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## Object Oriented Programming

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# Exception Handling

## Ch.10 of R1.

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OR Ch.10 of T2 Complete Reference 11th Edition.

And also refer to Class notes.

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# Exception



## Exception

Is an abnormal condition that arises in a code sequence at run time.

It is an error condition.

## Exception handling in Java

This brings run-time error handling mechanism into object-oriented world.

Java exception is an object that describes the error condition that has occurred in a piece of code.

Code throws appropriate exception object and its caught and processed properly.

# Ex:



```
class Exc{  
    public static void main(String args[ ]) {  
        int d,a;  
        d=0;  a=42 / d;  
        System.out.println("Divide 42 by zero.");  
    }  
}
```

java.lang.ArithmeticException: / by zero  
at Exc.main(Exc.java: 4)

Java uses “***try- catch – throw – throws – finally***” keywords.

Program Statements that you want to monitor for exception are contained within a ‘***try***’ block.

Your code can catching exception using ‘***catch***’ and handle it in some rational manner.

To manually throw an exception, use the key word ‘***throw***’.

Any exception thrown out of a method must be specified as such by a ‘***throws***’ clause.

Any code that absolutely must be executed before a method returns is put in a ‘***finally***’ block.

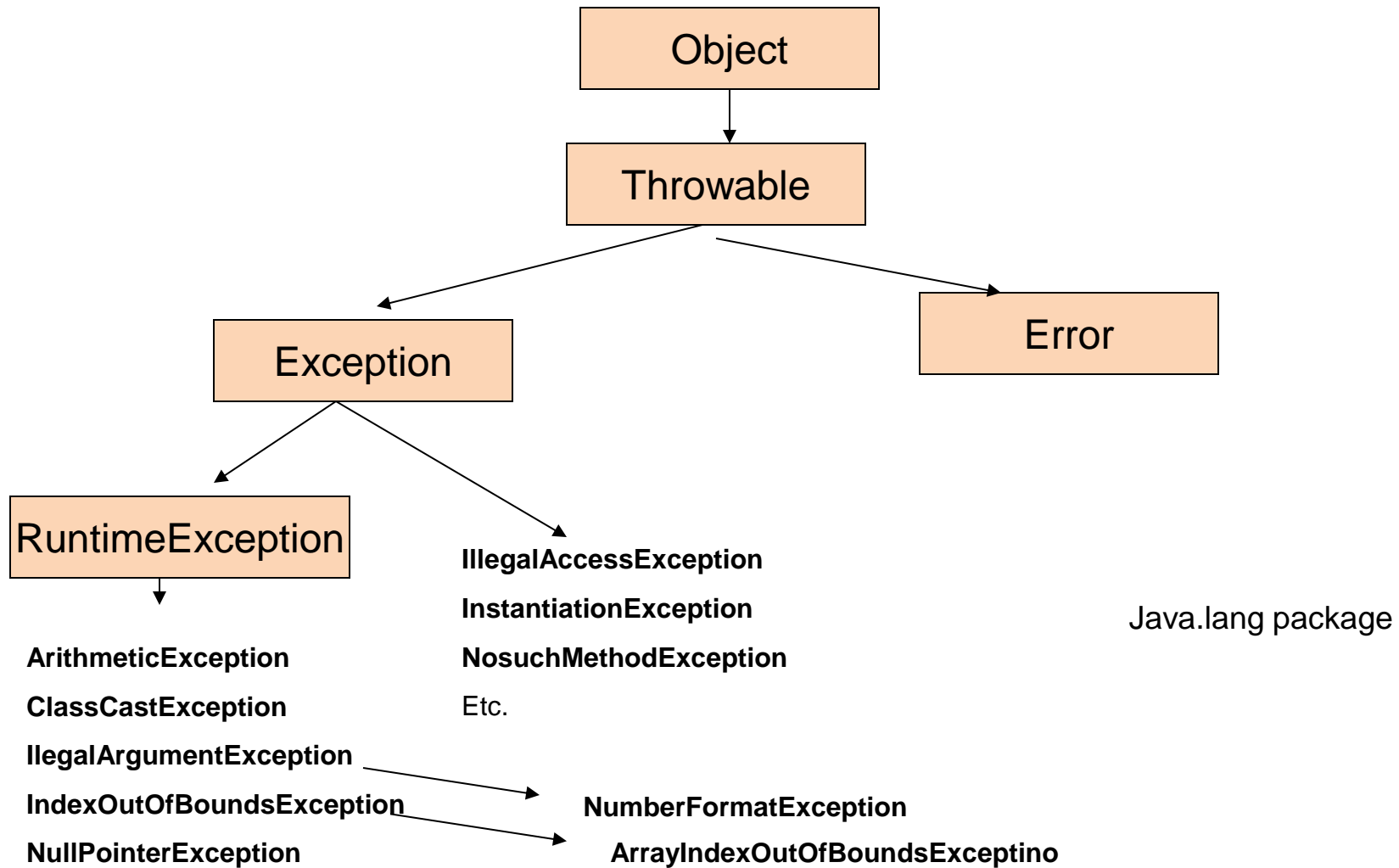
# The general form of Exception handling in Java

