

Java Unit 4

Nested Class and Lambda Expressions: : Nested Class, Understanding the importance of static and non-static nested classes, Local and Anonymous class, Functional Interface, Lambda expressions **Utility Classes** : Working with Dates

Exceptions and Assertions: Exception overview, Exception class hierarchy and exception types, Propagation of exceptions, Using try, catch and finally for exception handling, Usage of throw and throws, handling multiple exceptions using multi-catch, Autoclose resources with try-with resources statement, Creating custom exceptions, Testing invariants by using assertions

Nested Class and Lambda Expressions

Nested Class in Java

A **nested class** in Java is a class defined within another class. It is used to logically group classes that are only used in one place, improving **encapsulation**, **readability**, and **maintainability**. Nested classes can also access private members of the outer class.

Syntax:

```
class OuterClass
{
...
    class NestedClass
    {
        ...
    }
}
```

Types of Nested Classes



Java provides two types of nested classes:

- 1. Static Nested Class
- 2. Non-static Nested Class (Inner Class)

1. Static Nested Class

- Defined with the static keyword.
- Does not have access to the instance members of the outer class.
- Can only access static members of the outer class.
- Can be instantiated without creating an instance of the outer class.

Example of Static Nested Class

```
class Outer {
    static String outerStaticVar = "Static Variable";

    // Static Nested Class
    static class StaticNested {
        void display() {
            System.out.println("Accessing outer class static variable: " + outerStaticVar);
        }
    }

public class NestedStaticDemo {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
            // Instantiating static nested class without creating outer class object
            Outer.StaticNested nestedObj = new Outer.StaticNested();
            nestedObj.display();
    }
}
Output:
Accessing outer class static variable: Static Variable
```

Uses of Static Nested Class

✓ **Memory Efficiency**: Since it doesn't hold a reference to the outer class instance, it reduces memory usage and avoids unintentional memory leaks.



✓ Independent Behavior: Can be used even if no instance of the outer class exists, making it useful for utility or helper classes.

✓ Encapsulation & Organization:

- Helps in logically grouping related code while keeping it within a single outer class.
- Useful when the nested class should not depend on an instance of the outer class.
- ✔ Performance Optimization: Since it doesn't require an instance of the outer class, it reduces overhead.

2. Non-static Nested Class (Inner Class)

An **inner class** is a non-static nested class and has access to all members of the outer class, including private members.

Types of Inner Classes

- 1. Member Inner Class: inside a class but outside of any method
- 2. Local Inner Class: inside a method
- 3. Anonymous Inner Class

2.1. Member Inner Class

- Defined inside a class but outside a method.
- Can access all members (including private) of the outer class.
- Requires an instance of the outer class to create an instance of the inner class.

Example of Member Inner Class

```
class OuterExample {
    private String message = "Hello from Outer class";

// Member Inner Class
class Inner {
    void display() {
        System.out.println("Message from Outer: " + message);
    }
}

public class MemberInnerDemo {
```



```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    // Creating an instance of Outer class
    OuterExample outerObj = new OuterExample();

    // Creating an instance of Inner class
    OuterExample.Inner innerObj = outerObj.new Inner();
    innerObj.display();
  }
}
Output:
Message from Outer: Hello from Outer class
```

2.2. Local Inner Class

- Defined inside a method or block.
- Can access local variables only if they are final or effectively final.
- Cannot be instantiated outside the method where it's defined.

Example of Local Inner Class



```
}
Output:
Inside Local Inner Class
```

2.3. Anonymous Inner Class

- A class with **no name**, defined **inside a method or as an argument**.
- Used to provide implementation for an interface or an abstract class.
- Cannot have explicit constructors.

Example of Anonymous Inner Class (Implementing an Interface)

Uses of Non-Static Inner Class

- ✓ Encapsulation of Helper Classes: Used when a nested class is only meaningful within the context of an instance of the outer class.
- ✓ **Tighter Binding to Outer Class**: Useful when the inner class depends on the outer class's data and methods.



- ✓ Encapsulation & Data Hiding: The inner class can access private members of the outer class without exposing them publicly.
- ✓ Improved Readability & Maintainability: Groups related functionality within the outer class rather than creating a separate class file.

Advantages of Nested Classes

- 1. **Encapsulation** Improves data hiding by keeping inner details within the outer class.
- 2. Code Readability Groups related classes together logically.
- 3. **Better Organization** Helps in reducing clutter and improving maintainability.
- 4. Access to Private Members Inner classes can directly access private members of the outer class.

When to Use Nested Classes?



- When a class is only used within another class.
- When you want to improve encapsulation.
- When you want to logically group related classes.
- When a class needs access to private members of the outer class.

