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Tutorial Two: Exceptions

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This tutorial is not being assessed. It provides you with an opportunity to become familiar with concepts introduced in lectures.

Question One

An absent-minded programmer wrote the following piece of code:

```
void addOneAndPrint () {
    Object[] numbers = {
        new Integer (1), new Integer (2), "3", new Integer (4),
        new Integer (5), "6", "7", new Integer (8), "9", "10"
    };

    for (int i = 0; i < numbers.length; i++) {
        int value = ((Integer)numbers[i]).intValue ();
        System.out.print (value + 1 + " ");
    }

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

They wanted to iterate through each element of array `numbers`, add one to it, and print the resulting array on a single line. Their program compiles, but generates a runtime exception. Your task is to, without modifying the array `numbers` and the overall structure, make the code work. Write your answer in the box below.

```
void addOneAndPrint () {
    Object[] numbers = {
        new Integer (1), new Integer (2), "3", new Integer (4),
        new Integer (5), "6", "7", new Integer (8), "9", "10"
    };

    for (int i = 0; i < numbers.length; i++) {

        int value;

        try {
            value = ((Integer)numbers[i]).intValue();
        }
        catch (Exception e) { /* A ClassCastException really */
            value = Integer.parseInt ((String)numbers[i]);
        }
        System.out.print (value + 1 + " ");
    }

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

Question Two

There is something wrong with the following code. Find the problem, and then solve it by rewriting the code.

```
String course = "CS105";
int number = 0;
try {
    number = Integer.parseInt (course.substring (1, 6));
}
catch (Exception e) {
    System.out.println ("An exception occurred.");
}
catch (NumberFormatException e) {
    System.out.println ("Wrong format for a number.");
}
catch (StringIndexOutOfBoundsException e) {
    System.out.println ("Invalid String Index");
}
finally {
    number = Integer.parseInt (course.substring (2, 5));
    System.out.println (number);
}
```

The problem is:

Since catches are checked sequentially, the program won't compile as both `NumberFormatException` and `StringIndexOutOfBoundsException` are covered by the more general `Exception`.

Solution is:

Reorder the catches:

```
String course = "CS105";
int number = 0;
try {
    number = Integer.parseInt (course.substring (1, 6));
}
catch (NumberFormatException e) {
    System.out.println ("Wrong format for a number.");
}
catch (StringIndexOutOfBoundsException e) {
    System.out.println ("Invalid String Index");
}
catch (Exception e) {
    System.out.println ("An exception occurred.");
}
finally {
    number = Integer.parseInt (course.substring (2, 5));
}
```

Question Three

What is the output of the following code?

```
int numberOfExceptions = 0;
int result;
int[][] values = { {0, 1, 1},
                   {1, 0, 0} };

for (int i = 0; i < values.length; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j < values[0].length; j++) {
        try {
            result = values[i][j]/values[i+1][j+1];
        }
        catch (ArithmeticException e) {
            System.out.println ("Division by Zero.");
            numberOfExceptions++;
        }
        catch (ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException e) {
            System.out.println ("Invalid index.");
            numberOfExceptions++;
            break;
        }
    }
}

System.out.println ("There are " + numberOfExceptions
                   + " exceptions raised in this program");
```

Output is:

```
Division by Zero.
Division by Zero.
Invalid index.
Invalid index.
There are 4 exceptions raised in this program
```

Question Four

To convert a lower--case character to upper--case (caps), we could do the following:

```
upperCaseCharacter = lowerCaseCharacter - 'a' + 'A'
```

This approach will not work if `lowerCaseCharacter` is not a lower--case character. To deal with this situation, we can force a check:

```
if lowerCaseCharacter is really a lower case character:
    upperCaseCharacter = lowerCaseCharacter - 'a' + 'A'
else:
    do not convert
```

You are to download two Java files from the course webpage (look under ``Tutorials``). `CapsFormatException.java` defines a new type of exception -- you don't have to modify this file. File `ToCaps.java` is responsible for converting the lower--case characters of some strings to upper case. This is done in method `convertToCaps ()`: the method takes in a string, and returns the same string but with its lower--case characters converted to caps. All other characters in the original string are left intact. Your approach is required to cause a `CapsFormatException` if the currently--processed character is not lower--case. You should also deal with handling this exception.

An example input string is ``Hello, World!``, and its corresponding output is ``HELLO, WORLD!``. Some test cases are provided -- just run the `main ()` method of `ToCaps.java` once you complete `convertToCaps ()`.

You may find the pseudocode below useful:

```
let s be the string to be returned

for each character c in the input string:
    Attempt to convert c to upper case
    On a failed attempt (i.e. if c is not lower--case),
        raise CapsFormatException
    if a CapsFormatException occurs:
        notify the user that the exception has occurred, and do
        not modify c
    in any case, whether an exception occurs or not, append c to s

return s
```