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```
{  
    try{  
        // code expected to throw an exception  
    }  
    catch(Exception type1){  
        // exception handler for type1  
    }  
    catch (Exception type2){  
        // exception handler for type2  
    }  
    finally{ // code to be executed before try block ends  
    }  
}
```



# The Exception types in Java



All exception types are subclasses of built-in class ***Throwable*** which is subclass of ***Object*** .

Class 'Trowable' has two subclasses that partition exceptions into two distinct branches.

One branch is headed by ***Exception***. This class is used for exceptional conditions that user programs should catch.

A subclass of ***Exception***, is called ***RuntimeException***. Exceptions of this type are automatically defined for the programs that you write and include things such as division by zero and invalid array indexing.

Exceptions of type **Error** are used by the Java run-time system to indicate errors having to do with the run-time environment, itself. Stack overflow is an example of such an error.

Exception objects should be throwable i.e, the class called **Throwable** should be in the hierarchy of Exception class.

User created exception are generally subclasses of class **Exception**.

# Using *try* and *catch*

```
try{  
    Statement 1;  
    Statement 2;  
}  
catch(Exception e)  
{  
    exception handler code ;  
}
```

The ***catch*** should be immediately after ***try***.

There should be no statements in between two, else it is an error.

Exception object is said to be thrown out of 'try' block which is caught in the 'catch' block.

The control does not return to try because we are not calling 'catch' as a method.

# Sample



```
class ExDemo1
{
    public static void main(String args[ ])
    {
        int d,a;
        try{
            d=0;
            a=42 / d;
            System.out.println("Divide 42 by zero.");
        }
        catch (ArithmeticException e)
        {
            System.out.println("Division by zero is not allowed");
        }
        System.out.println("After catch statement.");
    }
}
```

---

```
C:\Users\Admin\JavaPrograms>java ExDemo1
```

Division by zero is not allowed

After catch statement.

```
class ExDemo2
{
    public static void main(String args[ ])
    {
        int a[]={20,40,60,80};

        System.out.println("last element in array is :"+a[4]);
        System.out.println("last Statement");
    }
}
```

---

```
C:\Users\Admin\JavaPrograms>java ExDemo2  
Exception in thread "main"  
    java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: 4  
        at ExDemo2.main(ExDemo2.java:8)
```



```
class ExDemo3
{
    public static void main(String args[ ])
    {
        int a[]={20,40,60,80};
        try{
            System.out.println("last element in array is :"+a[4]);
            System.out.println("\nlast statement in try ");
        }
        catch(Exception e)
        {
            System.out.println("\n I handle the Exception on my own");
        }
        finally
        {
            System.out.println("Leaving try block bye..");
        }
        System.out.println("\nlast statement in program :");
    }
}
```

---

```
C:\Users\Admin\JavaPrograms>java ExDemo3
```

I handle the Exception on my own:  
Leaving try block by..

last statement in program :

```
class ExDemo4
{
    public static void main(String args[ ])
    {
        int a[]={20,40,60,80};
        try{
            System.out.println("last element in array is :"+a[4]);
            System.out.println("\nlast statement in try ");
        }
        catch(ArithmeticException ae)
        {
            System.out.println("\n I handle this array index out Exception \n:");
        }
        finally
        {
            System.out.println("In finally block code..");
        }
        System.out.println("\nlast statement in main program :");
    }
}
```

---

```
C:\Users\Admin\JavaPrograms>java ExDemo4
```

In finally block code..

Exception in thread "main"

```
java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: 4  
    at ExDemo4.main(ExDemo4.java:8)
```

A **try** without **catch** or **finally** is an error at compile-time.

