

# **Error Handling / Handling Exception**

# Exception

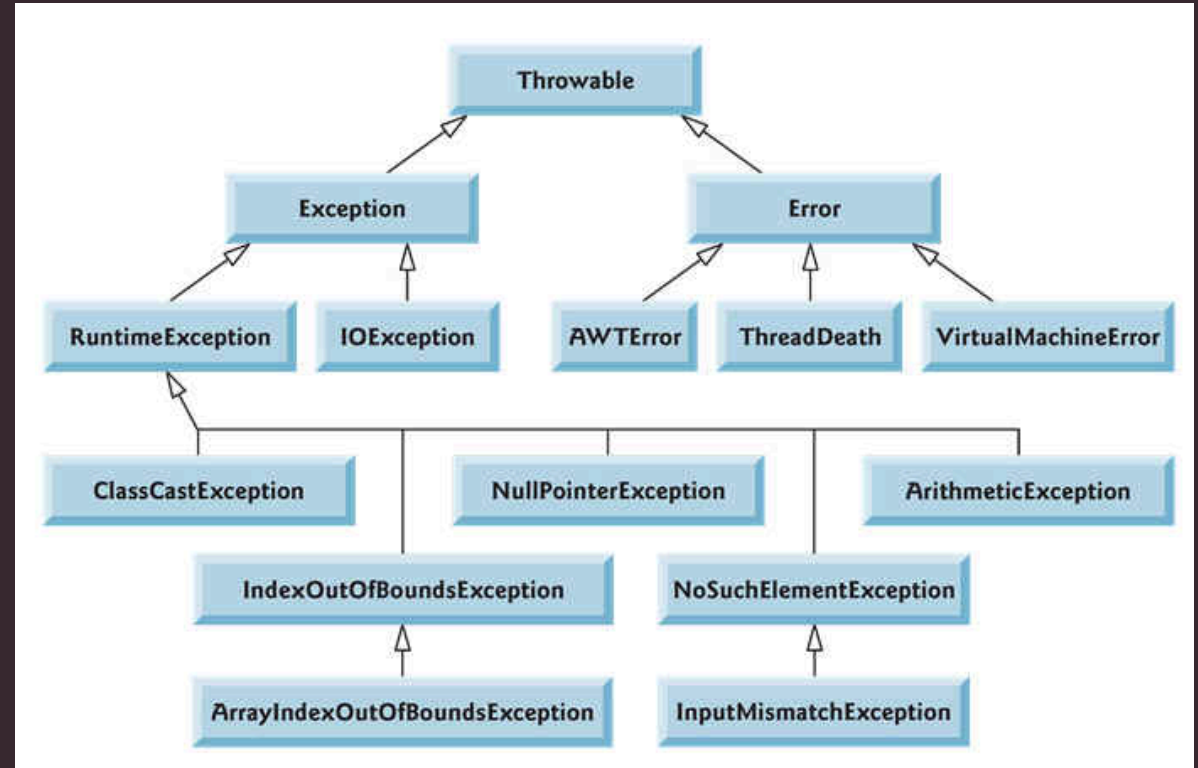
- An exception is an object that is generated as the result of an error or an unexpected event.
- To prevent exceptions from crashing your program, you must write code that detects and handles them.
- In Java – each error and exception is also an Object

# Source of Errors

- Bugs
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party library
- Wrong user input
- Network issue
- Hard drive failure

# Exception Classes

- The exception classes are in the Java API. For example `FileNotFoundException` is in the `java.io` package.
- When you handle an exception that is not in the `java.lang` package, you will need the appropriate import statement



# Handling an Exception

- To handle an exception, you use **try** statement.

```
try{  
    //try block statements  
    //some code that might throw exception  
  
} catch(Exception e){  
    //catch block statements  
    //TODO: handle exception  
  
}
```

If this statement throws an exception


Then this statement is skipped

The program jumps to this catch block

```
try{  
    file = new File(fileName);  
    inputFile = new Scanner(file);  
    System.out.println("The file was found");  
} catch(Exception e){  
    System.out.println("File not found");  
}
```

If no exception is thrown in the try block, the program jumps to the statement that immediately follows the try/catch block

```
try{  
    file = new File(fileName);  
    inputFile = new Scanner(file);  
    System.out.println("The file was found");  
} catch(Exception e){  
    System.out.println("File not found");  
}  
System.out.println("Done");
```



# Errors in Java

1. **Compile errors:** Compiler will catch it and will not let code to be compiled successfully. We can not use try/catch block to handle this.  
(Ex: Syntax errors, data types, creating object of interface, etc....)
2. Errors/Exceptions during code execution:
  - Error that takes place during execution(**Runtime Error**)  
(Ex: StackOverFlow error(Stack memory is full), OutOfMemoryError(Heap memory is full)). We do not use try/catch to handle.
  - Runtime Exception that takes place during execution(**Runtime Exceptions**)  
(Ex: IndexOutOfBoundsException, NoSuchElementException)



# Exception Object

- When runtime exception happens, java will catch it and assigns to a variable in catch statement.
- After it is successfully caught, we can use the variable and call some methods on the object.
- Popular ones are:
  - **printStackTrace()**: Prints the exception stack trace
  - **getMessage()**: Returns only brief description of the exception

## finally block

- The **try** statement may have an optional **finally** clause, which must appear after all of the catch clauses.
- The finally block is one or more statements that are always executed after the try block has executed and after any catch blocks have executed if an exception was thrown.
- The statements in the finally block execute whether an exception occurs or not.