Nested Class Type	static Keyword	Can Access Outer Class Members	Instantiation Requirement
Static Nested Class	✓ Yes	X Only static members	Can be created without outer class instance
Member Inner Class	X No	✓ Yes	Requires an outer class instance
Local Inner Class	× No	Yes (only final/effectively final local variables)	Only accessible inside the method
Anonymous Inner Class	X No	✓ Yes	No explicit name, created inline



Functional Interface

A **Functional Interface** in Java is an interface that contains exactly **one abstract method** but may have multiple **default** or **static** methods. It is used in **lambda expressions** and **functional programming** in Java. Functional interfaces were introduced in **Java 8** to support the use of **Lambda Expressions**.

Key Characteristics of Functional Interfaces

- 1. Single Abstract Method (SAM):
 - A functional interface must have exactly **one abstract method**.
 - This is why they are sometimes called SAM Interfaces (Single Abstract Method Interfaces).
- 2. Can Have Default and Static Methods:
 - A functional interface can have multiple default and static methods, but it
 must have only one abstract method.
- 3. Works with Lambda Expressions:
 - Functional interfaces enable the use of lambda expressions to provide a concise way to implement their abstract method.
- 4. @FunctionalInterface Annotation (Optional but Recommended):
 - This annotation ensures that an interface is truly functional by enforcing that it has only one abstract method.
 - If another abstract method is added by mistake, the compiler will generate an error.

Example of a Functional Interface

```
@FunctionalInterface
interface MyFunctionalInterface {
   void myMethod(); // Single Abstract Method (SAM)
   // Default method (Optional)
   default void defaultMethod() {
```



```
System.out.println("Default method in Functional
Interface");
   }
  // Static method (Optional)
  static void staticMethod() {
       System.out.println("Static method in Functional
Interface");
   }
public class FunctionalDemo {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
       // Using Lambda Expression to implement Functional
Interface
       MyFunctionalInterface obj = () ->
System.out.println("Implementation using Lambda!");
       obj.myMethod();
       obj.defaultMethod(); // Calling default method
      MyFunctionalInterface.staticMethod(); // Calling static
method
   }
Output:
```



```
Implementation using Lambda!
Default method in Functional Interface
Static method in Functional Interface
```

Built-in Functional Interfaces in Java (Java 8)

Java provides several **predefined functional interfaces** in the java.util.function package. Some of the most commonly used ones are:

Interface	Abstract Method	Description
Predicate <t></t>	boolean test(T t)	Evaluates a condition and returns true or false.
Function <t, r=""></t,>	R apply(T t)	Takes an input of type T and returns a result of type R.
Consumer <t></t>	void accept(T t)	Takes an input but does not return anything.
Supplier <t></t>	T get()	Returns a result without taking any input.
BiFunction <t, r="" u,=""></t,>	R apply(T t, U u)	Takes two inputs and produces a result.

Examples of Built-in Functional Interfaces

1. Predicate (Used for Filtering)

A **Predicate**<**T>** is used to test a condition and return **true** or **false**.



```
}
}
```

2. Function (Takes Input and Returns a Result)

A **Function<T**, **R>** takes an input T and returns a result R.

```
import java.util.function.Function;
public class FunctionExample {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
        // Function to calculate the square of a number
        Function<Integer, Integer> square = num -> num * num;

        System.out.println(square.apply(5)); // Output: 25
        System.out.println(square.apply(7)); // Output: 49
   }
}
```

3. Consumer (Used for Processing, No Return)

A **Consume** r<T> takes an input but does not return anything (used for processing data).

4. Supplier (Returns a Value Without Taking Input)



A **Supplier<T>** provides a value without taking any input.

```
import java.util.function.Supplier;
public class SupplierExample {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
        // Supplier to generate a random number
        Supplier<Double> randomValue = () -> Math.random();

        System.out.println(randomValue.get()); // Output: Random
number
   }
}
```

Uses of Functional Interfaces

- ✓ Improves Code Readability: Instead of writing anonymous classes, lambda expressions make the code shorter and more readable.
- ✓ Encourages Functional Programming: Java 8 introduced functional programming concepts, and functional interfaces help achieve this.
- ✓ Supports Streams API and Method References: Functional interfaces are widely used in the Java Streams API for operations like filtering, mapping, and reducing.
- ✓ Allows Behavior Parameterization: We can pass behavior (in the form of lambda expressions) as arguments to methods, making the code more flexible.

Comparison: Functional Interface vs. Normal Interface

Feature	Functional Interface	Normal Interface
Number of Abstract Methods	Exactly one	One or more
Can Have Default/Static Methods?	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Supports Lambda Expressions?	✓ Yes	X No



Common Use Case	Functional Programming (Java 8	Object-Oriented Design
	and later)	

Lambda Expression

A **Lambda Expression** in Java is essentially an anonymous method (function) that can be used to implement **functional interfaces**. It eliminates the need for writing long anonymous classes.