```
class ExDemo1A
{
    public static void main(String args[ ])
    {
        int d,a;
        try{
            d=0;
            a=42 / d;
            System.out.println("Divide 42 by zero.");
        }
        System.out.println("After catch statement.");
    }
}
C:\Users\Admin\JavaPrograms>javac ExDemo1A.java
ExDemo1A.java:7: error: 'try' without 'catch', 'finally' or resource declaration
s
```

```
    try{
    ^
```

1 error

A ***try*** without ***catch*** and only with ***finally*** is OK.

```
class ExDemo1A
{
    public static void main(String args[ ])
    {
        int d,a;
        try{
            d=0;  a=42 / d;
            System.out.println("Divide 42 by zero.");
        }
        finally
        {System.out.println("In finally ");}
        System.out.println("After catch statement.");
    }
}
```

C:\Users\Admin\JavaPrograms>java ExDemo1A

In finally

Exception in thread "main" java.lang.ArithmeticException: / by zero  
at ExDemo1A.main(ExDemo1A.java:9)

---

A ***finally*** without ***try*** will not be compiled.

A ***catch*** without ***try*** will not be compiled.

# Multiple catches for a *'try'* block



If there is a single catch for a try block, the exception handling will be generalized.

Different types of exceptions should be handled in different ways i.e., more than one *catch* block for a single *try*.



# Ex



```
class EX{
    method(){
        //code
        try{
            //code expected to throw exception.
        }
        catch(    ){
            //handler.
        }
        catch( ) {
            //handler.
        }
    }
}
```

```
class ExDemo5
{
    public static void main(String args[ ])
    {
        int a[]={20,40,60,80};
        try{System.out.println("last element in array is :"+a[4]);
            System.out.println("\nlast statement in try ");
        }
        catch(ArithmeticException ae)
        {
            System.out.println("\n I handle this Arithmetic Exception \n");
        }
        catch(ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException aie)
        {
            System.out.println("\n I handle this array index out Exception \n");
        }
        finally
        {
            System.out.println("In finally block code.");
        }
        System.out.println("\nlast statement in main program :");
    }
}
```

---

```
C:\Users\Admin\JavaPrograms>java ExDemo5
```

I handle this array index out Exception

In finally block code.

last statement in main program :

```
class ExDemo6
```

```
{
```

```
    public static void main(String args[ ])
```

```
    {
```

```
        boolean b=true; boolean a=false;
```

```
        if (b){ System.out.println("\n It is TRUE");}
```

```
        else{System.out.println("\n It is FALSE");}
```

```
        if (b==true & a==false)
```

```
        {System.out.println("\n It is OK");}
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

---

```
C:\Users\Admin\JavaPrograms>java ExDemo6
```

It is TRUE

It is OK

```
class ExDemo7
```

```
{
```

```
    public static void main(String args[ ])
```

```
    {
```

```
        boolean b=true; boolean a=false;
```

```
        if (b){ System.out.println("\n It is TRUE");}
```

```
        else{System.out.println("\n It is FALSE");}
```

```
        if (b==true & a==false)
```

```
        {System.out.println("\n It is OK");}
```

```
        if (b==true & b==false)
```

```
        {System.out.println("\n It is NOT Correct");}
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

---

```
C:\Users\Admin\JavaPrograms>java ExDemo7
```

It is TRUE

It is OK

```
class ExDemo8
```

```
{  
    public static void main(String args[ ])  
    {  
        boolean b=true;  
  
        if (b){ System.out.println("\n It is TRUE");return;}  
        else{System.out.println("\n It is FALSE");return;}  
  
        System.out.println("\n Last statemant");  
    }  
}
```



---

```
C:\Users\Admin\JavaPrograms>javac ExDemo8.java
```

```
ExDemo8.java:10: error: unreachable statement
```

```
    System.out.println("\n Last statemant");
```

```
    ^
```

```
1 error
```

In multiple catch the catch block which can catch all types exceptions must be put in the end because if none of the catch blocks catches the exception then only it should catch it.

It is important to remember that Exception subclasses must come before their super class.

This is because a catch statement that uses a super class will catch exceptions of that type and all its subclasses. Thus a subclass would never be reached, if it comes after the super class.

In java unreachable code is an error.

