Chapter 16

Exception Handling

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What exceptions are and when to use them.

To use **try**, **catch** and **throw** to detect, handle and indicate exceptions, respectively.

To process uncaught and unexpected exceptions.

To declare new exception classes.

How **stack unwinding** enables exceptions not caught in one scope to be caught in another scope.

To handle **new** failures.

To understand the standard exception hierarchy.
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16.1 Introduction

- **Exception (异常)**: An exception is an indication of a problem that occurs during a program's execution. 程序执行期间，可检测到的不正常情况。

- 例子: 0作除数; 数组下标越界; 打开不存在的文件; 内存分配失败
16.1 Introduction

- Intermixing program logic
  
  Perform a task
  If the preceding task did not execute correctly
  Perform error processing

  Perform next task
  If the preceding task did not execute correctly
  Perform error processing

- ... ... ...

- Difficult to read, modify, maintain and debug—especially in large applications
- Low performance
16.1 Introduction

- **Exception handling**: In many cases, handling an exception allows a program to continue executing as if no problem had been encountered.

  - Performing the tasks:
    - *Perform task a*
    - *Perform task b*
    - *Perform task c*
    - ...

  - Exception handling:
    - *Process error a*
    - *Process error b*
    - *Process error c*
    - ...

- **try-catch**
  - robust (健壮性) and fault-tolerant (容错)
16.1 Introduction

- How to define our own Exception?
- How to throw Exception?
- How to catch and handle Exception?
- Stack Unwinding (栈展开机制)

- **Scenario A**: Handle exception thrown by C++ standard lib.
- **Scenario B**: Define, throw and handle your own exception.
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16.2 Scenario A: Handle exception thrown by C++ standard lib

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16.2 Scenario A: Handle exception thrown by C++ standard lib

需求: 如何处理C++库调用时抛出的异常？
try-catch语句
Termination Model of Exception Handling

P465 Fig.11.15
Attempt to assign 'd' to s1.at( 30 ) yields:
This application has requested the Runtime to terminate it in an unusual way.
Please contact the application's support team for more information.
1. class Test{
2.   public:
3.     Test(){ cout << "Constructor called." << endl; }
4.     ~Test(){ cout << "Destructor ok." << endl; }
5.   }
6.   int main()
7.   {
8.     Test t;
9.     double *ptr[50];
10.    for ( int i = 0; i < 50; i++ )
11.     {
12.         ptr[ i ] = new double[50000000];
13.         cout << "Allocated 50000000 doubles in ptr[ " << i << " ]\n";
14.     }
15.   return 0;
16. }
16.2 Scenario A: Handle exception thrown by C++ standard lib

- 由于 `new` 操作失败, 程序 `abort`
- 危害：剩余对象全部不析构等

```
Constructor called.
Allocated 50000000 doubles in ptr[ 0 ]
Allocated 50000000 doubles in ptr[ 1 ]
Allocated 50000000 doubles in ptr[ 2 ]
Allocated 50000000 doubles in ptr[ 3 ]
Allocated 50000000 doubles in ptr[ 4 ]

This application has requested the Runtime to terminate it in an unusual way.
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16.2 Scenario A: Handle exception thrown by C++ standard lib

- If `new` fails to allocate memory and `set_new_handler` did not register a new-handler function, `new` throws a `bad_alloc` exception [From MSDN].
  - **Choice 1:** Register a new-handler function
  - **Choice 2:** Handle `bad_alloc` exception
16.2 Scenario A: Handle exception thrown by C++ standard lib

Exception handler典型操作:

✓ reports the error to the user,
✓ logs it to a file
✓ terminates the program gracefully
✓ tries an alternate strategy to accomplish the failed task
16.2 Scenario A: Handle exception thrown by C++ standard lib

1. **try**{
2. // code that may throw exceptions
3. }
4. **catch** (exception-declaration) {
5. // code that executes when
6. // exception-declaration is thrown
7. }
8. **catch** (exception-declaration) {
9. // code that handles another exception type
10. }
11. **catch** (exception-declaration) {
12. 1. 特定异常类型变量的声明, 如: `catch(bad_alloc& theexception)`
2. 通常是异常类型的引用
3. 如要捕捉所有的异常, 则: `catch(...)`
16.2 Scenario A: Handle exception thrown by C++ standard lib

Termination Model of Exception Handling

1. 抛出异常时，try block结束执行；
2. 寻找匹配的catch handler (is-a);
3. 执行catch handler代码；
4. 程序控制跳至最后一个catch handler后的首条语句。( 注意: 不再执行try block中抛出异常点的后续语句 )
16.2 Scenario A: Handle exception thrown by C++ standard lib

