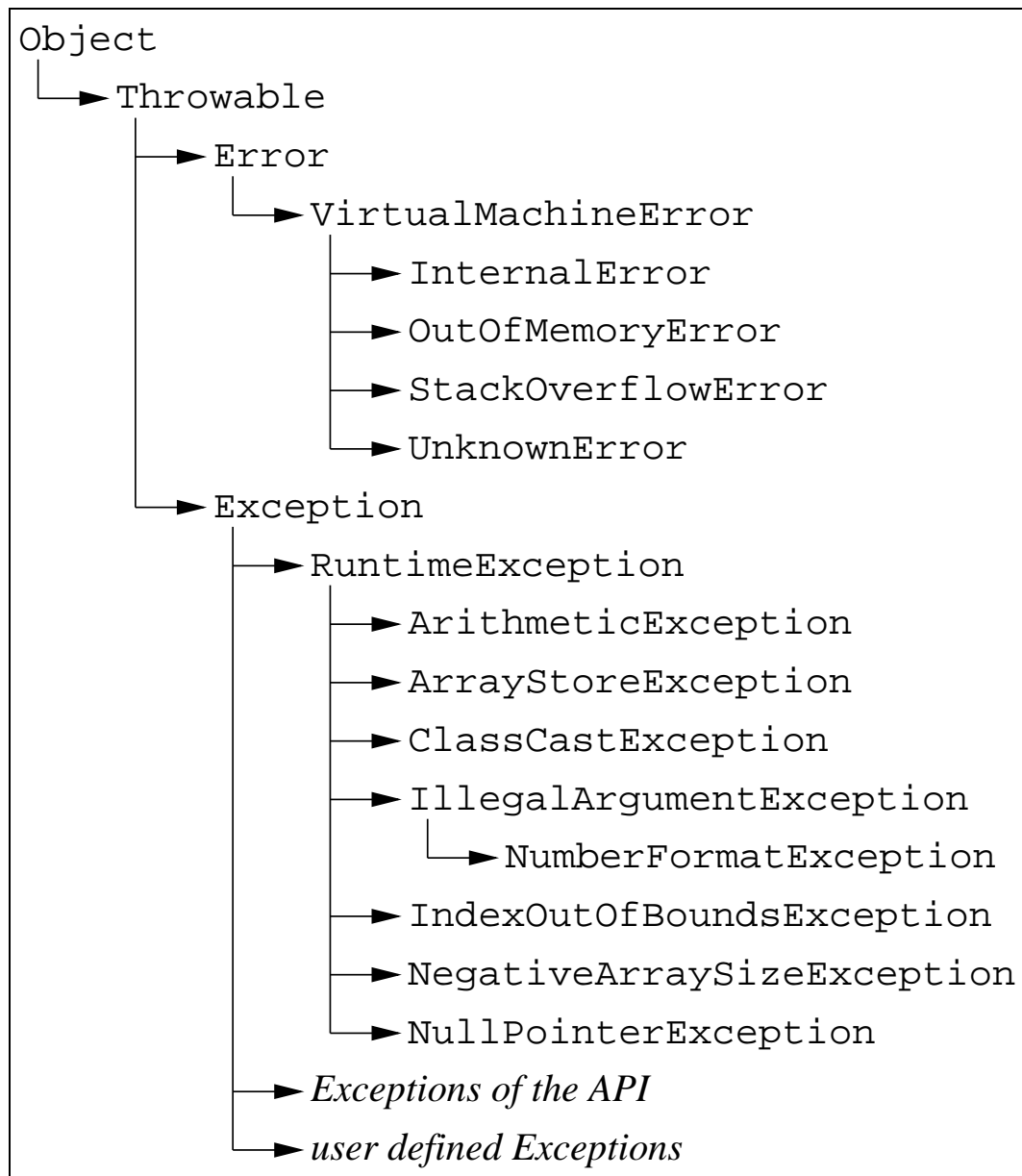


Errors and exceptions in Java ξ



Checked exceptions and throws clauses

Definition. A class E is called a **checked exception class** iff

- $E \preceq_h \text{Throwable}$
- $E \not\preceq_h \text{Error}$
- $E \not\preceq_h \text{RuntimeException}$

Syntax of throws clauses:

$\text{meth}(D_1 x_1, \dots, D_n x_n) \text{ throws } E_1, \dots, E_n \text{ body}$

Constraint: $E_i \preceq_h \text{Throwable}$

Definition. A Method $msig$ throws **more specific exceptions** in A than in B , iff for each class E occurring in the throws clause of $msig$ in A there exists a class F in the throws clause of $msig$ in B such that $E \preceq_h F$.

Constraint. If a method $A/msig$ **directly overrides** $B/msig$, then $msig$ **throws more specific exceptions** in A than in B .

Syntax of Java_ε

$Stm ::= \dots \mid \text{throw } Exp;$
 $\mid \text{try } Block$
 $\quad \text{catch } (Class_1 Loc_1) Block_1 \dots \text{catch } (Class_n Loc_n) Block_n$
 $\mid Stm \text{ finally } Block$

Definition. An exception E is **allowed** at a position α , iff one of the following conditions is true:

- $E \preceq_h \text{Error}$
- $E \preceq_h \text{RuntimeException}$
- The position α is in a **try block** and at least one **catch clause** of the try statement has a parameter of type F such that $E \preceq_h F$
- The position α is in the body of a **method or constructor declaration** and there exists a class F in the **throws clause** of the declaration such that $E \preceq_h F$

Type constraints for Java_ε

<code>catch (<i>E loc</i>) block</code>	$E \preceq_h \text{Throwable}$.
<code>throw ^α<i>exp</i>;</code>	$\mathcal{T}(\alpha) \preceq_h \text{Throwable}$ and $\mathcal{T}(\alpha)$ is allowed at position α .
^α <code>(<i>exp</i>₀.<i>C</i> / <i>msig</i>(<i>exps</i>))</code>	Each class E occurring in the throws clause of $msig$ in C is allowed at position α .
^α <code><i>C</i>.<i>msig</i>(<i>exps</i>)</code>	Each class E occurring in the throws clause of $msig$ in C is allowed at position α .

