

10. Exception Handling

Execution Errors

- Errors seldom* occur during execution of programs
- Sometimes it is the program
- Otherwise, it is the data
- Basic sanity checks
- Acts of god: system shutdown, out of memory (google for OOME), poor JVM/library implementation

Syntax

try {

- throw new Exception("a is null");
- } catch (Exception e){
 System.out.println(e.getMessage());
 } finally {

Try-Catch-Finally

- Put code in *try* block
- If an error occurs, will execute the *catch* block
- In any case, even if returning on *try/catch*, execute the *finally* block
- *catch* block can take an argument, an instance of *Throwable*, usually an *Exception*

Throw

- *throw* exceptions if you decide to handle them in *catch* blocks
- If you don't want to handle exceptions, throw them automatically to caller by *throws* in the function definition/declaration (Abstract/Interfaces)
- Subclasses of *RuntimeException* are unchecked by compiler
- Other thrown *Exception*s are checked

Hierarchy

- Exception and Error inherit from Throwable
- *catch* specific subclasses of *Exception* before *Exception*
- In general, *catch* subclasses before their superclasses
- Create your own *Exception* classes, simply use *super()* in default constructor; Optionally create one with a *String* argument and *super(argument)*

Demonstration

• Compile and Execute a few programs

Questions?