```cpp
1. try {
2.     // code that may throw exceptions
3. }
4. catch (exception-declaration) {
5.     // code that executes when
6.     // exception-declaration is thrown
7. }
8. catch (exception-declaration) {
9.     // code that handles another exception type
10. }
11. catch (exception-declaration) {
12. }
13. cout << "following statements";
```
16.2 Scenario A: Handle exception thrown by C++ standard lib

```cpp
int main() {
    Test t;
    double *ptr[50];
    try {
        for (int i = 0; i < 50; i++) {
            ptr[i] = new double[50000000]; // may throw exception
            cout << "Allocated 50000000 doubles in ptr[" << i << "]\n";
        }
    } catch (bad_alloc &memoryAllocationException) // handle exception
    {
        cerr << "Exception occurred: " << memoryAllocationException.what() << endl;
    }
    cout << "Exception handled." << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Constructor called.
Allocated 50000000 doubles in ptr[0]
Allocated 50000000 doubles in ptr[1]
Allocated 50000000 doubles in ptr[2]
Allocated 50000000 doubles in ptr[3]
Exception occurred: bad allocation
Destructor ok.

Exception handled.

--

**Exception**类定义的虚函数，returns error message.
16.2 Scenario A: Handle exception thrown by C++ standard lib

- 修改1: bad_alloc → exception
- 修改2: bad_alloc → logic_error
- 修改3: bad_alloc → …

Figure 16.11. Standard Library exception classes
is-a: A match occurs if the types are identical or if the thrown exception's type is a derived class of the exception-parameter type.

如果没有catch匹配，见课件16.4节
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16.2 Scenario A: Handle exception thrown by C++ standard lib

16.3 Scenario B: Define, throw and handle your own exception

16.4 Stack Unwinding
如何在自己的函数中抛出异常？

需求：设计`quotient`函数，对用户输入的两个数进行除法操作，希望输入的除数为0时能抛出异常，由调用函数捕获并处理该异常

**Exception Specifications 异常说明**
16.3 Scenario B: Define, throw and handle your own exception

// P489. Figure 16.1. Class DivideByZeroException definition
3. #include <stdexcept>
4. using std::runtime_error;
5.
6. class DivideByZeroException : public runtime_error
7. {
8.   public:
9.       DivideByZeroException()
10.          : runtime_error( "attempted to divide by zero" ) {}
11.   };

// P490. Figure 16.2. throws and handle exceptions
13. double quotient( int numerator, int denominator )
14. {
15.   if ( denominator == 0 )
16.     throw DivideByZeroException(); // terminate function
17.   return static_cast< double >( numerator ) / denominator;
18. }

what() 输出的信息
16.3 Scenario B: Define, throw and handle your own exception

```cpp
36. try
37. {
38.     result = quotient( number1, number2 );
39.     cout << "The quotient is: " << result << endl;
40. } // end try
41. catch ( DivideByZeroException &divideByZeroException )
42. {
43.     cout << "Exception occurred: " << divideByZeroException.what() << endl;
44. } // end catch
45. ```

Enter two integers (end-of-file to end): 10 6
The quotient is: 1.66667

Enter two integers (end-of-file to end): 10 0
Exception occurred: attempted to divide by zero
16.3 Scenario B: Define, throw and handle your own exception