Vocabulary of the ASM for Java ε

$Abr = Break(Lab) \mid Continue(Lab)$
 $\mid Return \mid Return(Val) \mid Exc(Ref)$

Transition rules for Java ε

$execJava_E =$
 $execJavaExp_E$
 $execJavaStm_E$

$failUp(exc) = yieldUp(\text{throw new } exc();)$
 $fail(exc) = yield(\text{throw new } exc();)$

Transition rules for Java_ε (Expressions)

$execJavaExp_E = \text{case } context(pos) \text{ of}$

- $\alpha val_1 \text{ bop } \blacktriangleright val_2 \rightarrow \text{if } bop \in divMod \wedge isZero(val_2) \text{ then } failUp(NullPointerException)$
- $\blacktriangleright ref.c/f \rightarrow \text{if } ref = null \text{ then } failUp(NullPointerException)$
- $\alpha ref.c/f = \blacktriangleright val \rightarrow \text{if } ref = null \text{ then } failUp(NullPointerException)$
- $\alpha ref.c/m \blacktriangleright (vals) \rightarrow \text{if } ref = null \text{ then } failUp(NullPointerException)$
- $(c) \blacktriangleright ref \rightarrow \text{if } ref \neq null \wedge classOf(ref) \not\leq c \text{ then } failUp(ClassCastException)$

Transition rules for Java \mathcal{E} (Statements)

$execJavaStm_E = \text{case context}(pos)$ of

$\text{throw } \alpha \text{ exp}; \rightarrow pos := \alpha$

$\text{throw } \blacktriangleright \text{ref}; \rightarrow \text{if } ref = null \text{ then } failUp(\text{NullPointerException})$
 $\quad \text{else } yieldUp(\text{Exc}(ref))$

$\text{try } \alpha \text{ stm catch } \dots \rightarrow pos := \alpha$

$\text{try } \blacktriangleright \text{Norm catch } \dots \rightarrow yieldUp(\text{Norm})$

$\text{try } \blacktriangleright \text{Exc}(ref) \text{ catch } (c_1 x_1)^{\beta_1} \text{ stm}_1 \dots \text{ catch } (c_n x_n)^{\beta_n} \text{ stm}_n \rightarrow$

$\text{if } \exists 1 \leq j \leq n : classOf(ref) \preceq_h c_j \text{ then}$

$\text{let } j = \min\{i \mid classOf(ref) \preceq_h c_i\}$

$pos := \beta_j$

$locals := locals \oplus \{(x_j, ref)\}$

$\text{else } yieldUp(\text{Exc}(ref))$

$\text{try } \blacktriangleright \text{abr catch } (c_1 x_1)^{\beta_1} \text{ stm}_1 \dots \text{ catch } (c_n x_n)^{\beta_n} \text{ stm}_n \rightarrow yieldUp(\text{abr})$

$\text{try } \alpha \text{ Exc}(ref) \dots \text{ catch } (c_i x_i) \blacktriangleright \text{Norm} \dots \rightarrow yieldUp(\text{Norm})$

$\text{try } \alpha \text{ Exc}(ref) \dots \text{ catch } (c_i x_i) \blacktriangleright \text{abr} \dots \rightarrow yieldUp(\text{abr})$

$\alpha \text{ stm}_1 \text{ finally } \beta \text{ stm}_2 \rightarrow pos := \alpha$

$\blacktriangleright \text{Norm finally } \beta \text{ stm} \rightarrow pos := \beta$

$\blacktriangleright \text{abr finally } \beta \text{ stm} \rightarrow pos := \beta$

$\alpha s \text{ finally } \blacktriangleright \text{Norm} \rightarrow yieldUp(s)$

$\alpha s \text{ finally } \blacktriangleright \text{abr} \rightarrow yieldUp(\text{abr})$

Transition rules for Java_ε (Statements continued)

$execJavaStm_E = \text{case context}(pos) \text{ of}$
 $lab : \blacktriangleright Exc(ref) \rightarrow yieldUp(Exc(ref))$
 $\text{static } ^\alpha Exc(ref) \rightarrow$
 if $classOf(ref) \preceq_h \text{Error}$ **then**
 $yieldUp(Exc(ref))$
 else
 $failUp(\text{ExceptionInInitializerError})$
 $Exc(ref) \rightarrow$ **if** $pos = firstPos \wedge \neg null(frames)$ **then**
 $exitMethod(Exc(ref))$
 if $methNm(meth) = "<clinit>"$ **then**
 $classState(classNm(meth)) := Unusable$

Transition rules for Java_ε (continued)

initialize(*c*) =

...

if *classState*(*c*) = *Unusable* **then**
 fail(NoClassDefFoundErr)

propagatesAbr(*phrase*) =

phrase ≠ *lab* : *s* ∧

phrase ≠ **static** *s* ∧

phrase ≠ **try** ... ∧

phrase ≠ *s*₁ **finally** *s*₂