```
class ExDemo{  
    public static void main(String org[])  
    {    //code  
        try{  
            //code expected to throw arithmetic exception.  
        }  
        catch(ArithmeticException e )  
        {    //handler.    }  
        catch(ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException aie)  
        {    //handler.    }  
        catch(Exception e )  
        {    //handler.    }  
    }  
}
```

```
class ExDemo9
{
    public static void main(String args[ ])
    {
        int a[]={20,40,60,80};
        try{
            System.out.println("last element in array is :"+a[4]);
            System.out.println("\nlast statement in try ");
        }
        catch(Exception e)
        {
            System.out.println("\n I handle this Exception \n:");
        }
        catch(ArithmeticException ae)
        {
            System.out.println("\n I handle this Arithmetic Exception \n:");
        }
        catch(ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException ae)
        {
            System.out.println("\n I handle this array index out Exception \n:");
        }
        finally
        {
            System.out.println("In finally block code..");
        }
        System.out.println("\nlast statement in main program :");
    }
}
```

C:\Users\Admin\JavaPrograms>javac ExDemo9.java

ExDemo9.java:15: error: exception ArithmeticException has already been caught

```
    catch(ArithmeticException ae)
    ^
```

ExDemo9.java:19: error: exception ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException has already been caught

```
    catch(ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException ae)
    ^
```

2 errors

```
class ExDemo9
{
    public static void main(String args[ ])
    {
        int a[]={20,40,60,80};
        try{
            System.out.println("last element in array is :"+a[4]);
            System.out.println("\nlast statement in try ");
        }
        catch(ArithmeticException ae)
        { System.out.println("\n I handle this Arithmetic Exception \n:");}
        catch(ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException ae)
        { System.out.println("\n I handle this array index out Exception \n:"); }
        catch(Exception e)
        { System.out.println("\n I handle this Exception \n:");}
        finally
        {System.out.println("In finally block code..");}
        System.out.println("\nlast statement in main program :");
    }
}
```

---

```
C:\Users\Admin\JavaPrograms>java ExDemo10
```

I handle this array index out Exception

In finally block code..

last statement in main program :

```
class ExDemo11
{
    public static void main(String args[ ])
    {
        int a[]={20,40,60,80};
        try{
            System.out.println("last element in array is :"+a[4]);
            System.out.println("\nlast statement in try ");
        }
        try{ System.out.println("last element in array is :"+a[4]);}
        catch(ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException ae)
        { System.out.println("\n I handle this array index out Exception \n:"); }
        catch(Exception e)
        { System.out.println("\n I handle this Generic Exception \n:");}
        finally
        {
            System.out.println("In finally block code..");
        }
        System.out.println("\nlast statement in main program :");
    }
}
```



---

```
C:\Users\Admin\JavaPrograms>javac ExDemo11.java
```

```
ExDemo11.java:6: error: 'try' without 'catch', 'finally' or resource  
declarations
```

```
    try{  
    ^
```

```
1 error
```

```
class ExDemo12
```

```
{    public static void main(String args[ ])
```

```
{        int a[]={20,40,60,80};
```

```
    try{
```

```
        System.out.println("last element in array is :"+a[4]);
```

```
        System.out.println("\nlast statement in try ");
```

```
    }
```

```
    catch(ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException ae)
```

```
    { System.out.println("\n I handle this array index out Exception \n:");
```

```
    }
```

```
    finally
```

```
    {System.out.println("In finally block code..");
```

```
    }
```

```
    try{ System.out.println("last element in array is :"+a[4]/0);
```

```
    }
```

```
    System.out.println("\nlast statement in main program :");
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

---

```
C:\Users\Admin\JavaPrograms>javac ExDemo12.java
```

```
ExDemo12.java:18: error: 'try' without 'catch', 'finally' or resource  
declarations
```

```
    try{ System.out.println("last element in array is :"+a[4]/0);}
    ^
```

1 Error

```
class ExDemo13
{
    public static void main(String args[ ])
    {
        int a[]={20,40,60,80};
        try{
            System.out.println("last element in array is :"+a[4]);
            System.out.println("\nlast statement in try ");
        }
        catch(ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException ae)
        { System.out.println("\n I handle this array index out Exception \n:"); }
        finally
        {System.out.println("In finally block code..");}
        try{ System.out.println("last element in array is :"+a[2]/0);}
        catch(ArithmeticException ae)
        { System.out.println("\n I handle this Arithmetic Exception \n:");}
        System.out.println("\nlast statement in main program :");
    }
}
```

---

```
C:\Users\Admin\JavaPrograms>java ExDemo13
```

I handle this array index out Exception

:

In finally block code..

I handle this Arithmetic Exception

:

last statement in main program :

# Nesting *try*



The *trys* can be nested.