Lambda expressions were introduced in **Java 8** to provide a **concise way of representing anonymous functions** (functions that don't have a name and don't belong to a specific class). They help in writing cleaner, more readable, and functional-style code.

Syntax of Lambda Expression

```
(parameters) -> { body }
```

- Parameters: The input arguments (optional if not required).
- **Arrow** (->) **Operator:** Separates parameters from the body.
- Body: Contains the function logic.

Example Without Lambda (Using Anonymous Class)

Before Java 8, we used **anonymous inner classes** to implement interfaces with a single abstract method.



```
}
};
obj.show();
}
Output:
```

Example Using Lambda Expression

Using lambda expressions, we can simplify the above code.

Functional Interface (Prerequisite for Lambda Expressions)

A **Functional Interface** is an interface that has only **one abstract method**. Java provides the **@FunctionalInterface** annotation to enforce this.

Example:

```
@FunctionalInterface
interface FunctionalInterfaceDemo {
   void show();
}
```

Some predefined functional interfaces in **java.util.function** package:



- **Consumer<T>** (accepts one argument, returns nothing)
- **Supplier<T>** (returns a value, takes no argument)
- Function<T, R> (takes an argument, returns a value)
- **Predicate<T>** (takes an argument, returns **boolean**)

Types of Lambda Expressions

a) No Parameters

```
interface Greetings {
    void sayHello();
}

public class LambdaDemoNoPar {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Greetings g = () -> System.out.println("Hello, Lambda!");
        g.sayHello();
    }
}
```

b) With One Parameter

```
interface Printer {
    void print(String message);
}

public class LambdaWithOnePar {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Printer p = message -> System.out.println("Message: " +
    message);
        p.print("Hello, World!");
    }
}
```

c) With Multiple Parameters

```
interface MathOperation {
    int operate(int a, int b);

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```



```
public class LambdaWithMulPar {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
       MathOperation add = (a, b) -> a + b;
       System.out.println("Sum: " + add.operate(5, 3));
   }
}
```

Using Lambda in Collections (Sorting Example)

Before Java 8 (Anonymous Class):

Using Lambda Expression:



```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    List<String> names = Arrays.asList("Rohit", "Ayush",
"Aman");

    // Using Lambda
    Collections.sort(names, (s1, s2) -> s1.compareTo(s2));

    System.out.println(names);
}
```

Advantages of Lambda Expressions

- Concise Code Reduces boilerplate code
- Improved Readability Easier to understand
- Encourages Functional Programming Helps in writing declarative code
- ✓ Better Performance Eliminates the overhead of anonymous classes

Limitations of Lambda Expressions

- X Difficult to Debug Since lambda expressions have no name, debugging can be tricky.
- **Limited Functionality** Can only be used with functional interfaces (single abstract method).
- X Not Suitable for Complex Logic If the lambda body is too long, it affects readability.



Utility Classes

Utility Classes in Java

Utility classes in Java are classes that contain only **static methods** and are used to provide common, reusable functionality across multiple parts of an application. These classes typically do not require instantiation and are designed to be used directly by calling their static methods.

java.util Package

The <code>java.util</code> package in Java is one of the most widely used packages as it provides a collection of utility classes and interfaces for data structures, date/time manipulation, random number generation, and more.

Categories of Classes in java.util



The java.util package includes:

- Collection Framework Interfaces and classes for data structures like List, Set, Map, Queue, etc..
- 2. Utility Classes Helper classes like Objects, Optional, Properties, Random.
- Concurrency Utilities Classes like Timer, TimerTask for scheduling tasks.
- 4. **Legacy Data Structures** Older classes like Vector, Stack, Hashtable (mostly replaced by modern collection classes).
- 5. **Scanner and Formatter** Used for input parsing and output formatting.
- Date and Time Utilities Classes for handling dates and times (Date, Calendar, TimeZone)

Important Classes and Interfaces in java.util

A) Collection Framework

The Collection Framework provides various data structures like lists, sets, and maps.

1. Interfaces in Collection Framework



Interface	Description	
Collection <e></e>	Root interface for all collection classes.	
List <e></e>	Ordered collection (e.g., ArrayList, LinkedList).	
Set <e></e>	Unordered collection with unique elements (HashSet, TreeSet).	
Queue <e></e>	FIFO (First In, First Out) collection (PriorityQueue, LinkedList).	
Deque <e></e>	Double-ended queue (ArrayDeque, LinkedList).	
Map <k, v=""></k,>	Key-value pairs (HashMap, TreeMap).	

2. Classes in Collection Framework

Class	Description	
ArrayList <e></e>	Dynamic array implementation of List.	
LinkedList <e></e>	Doubly linked list implementation of List.	
HashSet <e></e>	Hash table implementation of Set.	
TreeSet <e></e>	Sorted Set implemented using Red-Black tree.	
HashMap <k, v=""></k,>	Hash table implementation of Map.	
TreeMap <k, v=""></k,>	Sorted Map using Red-Black tree.	

Example: Using ArrayList

