

Throwing Exceptions

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Problem: if **-10** is entered for the radius in the red program, then the **"ERROR! Radius must be > 0"** occurs. But the output is displayed to the Terminal window. The program might be a graphics program and the user isn't looking at the terminal window. BETTER TO LET THE RED PROGRAM display the error to the user in its own selected way.

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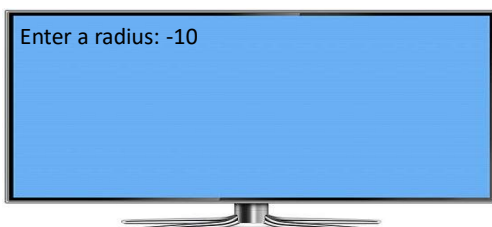
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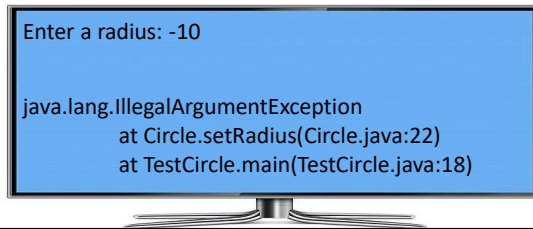
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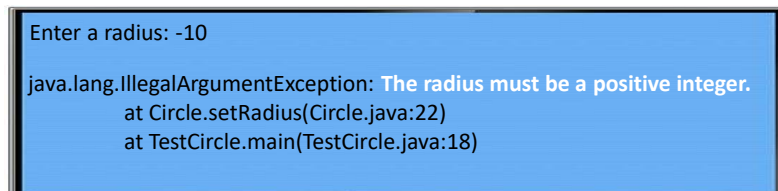
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Enter a radius: -10

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java.lang.IllegalArgumentException: The radius must be a positive integer.
    at Circle.setRadius(Circle.java:22)
    at TestCircle.main(TestCircle.java:18)
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        }
        catch (IllegalArgumentException e) {
            System.out.println("Radius input error, the radius must be positive.");
        }
    }
}
```

Enter a radius: -10
Radius input error, the radius must be positive.

this line doesn't execute, when radius is negative
and
processing continues here

Summary

Throwing an exception is the RIGHT way of telling the **application program** that something went wrong.

It's the responsibility of the **application program** to decide whether to CATCH an unchecked exception or to just let it go.

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For example, we could make up our own exception.

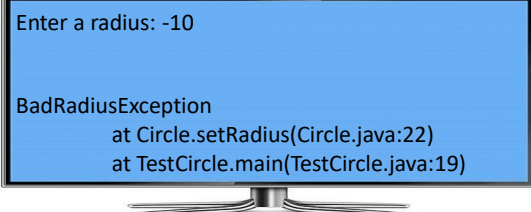
For example, we could throw a **BadRadiusException**, an unchecked exception which we have made up.

1. Create a new class called, BadRadiusException
2. Extend RuntimeException
3. Add a constructor to it.

```
import java.lang.RuntimeException;
```

```
public class BadRadiusException extends RuntimeException
{
    public BadRadiusException(String message) {
    }
}
```

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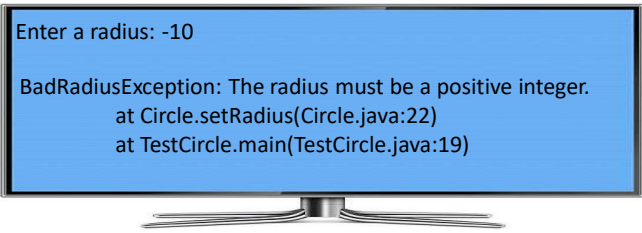
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public class BadRadiusException extends RuntimeException
{
    //instance var
    private String message;

    public BadRadiusException(String message) {
        this.message = message;
    }

    public String toString() {
        return this.getClass().getSimpleName() + ": " + message;
    }
}

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QUIZ

See if you can answer these EXAM style
questions about
throwing exceptions

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    testMethod();  
} catch ( IllegalArgumentException e ) {  
    System.out.println( e.getMessage() );  
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A checked exception must either be caught or be declared to be thrown by adding the “throws” declaration to the method.

`InputMismatchException` is unchecked;

`FileNotFoundException` is checked.

In summary, **checked exceptions** are required to be either caught or declared, while **unchecked exceptions** can be caught optionally, but they do not have to be declared explicitly in the method signature.

Unchecked exceptions are often used for cases where the failure is beyond the programmer's control (e.g., division by zero)

Checked exceptions are used for conditions that the programmer can anticipate and handle (e.g., file not found).

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try {
    badmethod();
} catch (BadMethodException e) {
    System.out.println("ERROR");
}
```

5. Depending on how the user behaves, there are 3 exceptions that might be thrown when this code is run. Your job is to figure out which three exceptions might be thrown then re-write the code with additions to it so that if an exception happens, the program prints a user-friendly message and then starts the program again from the beginning. If the user makes it through with no exceptions, the program should end (i.e. not loop back). [14]

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    Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);

    int[] x = {1,-1,0,2,-2};
    int a = sc.nextInt();
    int b = sc.nextInt();
    int c = x[a];
    int d = x[b];
    int e = c / d;
    System.out.println(e);
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boolean not_ok = true;
while (not_ok) {
    try {
        // content of main method above goes here
        not_ok = false;
    } catch (ArithmeticException e) {
        System.out.println("Can't divide by 0. Start again.");
    } catch (InputMismatchException e) {
        System.out.println("That wasn't an integer. Start again.");
        sc.next(); // this is not optional
    } catch (ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException e) {
        System.out.println("Must be in range 0 to 4. Start again.");
    }
}
```