In case of nested try any exception object is thrown in inner try block and there is no matching *catch* for that particular exception , then it searches for a *catch* block after the outer *try* block.

```
class NestedTryDemo
{
    public static void main(String org[])
    {
        try{
            int b=100;
            System.out.println("outer try");
            try{          int d=b/0;          }
            catch(ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException e)
            { System.out.println(e); }
            System.out.println("end of inner try");
        }
        catch(Exception e)
        { System.out.println(e); }
        System.out.println("Last statement in main metod:");
    }
}
```

---

```
C:\Users\Admin\JavaPrograms>java ExDemo14  
outer try  
java.lang.ArithmeticException: / by zero
```

Last statement in main metod:



```
class ExDemo15
{
    public static void main(String org[])
    {
        try{
            int b=100;
            System.out.println("outer try");
            try{
                int d=b/0;
            }
            catch(ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException e)
            {
                System.out.println(e +"\n");
            }
            finally{System.out.println("In the finally block of inner try");}
            System.out.println("end of inner try");
        }
        catch(Exception e)
        {
            System.out.println(e+"\n");
        }
        finally{System.out.println("In the finally block of outer try");}
        System.out.println("Last statement in main metod:");
    }
}
```

---

```
C:\Users\Admin\JavaPrograms>java ExDemo15
```

```
outer try
```

```
In the finally block of inner try
```

```
java.lang.ArithmeticException: / by zero
```

```
In the finally block of outer try
```

```
Last statement in main method:
```

```
class ExDemo16
```

```
{
    public static void main(String org[])
    {
        int a[]={20,40,60,80};
        try{
            int b=100;
            System.out.println("start outer try");
            try{          a[5]=400; System.out.println("in nested try\n");          }
            catch(ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException e)
            { System.out.println(e +"\n"); }
            finally{System.out.println("In the finally block of inner try");}
            System.out.println("end of inner try");
        }
        catch(Exception e)
        { System.out.println(e+"\n");}
        finally{System.out.println("In the finally block of outer try");}
        System.out.println("Last statement in main metod:");
    }
}
```

---

```
C:\Users\Admin\JavaPrograms>java ExDemo16  
start outer try  
java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: 5
```

In the finally block of inner try  
end of inner try

In the finally block of outer try  
Last statement in main method:

```
class ExDemo17
{
    public static void main(String org[])
    {
        int a[]={20,40,60,80};
        try
        { a[5]=400;
          System.out.println("in try\n");          }
        catch(ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException e)
        {   System.out.println(e +"\n");
            a[7]=800;
        }
        finally{System.out.println("In the finally block of ");}
        System.out.println("Last statement in main metod:");
    }
}
```

---

```
C:\Users\Admin\JavaPrograms>java ExDemo17  
java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: 5
```

In the finally block

Exception in thread "main"

```
java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: 7  
at ExDemo17.main(ExDemo17.java:11)
```

```
class ExDemo17
```

```
{  
    public static void main(String org[])  
    {  
        int a[]={20,40,60,80};  
        try  
        { a[5]=400; System.out.println("in nested try\n");  
        catch(ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException e)  
        { System.out.println(e +"\n");  
          a[7]=800; System.out.println("last in catch \n");  
        }  
        finally{System.out.println("In the finally block");}  
        System.out.println("Last statement in main metod:");  
    }  
}
```

---

```
C:\Users\Admin\JavaPrograms>java ExDemo17  
java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: 5
```

In the finally block

Exception in thread "main"

```
java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: 7  
at ExDemo17.main(ExDemo17.java:11)
```



# Using *throw*



```
try{  
    -----;  
    throw exceptionobject;  
}  
catch( exception )  
{  
    //handler.  
}
```

```
class ExDemo18
{
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        int a;
        a= Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
        a=a*2;
        System.out.println("value is :"+a);
    }
}
```

```
class ExDemo18
{
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        int a;
        a= Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
        a=a*2;
        System.out.println("value is :"+a);
    }
}
```

---

```
C:\Users\Admin\JavaPrograms>java ExDemo18 20  
value is :40
```

---

```
C:\Users\Admin\JavaPrograms>java ExDemo18 ab
```

```
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.NumberFormatException: For input  
string: "ab"
```

```
    at
```

```
java.lang.NumberFormatException.forInputString(NumberFormatExcepti  
on. java:65)
```

```
    at java.lang.Integer.parseInt(Integer.java:580)
```

```
    at java.lang.Integer.parseInt(Integer.java:615)
```

```
    at ExDemo18.main(ExDemo18.java:6)
```

```
class ExDemo19
```

```
{  
    public static void main(String args[])  
    {  
        int a;  
        a= Integer.parseInt(args[0]);  
        try{  
            if (a >100) throw new Exception();  
        }  
        catch(Exception e){  
            System.out.println("Exeption is:"+e);}  
            System.out.println("\n Last in main");  
        }  
    }  
}
```