```
public class ArrayListDemo {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        ArrayList<String> companies = new ArrayList<>();
        companies.add("Google");
        companies.add("Microsoft");
        companies.add("OpenAI");

        System.out.println(companies.get(1)); // Output:
Microsoft
    }
}
```



B) Utility Classes

The java.util package provides several general-purpose utility classes.

Class	Description
Random	Generates random numbers.
Objects	Utility methods for working with objects.
Optional <t></t>	Handles optional values, avoiding null checks.
Properties	Handles configuration properties.

Example: Using Random

```
import java.util.Random;
public class RandomDemo {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      Random random = new Random();
      System.out.println(randome.nextInt(100)); // Random
number between 0 and 99
   }
}
```

C) Concurrency Utilities

The java.util package contains classes for scheduling tasks.

Class	Description
Timer	Schedules tasks to run at a specific time.
TimerTask	Defines a task that can be scheduled.

Example: Using Timer



```
import java.util.TimerTask;
public class TimerDemo {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
        Timer timer = new Timer();
        timer.schedule(new TimerTask() {
           @Override
           public void run() {
                System.out.println("Task executed!");
           }
        }, 2000); // Runs after 2 seconds
   }
}
```

D) Scanner

The Scanner class in Java is part of the java.util package and is used to take input from the user.

Class	Description
Scanner	Reads input from keyboard, files, or streams.

Methods of Scanner Class

Method	Description
nextInt()	Read an integer.
nextDouble()	Reads a floating-point number.
nextBoolean()	Reads a boolean (true/false).
next()	Read a single word (until space).
nextLine()	Read the full line including spaces.



Example: Using Scanner

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class ScannerDemo {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);
        System.out.print("Enter name: ");
        String name = scanner.nextLine();
        System.out.println("Hello, " + name);
        scanner.close();
   }
}
```

Utility Classes for Working with Dates

Java provides several utility classes for working with dates and time. The key utility classes are found in the <code>java.time</code> package (introduced in Java 8) and in the older <code>java.util.Date</code> and <code>java.util.Calendar</code> classes. The modern <code>java.time</code> package is recommended for date and time handling because it is more robust, thread-safe, and feature-rich.

The java. time Package (Java 8+)

This package provides several classes for working with dates, times, and durations. The most commonly used classes include:

(a) LocalDate (Date without time)

Represents a date (year, month, day) without time or time zone.

```
public class DateExample {
      public static void main(String[] args) {
         LocalDate today = LocalDate.now(); // Gets the current
date
      System.out.println("Today's Date: " + today);
```



```
LocalDate specificDate = LocalDate.of(2025, 2, 25); //
Creates a specific date

System.out.println("Specific Date: " + specificDate);
}
}
```

(b) LocalTime (Time without date)

Represents time (hour, minute, second, nanosecond) without a date or time zone.

Example:

(c) LocalDateTime (Date and Time)

Represents a combination of date and time without a time zone.



(d) ZonedDateTime (Date, Time, and Time Zone)

Represents a date-time with a time zone.

Example:

```
import java.time.ZonedDateTime;
import java.time.ZoneId;
public class ZonedDateTimeExample {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
        ZonedDateTime zdt = ZonedDateTime.now();
        System.out.println("Current ZonedDateTime: " + zdt);

        ZonedDateTime specificZoneTime =
ZonedDateTime.now(ZoneId.of("America/New_York"));
        System.out.println("Time in New York: " +
specificZoneTime);
   }
}
```

(e) Instant (Timestamp)

Represents an instantaneous point on the time scale (useful for timestamps).

Example:

Formatting and Parsing Dates (DateTimeFormatter)



Java provides the **DateTimeFormatter** class for formatting and parsing date-time objects.

Example:

Calculations with Dates (Adding and Subtracting)

You can perform date arithmetic using methods like .plusDays(), .minusDays(), etc.



Calculating Differences Between Dates (Period and Duration)

Using Period for Date Differences

Used for differences in terms of years, months, and days.

