What happens when an exception occurs in a thread in Java?

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In simple words, If not caught thread will die, if an uncaught exception handler is registered
then it will get a call back. Thread.UncaughtExceptionHandler is an interface, defined as
nested interface for handlers invoked when a Thread abruptly terminates due to an uncaught
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Thread.getUncaughtExceptionHandler() and will invoke the handler's uncaughtException()
method, passing the thread and the exception as arguments.

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This is one of the good tricky Java question I have seen on interviews. In simple words, If not
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Exception is thrown to UncaughtExceptionHandler of thread, If this is not defined then the thread group's handler, if that is not defined too, it goes to the default handler.
We should catch such exceptions as below-:

t.setUncaughtExceptionHandler(new Thread.UncaughtExceptionHandler() {
public void uncaughtException(Thread t, Throwable e) { System.out.println("exception " + e + " from thread " + t); }
});
where t is Thread instance

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you are talking about unchecked exceptions thrown from `Thread.run` method. By default, you will get sth like this in system error:

```
Exception in thread "Thread-0" java.lang.RuntimeException at
Main$1.run(Main.java:11) at java.lang.Thread.run(Thread.java:619)
```

This is the result of printStackTrace for unhandled exceptions. To handle it, you can add your own UncaughtExceptionHandler:

```
 Thread t = new Thread(new Runnable(){ public void run() { throw new
RuntimeException(); } }); t.setUncaughtExceptionHandler(new
Thread.UncaughtExceptionHandler() { public void
uncaughtException(Thread t, Throwable e) {
System.out.println("exception " + e + " from thread " + t); } });
t.start();
```

To set handler for all threads use a static
method `Thread.setDefaultUncaughtExceptionHandler`