```cpp
int someFunction( double value )
throw (ExceptionA, ExceptionB, ExceptionC )
{
    // function body
}
```

- **Exception specification 异常说明**: 列出函数可抛出的异常
  - 函数可抛出指定异常或其派生类型
  - 当函数抛出异常不在异常说明的列表中，自动调用C++标准库`unexpected`函数(缺省将调用`terminate`函数)
  - 如果`throw`后为空括号(), 表示不得抛出任何异常. 此时如果函数仍然抛出异常, 同样由`unexpected`处理

- 如果不给出异常说明, 函数可以抛出任何异常
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Stack Unwinding (栈展开机制)

1. 当某个函数(异常源)抛出异常，将立即结束该函数的正常执行，根据函数调用链 (首先是本函数) 回溯寻找可以 catch 该异常的 Handler；

2. 如果找到了匹配的 Handler，则执行 Stack Unwinding，即：逆序释放进入 Handler 所在函数的 try 语句后构造的所有局部对象 (异常源 → Handler)；

3. 如果在 main 函数中仍没有找到匹配的 Handler，则调用 terminate 函数 (该函数缺省调用 abort，不执行栈展开)，结束程序。
### 16.4 Stack Unwinding

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<td>4. Test t(3);</td>
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<td>5. throw runtime_error( &quot;runtime_error in fun3&quot; );</td>
<td>cout &lt;&lt; &quot;fun1 is called inside main\n&quot;;</td>
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<td>7. cout &lt;&lt; &quot;Reach here? fun3\n&quot;;</td>
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Fun1 is called inside main
Constructor 1
Fun2 is called inside fun1
Constructor 2
Fun3 is called inside fun2
In fun3
Constructor 3
1. void function3() throw ( runtime_error )
2. {
3.   cout << "In fun3\n";
4.   Test t(3);
5.   throw runtime_error( "runtime_error in fun3" );
6.   cout << "Reach here? fun3\n";
7. }

1. void function2() throw ( runtime_error )
2. {
3.   Test t(2);
4.   cout << "fun3 is called inside fun2\n";
5.   function3();
6.   cout << "Reach here? fun2\n";
7. }

1. void function1() throw ( runtime_error )
2. {
3.   Test t(1);
4.   cout << "fun2 is called inside fun1\n";
5.   function2();
6.   cout << "Reach here? fun1\n";
7. }

1. int main()
2. {
3.   try {
4.     cout << "fun1 is called inside main\n";
5.     function1();
6.     cout << "Reach here? fun main\n";
7.   } catch ( runtime_error &error ) {
8.     cout << "Exception occurred: ";
9.     << error.what() << endl;
10.    cout << "Exception handled in main\n";
11.   }
12.   return 0;
13. }

Destructor 3
Destructor 2
Destructor 1
Exception occurred: runtime_error in fun3
Exception handled in main

stack unwinding occur
16.4 Stack Unwinding

fun1 is called inside main
Constructor 1
fun2 is called inside fun1
Constructor 2
fun3 is called inside fun2
In fun3
Constructor 3

This application has requested the Runtime to **terminate** it in an unusual way. Please contact the application's support team for more information.
Cases in which function terminate is called include:

- the exception mechanism cannot find a matching catch for a thrown exception
- a destructor attempts to throw an exception during stack unwinding
- an attempt is made to re-throw an exception when there is no exception currently being handled
- a call to function unexpected defaults to calling function terminate
16.4 Stack Unwinding

- Function `set_terminate` can specify the function to invoke when `terminate` is called.
- Otherwise, `terminate` calls `abort`, which terminates the program without calling the destructors of any remaining objects of automatic or static storage class.
如果 Exception Handler 无法处理捕获的异常，可以 re-throw 重新抛出异常：

```
throw;
```
1. void f2( )
2. {
3.   double a = 0;
4.   try {
5.     throw a; }
6.   catch(double) {
7.     cout << “OK2!” << endl;
8.     throw;
9.   }
10. cout << “end2” << endl;
11. }
12. void f1( )
13. {
14.   try {
15.     f2( ); }
16.   catch(char) {
17.     cout << “OK1!” << endl;
18.   }
19.   cout << “end1” << endl;
20. }
20. int main( )
21. {
22.   try{
23.     f1( );
24.   }
25.   catch(double){
26.     cout <<“OK0!”<<endl;
27.   }
28.   cout << “end0” << endl;
29.   return 0;
30. }
31.
Summary

- 异常的概念
- try-throw-catch模块的语法和处理流程
- 栈展开过程（与构造和析构的关系）
- new异常的处理
实验必选题目(交实验报告):
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实验任选题目(不交实验报告):

作业题目(Homework):