Example:

```
import java.time.LocalDate;
import java.time.Period;

public class DateDifference {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      LocalDate startDate = LocalDate.of(2020, 5, 15);
      LocalDate endDate = LocalDate.of(2025, 2, 25);

      Period period = Period.between(startDate, endDate);
      System.out.println("Years: " + period.getYears() + ",

Months: " + period.getMonths() + ", Days: " + period.getDays());
   }
}
```

Using *Duration* for Time Differences

Used for differences in hours, minutes, seconds, and nanoseconds.

```
import java.time.Duration;
import java.time.LocalTime;

public class TimeDifference {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      LocalTime startTime = LocalTime.of(10, 30);
      LocalTime endTime = LocalTime.of(14, 45);

      Duration duration = Duration.between(startTime, endTime);
      System.out.println("Hours: " + duration.toHours() + ",

Minutes: " + duration.toMinutes());
}
```



The Legacy Date API (java.util.Date and java.util.Calendar)

Before Java 8, **Date** and **Calendar** were used, but they had several drawbacks like being mutable and not thread-safe.

Using Date (Legacy API)

```
import java.util.Date;

public class OldDateExample {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
       Date date = new Date();
       System.out.println("Current Date: " + date);
   }
}
```

Using Calendar (Legacy API)

```
import java.util.Calendar;

public class CalendarExample {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
        Calendar calendar = Calendar.getInstance();
        System.out.println("Current Date: " +
   calendar.getTime());

        calendar.add(Calendar.DAY_OF_MONTH, 7);
        System.out.println("Date After 7 Days: " +
   calendar.getTime());
   }
}
```



Converting Between Old and New API

Since Java 8, you can convert between **Date** and **LocalDateTime** easily.

Convert Date to LocalDateTime

```
import java.time.Instant;
import java.time.LocalDateTime;
import java.time.ZoneId;
import java.util.Date;

public class ConvertDate {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Date date = new Date();
        Instant instant = date.toInstant();
        LocalDateTime localDateTime =
instant.atZone(ZoneId.systemDefault()).toLocalDateTime();

        System.out.println("Converted LocalDateTime: " +
localDateTime);
    }
}
```

Convert LocalDateTime to Date



Exceptions and Assertions

Exception Overview

Exception

An **exception** in Java is an event that **disrupts the normal flow of a program**. It is triggered during runtime when an operation cannot be successfully completed due to an unexpected issue, such as invalid user input, resource unavailability, or incorrect calculations.

When an exception occurs, Java provides a way to handle it gracefully using a mechanism called **exception handling**, ensuring that the application doesn't crash abruptly.

Why Are Exceptions Important?

Handling exceptions properly helps in:

- Preventing application crashes.
- Providing meaningful error messages to users.
- Allowing the program to recover and continue execution.
- Improving code maintainability and debugging.

Common Causes of Exceptions

Here are some common scenarios where exceptions occur:

Invalid User Input

If a program expects a number but receives a string, it can cause an exception.



```
System.out.println("You entered: " + num);
}
```

Attempting to Access an Array Index Out of Bounds

If you try to access an index in an array that doesn't exist, an ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException occurs.

Example:

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    int[] numbers = {1, 2, 3};
    System.out.println(numbers[5]); //
ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException
}
```

Dividing a Number by Zero

In Java, division by zero results in an ArithmeticException.

Example:

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
   int result = 10 / 0; // Throws ArithmeticException
   System.out.println(result);
}
```

Opening a Non-Existent File

If a file is not found when trying to read or write, a FileNotFoundException occurs.



Network Connectivity Issues

When trying to connect to a remote server or database, a SocketException or IOException can occur if the network is unavailable.

Example:

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    try {
        URL url = new URL("http://example.com");
        HttpURLConnection connection = (HttpURLConnection)
url.openConnection();
        connection.connect();
    } catch (Exception e) {
        System.out.println("Network issue: " + e.getMessage());
    }
}
```

How Java Handles Exceptions

When an exception occurs, Java creates an **exception object** containing details about the error (e.g., type of error, message, location in code). This object is passed up the **call stack** until it is caught by an appropriate exception handler (a try-catch block).

Exception Lifecycle

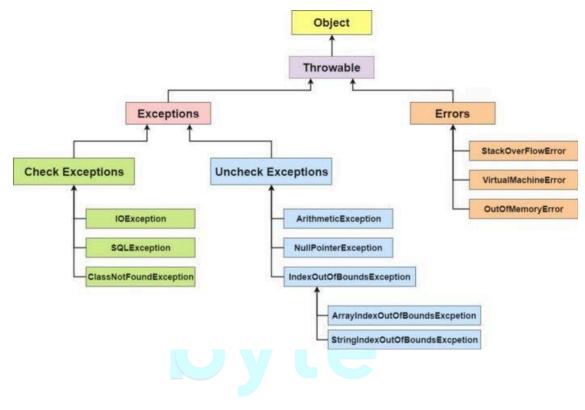
- An error occurs.
- 2. The Java Runtime Environment (JRE) creates an exception object.
- 3. The exception propagates up the call stack.
- 4. If handled (try-catch), the program continues execution.
- 5. If not handled, the program terminates abnormally.

Exception Class Hierarchy

Exception Class Hierarchy



In Java, exceptions are represented as objects that inherit from the Throwable class. The hierarchy follows this structure:



1. Throwable Class

- The root of the exception hierarchy.
- All exceptions and errors inherit from Throwable.

2. Exception Class

- Represents exceptional conditions that applications **should** handle.
- It includes both checked and unchecked exceptions.

3. Error Class

- Represents serious problems that applications should not handle.
- These are caused by the Java Virtual Machine (JVM) and include memory and system failures.

Exception Types

1. Checked Exceptions

- These exceptions must be handled either using try-catch or declared using throws.
- Occurs during compile-time.
- Examples:



- IOException: Occurs when a file is not found.
- SQLException: Occurs during database interactions.
- ClassNotFoundException: Thrown when a required class is missing.

Example:

2. Unchecked Exceptions (Runtime Exceptions)

- These exceptions do not require mandatory handling.
- They occur during **runtime** due to programming errors.
- o Examples:
 - NullPointerException: Trying to access a method or field of a null object.
 - ArithmeticException: Division by zero.
 - IndexOutOfBoundsException: Accessing an invalid array index.



3. Errors

- These indicate serious problems that cannot be handled.
- o Examples:
 - StackOverflowError: Infinite recursion.
 - OutOfMemoryError: Insufficient heap space.

Example of StackOverflowError:

Key Differences Between Checked and Unchecked Exceptions

Feature	Checked Exceptions	Unchecked Exceptions
Occurrence	Compile-time	Runtime



Handling Required?	Yes, must be handled with try-catch or throws	No mandatory handling
Examples	IOException, SQLException	NullPointerException, ArithmeticException

Propagation of Exceptions

Exception Propagation

Exception propagation refers to how an exception moves up the call stack when it is not caught in the method where it occurs. If a method throws an exception but does not handle it, the exception propagates to the method that called it. This continues until either:

- 1. The exception is caught and handled somewhere in the call stack, or
- 2. It reaches the main() method. If main() does not handle it, the JVM terminates the program and prints a stack trace.

Example of Exception Propagation

Explanation:



- 1. method1() contains an error (10 / 0), which throws an ArithmeticException.
- 2. Since method1() does not handle the exception, it propagates to method2(), which called method1().
- 3. method2() also does not handle the exception, so it propagates further to main().
- 4. Since main() does not handle it either, the JVM terminates the program and prints the exception message.

Output:

```
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.<u>ArithmeticException</u> Create breakpoint: / by zero at com.lpu.unit4.exceptions.ExceptionPropagation.method1(<u>ExceptionPropagation.java:5</u>) at com.lpu.unit4.exceptions.ExceptionPropagation.method2(<u>ExceptionPropagation.java:9</u>) at com.lpu.unit4.exceptions.ExceptionPropagation.main(<u>ExceptionPropagation.java:13</u>)
```

Handling Exception Propagation

To prevent abrupt termination, exceptions can be caught at any level of the call stack using try-catch.

Example: Handling the Exception in main()

```
public class ExceptionHandlingExample {
    static void method1() {
        int result = 10 / 0; // ArithmeticException
    }
    static void method2() {
        method1();
    }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        try {
            method2(); // Exception propagates, but is caught
here
        } catch (ArithmeticException e) {
            System.out.println("Exception handled: " +
e.getMessage());
        }
    }
}
```



```
Output:
Exception handled: / by zero
```

Key Points About Exception Propagation

- 1. Unchecked exceptions (Runtime exceptions) automatically propagate up the call stack.
 - Examples: ArithmeticException, NullPointerException, ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException.
- 2. Checked exceptions do NOT propagate unless declared using throws.

```
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class CheckedExceptionPropagation {
  static void method1() throws IOException {
       throw new IOException("File not found");
  static void method2() throws IOException {
      method1(); // Propagates exception
  public static void main(String[] args) {
          method2(); // Handles the propagated exception
       } catch (IOException e) {
           System.out.println("Exception handled: " +
e.getMessage());
```



```
Output:
Exception handled: File not found
```

3. If an exception is not caught anywhere, the program terminates abnormally, printing a stack trace.

Exception Handling Using try, catch, and finally

1. try Block

- The try block contains the code that might throw an exception.
- If an exception occurs inside try, it will be thrown and can be caught in a catch block.

2. catch Block

- The catch block is used to handle exceptions thrown from the try block.
- It can contain custom logic for handling the exception.

3. finally Block

- The finally block is always executed, whether an exception occurs or not.
- It is typically used to release resources like database connections, file streams, etc.

Example: Using try, catch, and finally