---

```
C:\Users\Admin\JavaPrograms>java ExDemo19 120  
Exeption is:java.lang.Exception
```

Last in main

```
class ExDemo19
```

```
{
```

```
    public static void main(String args[])
```

```
    {    int a;
```

```
        a= Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
```

```
        try{
```

```
            if (a >100) throw new Exception();
```

```
        }
```

```
        catch(Exception e){ a=100;}
```

```
        a=a*2;
```

```
        System.out.println("\n Doubled Value of a is:"+a);
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```



---

```
C:\Users\Admin\JavaPrograms>java ExDemo19 130
```

Doubled Value of a is:200

---

```
C:\Users\Admin\JavaPrograms>java ExDemo19 50
```

Doubled Value of a is:100

# Use of *throws*

If a method is capable of causing an exception that it does not handle, it must specify this behavior so that callers of the method can guard themselves against that exception.

We do this by including a ***throws*** clause in the method's declaration.

A throws clause lists the types of exceptions that a method might throw.

void method( ) throws ABCException

{//ABC exception can be thrown which is not handled here.

----- ;

}

try {

method( );

}

catch( ABCException e ){

// handle the Exception e.

}

```
class ExDemo20
{
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        Line lin= new Line(100);
        lin.doubleLength();
    }
}

class Line
{
    int length;
    Line(int l)
    {length=l;}
    void doubleLength()
    {
        if(length>100) throw new Exception();
        System.out.println("\n Doubled Value of a is:"+length*2);
    }
}
```

---

```
C:\Users\Admin\JavaPrograms>javac ExDemo20.java
```

```
ExDemo20.java:18: error: unreported exception Exception;  
must be caught or declared to be thrown
```

```
    if(length>100) throw new Exception();
```

```
        ^
```

1 error

```
class ExDemo20
{
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        Line lin= new Line(100);
        try{ lin.doubleLength(); }
        catch(Exception e){System.out.println("\n Sorry Value is greater than 100");}

    }
}

class Line
{
    int length;
    Line(int l)
    {length=l;}
    void doubleLength() throws Exception
    {
        if(length>100) throw new Exception();
        System.out.println("\n Doubled Value of a is:"+length*2);
    }
}
```

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```
C:\Users\Admin\JavaPrograms>java ExDemo20
```

Doubled Value of a is:200



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```
C:\Users\Admin\JavaPrograms>java ExDemo20
```

Sorry Value is greater than 100

# Unchecked exceptions:



Inside the standard package `java.lang`, Java defines several exception classes.

**Unchecked exceptions:** They need not be included in any method's throws list.

The compiler does not check to see if a method handles or throws these exception.

Ex:

`ArithmeticException`

`ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException`

`ArrayStoreException`

`ClassCastException`

`NullPointerException`

`NumberFormatException`

Etc.,

# Checked\_exceptions:



These must be included in a method's throws list if that method can generate one of these exceptions and does not handle it, itself.

Ex:

ClassNotFoundException

IllegalAccessException

InstantiationException

InterruptedException Etc.

# User Created Exceptions

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User can create his own exception classes provided the class called ***Throwable*** is present in the hierarchy.

Generally we create exceptions by subclassing the class called ***Exception***.

```
class InvalidAgeException extends Exception
{
    int s;
    InvalidAgeException()
    {
        s=333;
    }
    public String toString()
    {
        return s+": Invalid Age Exception: Age Meaningless:";
    }
}
```

```
class ExDemo21                // Program to test InvalidAgeException
{
    public static void main(String a[])
    {
        try
        {
            insertAge(11);
        }
        catch(InvalidAgeException iae)
        {
            System.out.println("caught"+iae);
        }
    }
    static void insertAge(int a) throws InvalidAgeException
    {
        if(a<1 || a>100)
            throw new InvalidAgeException();
        else
            System.out.println("Inserted Data for Age:"+a);
    }
}
```

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```
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```

```
Caught 333: Invalid Age Exception: Age Meaningless:
```

# Summary

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Exception handling Java

Try catch finally

Throw

Throws

Exception hierarchy

Nested try blocks

User Defined Exceptions

Examples