaked

So you should at least have:

```
try {
```

```
}
```

```
catch(...) { // catch-all handler
```

```
/*...*/
```

```
}
```

### \* When to Use Exceptions

① Use exceptions for errors that are expected to occur rarely.

{ As there is big performance overhead }

② Exceptional cases that cannot be dealt with locally.

③ Don't use exception for things that should never happen.



## ★ How to use Exceptions

- 1) Build on the `std::exception` hierarchy
- 2) throw by value
- 3) Catch by reference