```
}
Output:
Exception caught: / by zero
This block always executes.
```

Using throw and throws

throw Keyword

- The throw keyword is used to explicitly throw an exception.
- It is typically used inside a method or a block of code.
- The exception object thrown must be of type Throwable or a subclass of it.

Example of throw

```
public class ThrowExample {
    static void validate(int age) {
        if (age < 18) {
            throw new IllegalArgumentException("Age must be 18 or above");
        }
    }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        validate(16); // Throws IllegalArgumentException
    }
}</pre>
```

Explanation:

- The validate method checks if the age is below 18.
- If the condition is met, an IllegalArgumentException is thrown.
- Since there is no try-catch, the program terminates with an error.

throws Keyword

- The throws keyword is used to declare exceptions that a method might throw.
- It is placed in the method signature.



• This informs the caller of the method that it must handle or propagate the exception.

Example of throws

Explanation:



- The readFile method declares that it may throw an IOException.
- Since IOException is a checked exception, the caller (main) must handle it using try-catch.

Key Differences Between throw and throws

Feature	throw	throws
Purpose	Used to throw an exception inside a method	Used in method signature to declare an exception
Placement	Inside method body	After method signature
Type of Exception	Must be an instance of Throwable	Can be checked or unchecked exceptions
Requires Handling?	No, but must be caught somewhere	Yes, must be handled or propagated



Handling Multiple Exceptions Using Multi-Catch

Java allows catching multiple exceptions in a **single** catch block using the **multi-catch** feature introduced in **Java 7**. This reduces code duplication and improves readability.

How Multi-Catch Works

- Multiple exceptions can be caught using a **pipe** (|) **operator** in a **single** catch block.
- The variable e will be a common reference for all exceptions listed in the catch block.
- The exceptions specified must not have an **inheritance relationship** (i.e., one should not be a subclass of the other).

Example 1: Handling Multiple Exceptions

Explanation:

- The try block contains two possible exceptions:
 - ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException when accessing an invalid array index.



- ArithmeticException due to division by zero.
- The first exception (ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException) occurs, and execution jumps to the catch block.
- Since both exceptions are handled in the same block, the program does not crash.

Example 2: Handling Multiple Exceptions without Pipe

Key Points to Remember

- 1. **Improves code efficiency** by reducing duplicate catch blocks.
- 2. The exceptions must be unrelated (not in the same inheritance hierarchy).
- 3. The common exception reference (e) cannot call exception-specific methods because it is a general reference.
- 4. It helps in **better exception handling** with cleaner code.

When NOT to Use Multi-Catch



You **cannot** use multi-catch if exceptions have an **inheritance relationship**, **Example**:

- FileNotFoundException is a subclass of IOException, so they are related.
- In such cases, **catch only the parent class** (IOException) instead.

Auto-Close Resources with try-with-resources

The **try-with-resources** statement was introduced in **Java 7** to automatically close resources such as files, database connections, sockets, and streams. This eliminates the need for explicitly closing resources in a **finally** block, reducing the risk of resource leaks.

How try-with-resources Works

- Any resource declared inside the try parentheses must implement the AutoCloseable or Closeable interface.
- The resource is **automatically closed** when the try block finishes execution, regardless of whether an exception occurs or not.

Example of try-with-resources



Explanation:

- 1. BufferedReader and FileReader are declared inside try
 - Since BufferedReader implements AutoCloseable, it will be automatically closed when the try block finishes execution.
- 2. No need for an explicit finally block
 - Normally, without try-with-resources, we would have to write a finally block to close BufferedReader.
 - o Here, Java handles it implicitly.



Equivalent Code Without try-with-resources (Before Java 7)



```
}
}
}
```

Problems with This Approach:

- More code (need for finally block).
- Possible memory/resource leak if br.close() is not explicitly called.
- Error handling complexity (nested try-catch in finally block).

Multiple Resources in try-with-resources

You can declare multiple resources in a single try block, separated by semicolons (;).

Example



 Both FileReader and BufferedReader will be automatically closed after the try block.

Custom Resources with AutoCloseable

You can create a custom resource that implements AutoCloseable.

Example:

```
class MyResource implements AutoCloseable {
    public void doSomething() {
        System.out.println("Resource is working");
    }

    @Override
    public void close() {
        System.out.println("Resource closed");
    }
}

public class CustomResourceExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        try (MyResource res = new MyResource()) {
            res.doSomething();
        }
    }
}