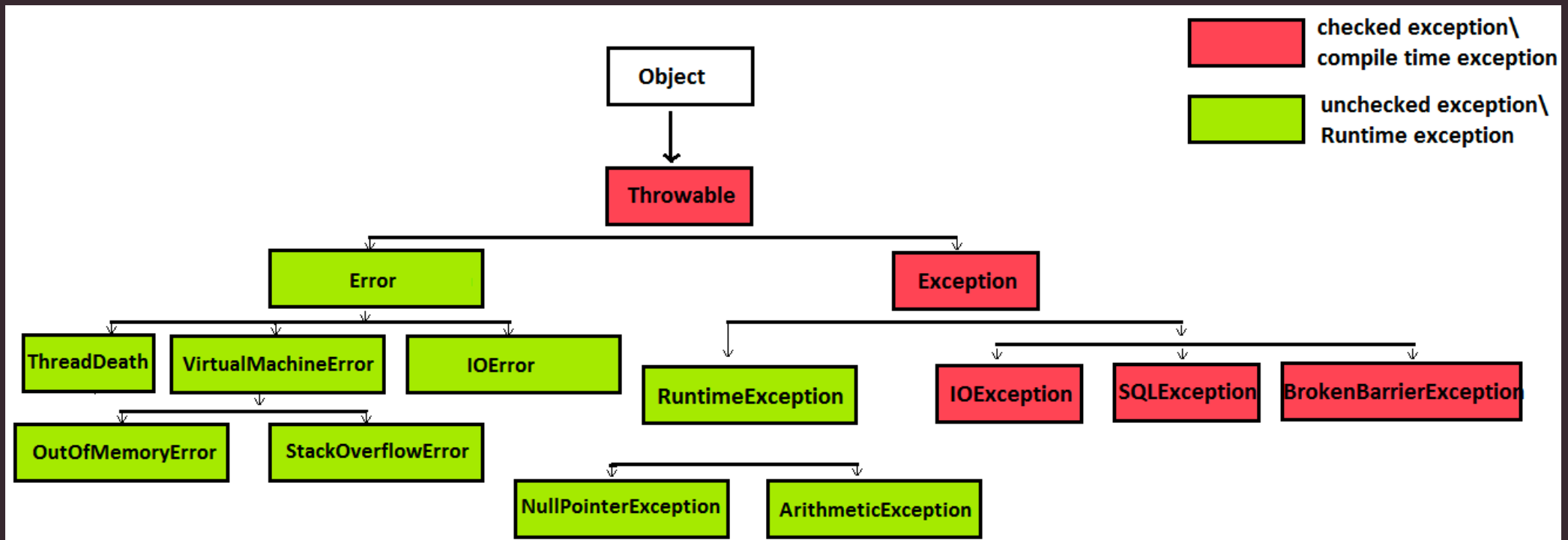
```
try{  
    //code  
}catch(Exception e){  
    //code  
}finally{  
    //code that runs always  
}
```

# Finally block

- Finally block, always runs except in 2 situations:
  - `System.exit(0);`
  - JVM crash

# Checked and Unchecked Exceptions

- There are two categories of exceptions:
  1. **Checked Exception**: It is an exception that we must handle for the code to compile. If you do not handle, code will not compile
  2. **Unchecked Exception**: It is optional to handle, code will compile even if we do not handle



# Checked Exceptions

- All of the exceptions that do not inherit from `Error` or `RuntimeException` are **checked exceptions**. These are the exceptions that you should handle in your program.
- For the code to compile we need to either :
  1. **Handle**: `try...catch...finally`
  2. **Declare**: `throws` declaration

# Unchecked Exceptions

- All of the exceptions that inherit from Error class or RuntimeException class are **unchecked exceptions**.
- These are the exceptions that you should not handle in your program.
- Code will compile even if we handle or not.
- Happens due to programming mistakes.



