

# Try/finally compilation issues

Nashorn incorrectly compiles try/finally constructs in a variety of cases. The problems exist with all released Java 8 versions, up to and including 8u40. They are fixed in both 8u60 and 9 early release builds.

## Double finally execution with break and continue

In one case, a finally block will execute before a `break` or `continue` statement inside a try/finally. Consider the program below:

```
try {
  for(var i = 0; i < 3; ++i) {
    print("i=" + i);
    if(i == 1) {
      print("continue");
      continue;
    }
  }
} finally {
  print("finally");
}
```

It unfortunately prints:

```
i=0
i=1
continue
finally
i=2
finally
```

Both a `continue` and a `break` statement inside a try/finally block will trigger immediate execution of the finally block (that is, the program above would run the finally block twice if you replaced `continue` with `break`). This is caused by a fault in the compiler logic that ensures that finally blocks are executed before the jump when a `continue` or `break` jump *outside* the try block. Unfortunately, due to the bug, the compiler will emit code that executes the finally block at the jump point even when the jump is *within* the try block.

## Workaround

The compiler stops analysis at function boundaries, so by utilizing an immediately-invoked function expression, you can neutralize the bug:

```
try {
  (function() {
    for(var i = 0; i < 3; ++i) {
      print("i=" + i);
      if(i == 1) {
        print("continue");
        continue;
      }
    }
  })();
} finally {
  print("finally");
}
```

Of course, this only works if you don't have a control flow transfer to outside the try block in its body (e.g. a `return` statement).

## Catches catch exceptions thrown in their sibling finallys

If a finally block in a try/catch/finally throws an exception, it can get caught by its sibling catch block if the try block contains a transfer of control outside of itself (a `break`, `continue`, or `return`). Let's consider the below program:

```
(function(){
  try {
    return;
  } catch(e) {
    print("Caught " + e);
  } finally {
    print("Finally");
    throw "finally-thrown";
  }
})();
```

It prints:

```
Finally  
Caught finally-thrown  
Finally  
test.js:8:8 finally-thrown
```

Showing that the catch block has caught the exception thrown from the finally block. There is no known workaround for this problem.