Output:
Resource is working
Resource closed
```

• The close() method is called automatically when exiting the try block.



Advantages of try-with-resources

- **Reduces Code Complexity** No need for a finally block.
- Prevents Resource Leaks Ensures resources are always closed.
- Cleaner Exception Handling No need for nested try-catch blocks.
- Supports Multiple Resources Can manage multiple resources in one statement.

Creating Custom Exceptions

Custom exceptions allow developers to define application-specific errors by extending the Exception class. This approach improves error handling by providing meaningful exception messages and enabling structured exception management.

Why Use Custom Exceptions?

- To represent specific application errors.
- To improve code readability and debugging.
- To distinguish between different failure scenarios.

Example: Creating a Custom Exception

```
// Custom exception class
class CustomException extends Exception {
   public CustomException(String message) {
        super(message); // Pass message to Exception class
   }
}

public class CustomExceptionExample {
   // Method that throws the custom exception
   static void validate(int age) throws CustomException {
        if (age < 18) {
            throw new CustomException("Not eligible to vote");
        }
   }
   public static void main(String[] args) {
        try {
            validate(16); // This will throw CustomException
        } catch (CustomException e) {</pre>
```



```
System.out.println("Caught: " + e.getMessage());
}
}

}
```

How It Works

1. Define a Custom Exception

- Extend the Exception class (or RuntimeException for unchecked exceptions).
- Call the super() constructor to pass the error message.

2. Throw the Custom Exception

 The validate() method checks the age and throws CustomException if the condition is met.

3. Handle the Exception

• The try-catch block catches and handles the exception.

Checked vs. Unchecked Custom Exceptions

- Checked Exception (extends Exception): Must be handled using try-catch or declared using throws.
- **Unchecked Exception** (extends RuntimeException): Does not require mandatory handling.

Example of Unchecked Custom Exception

```
class CustomUncheckedException extends RuntimeException {
    public CustomUncheckedException(String message) {
        super(message);
    }
}

public class UncheckedExceptionDemo {
    static void check(int number) {
        if (number < 0) {
            throw new CustomUncheckedException("Number must be positive");
        }
    }
}</pre>
```



```
public static void main(String[] args) {
        check(-5); // No need for try-catch, will terminate the
program
    }
}
```

Testing Invariants Using Assertions

Assertions in Java are used to validate assumptions made in a program during development. They help catch logical errors early by **terminating execution** when an assumption is false. Assertions are primarily used for debugging and testing, rather than handling recoverable runtime errors.

How Assertions Work



- The assert keyword is followed by a boolean expression that should evaluate to true.
- If the expression evaluates to false, an AssertionError is thrown.
- Assertions are **disabled by default** at runtime and need to be enabled explicitly using the -ea (enable assertions) JVM option.

Example: Basic Assertion Usage

```
public class AssertionExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        int age = 15;
        assert age >= 18 : "Age must be at least 18";
        System.out.println("Age is " + age);
    }
}
```

Explanation:

• The assertion assert age >= 18 : "Age must be at least 18"; checks whether age is at least 18.



- If age < 18, an AssertionError is thrown with the message "Age must be at least 18".
- Otherwise, execution proceeds normally.

Enabling Assertions in Java

Since assertions are disabled by default, running the above program normally will **not** trigger an assertion error. To enable assertions, run:

```
java -ea AssertionExample
```

(-ea stands for **enable assertions**)

If assertions are enabled and age < 18, the output will be:

```
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.AssertionError: Age must be at least 18
```

If assertions are **not enabled**, the program will execute normally:

```
Age is 15
```

Using Assertions to Test Invariants

Assertions are useful for checking **invariants**—conditions that should always hold true throughout a program.

Example: Validating a Bank Account Balance



```
public void withdraw(int amount) {
    assert amount > 0 : "Withdrawal amount must be positive";
    assert balance >= amount : "Insufficient balance";
    balance -= amount;
}

public int getBalance() {
    return balance;
}

public static void main(String[] args) {
    BankAccount account = new BankAccount(100);
    account.withdraw(150); // This will trigger an

AssertionError
}
```

Key Assertions:

- Ensuring non-negative balance: assert balance >= 0 : "Balance cannot be negative";
- Checking valid withdrawal amount: assert amount > 0: "Withdrawal amount must be positive";
- 3. Preventing overdraft: assert balance >= amount : "Insufficient balance";

If assertions are enabled and the withdrawal exceeds the balance, an AssertionError is thrown.

When to Use Assertions

- ▼ For development and debugging
- To check program invariants and assumptions
- For internal checks that should never fail

When NOT to Use Assertions



- X For handling user input validation Use if conditions and exceptions instead.
- **For essential program logic** Assertions can be disabled, so critical checks should use if-else and throw exceptions.

Incorrect Use (Bad Practice)

Assertions should **not** replace input validation since they might be disabled at runtime.

Instead, use:

```
if (age < 0) {
   throw new IllegalArgumentException("Age cannot be negative");
}</pre>
```