# Combinations

```
try{
    //code
}catch(Exception e){
    //code
}
```

1

```
try{
    //code
}catch(Exception e){
    //code
}finally{
    //code
}
```

2

```
try{
    //code
}catch(Exception e){
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    //code
}catch(Exception e){
    //code
}
```

3

```
try{
    //code
}finally{
    //code
}
```

4

```
try{
    //code
}catch(Exception e){
    //code
}catch(Exception e){
    //code
}catch(Exception e){
    //code
}finally{
    //code
}
```

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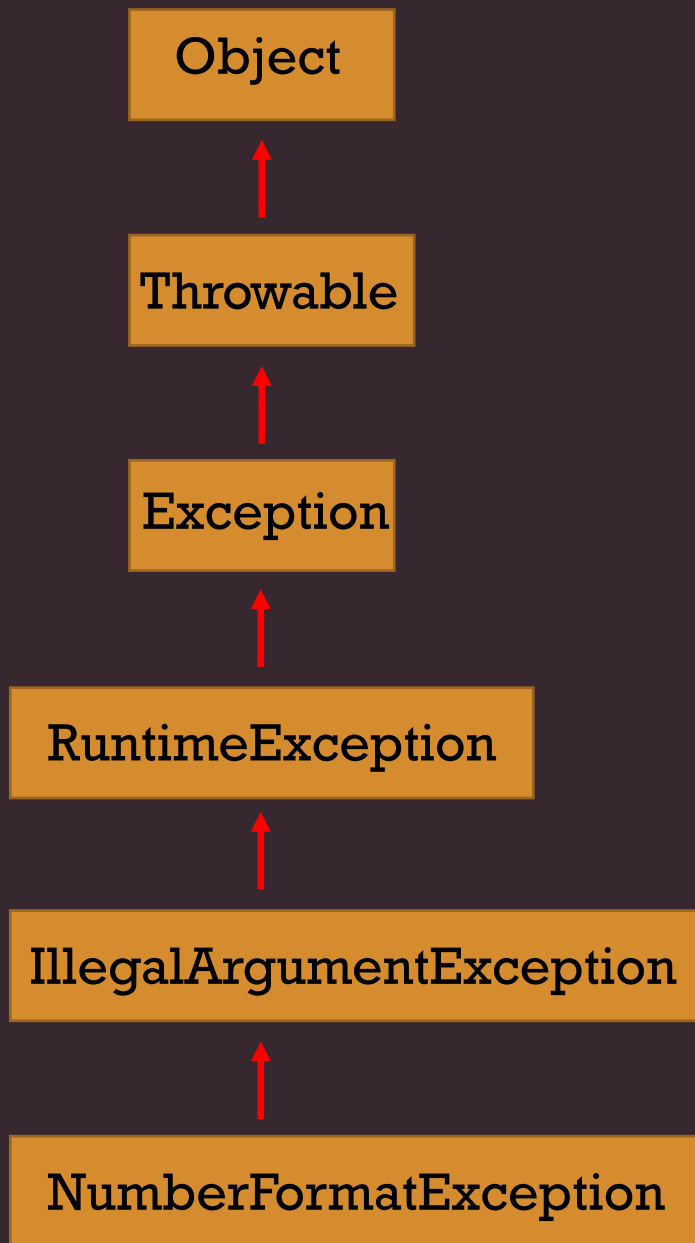
## Multiple catch Blocks

- In many cases, the code in the try block will be capable of throwing more than one type of exception. In such a case, we need to write a catch clause for each type of exception that could potentially thrown.

```
try{  
    }catch(ArithmeticException e){  
        //handle exception  
    }catch(NullPointerException e){  
        //handle exception  
    }catch(ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException e){  
        //handle exception  
    }
```

## Rule

- If you are handling multiple exceptions in the same try statement and some of the exceptions are related to each other through inheritance, then you should handle the **more specialized exception classes before the more general exception** classes.



```
try{
    number = Integer.parseInt(str);
}catch(NumberFormatException e){
    System.out.println(str + " is not a number");
}catch(IllegalArgumentException e){
    System.out.println("Bad number format");
}
```

# Handling Multiple Exceptions with One catch Block

```
try{  
    //code  
}catch(NumberFormatException | IOException | InputMismatchException e){  
    //code  
}
```

## throw clause

- You can write code that throws one of the standard Java exceptions, or an instance of a custom exception class that you have designed.
- You can use throw statement to throw an exception manually. The general format of the throw statement is as follows:

```
throw new ExceptionType(MessageString);
```

## throws clause

- Throws clause informs the compiler that a method throws one or more exceptions.

```
public void sleep(int seconds) throws InterruptedException{  
    Thread.sleep(second * 1000);  
}
```

# throws clause -RULE

- When you declare a CHECKED exception, whoever CALLS this method is responsible to HANDLE it or DECLARE again

```
public static void sleep(int seconds) throws InterruptedException{  
    Thread.sleep(second * 1000);  
}  
  
public static void sleep2(int seconds){  
    sleep(seconds); //UNHANDLED EXCEPTION  
}  
  
public static void sleep3(int seconds){  
    sleep2(seconds); //UNHANDLED EXCEPTION  
}
```



```
public static void sleep(int seconds) throws InterruptedException{  
    Thread.sleep(second * 1000);  
}  
  
public static void sleep2(int seconds) throws InterruptedException{  
    sleep(seconds);  
}  
  
public static void sleep3(int seconds){  
    try{  
        sleep2(seconds);  
    }catch(InterruptedException e){  
        //code  
    }  
}
```

# Creating Custom Exceptions

- We can create our own exception classes by extending the Exception class or one of its subclass.

```
public class HungryException extends RuntimeException{  
  
}  
  
throw new HungryException();
```