

Problem Statement: Employee Data Management & File Processing System (Using BufferedReader & PrintWriter)

Develop a Core Java application to manage employee data, demonstrating efficient file I/O, data transformation, and user input handling with robust validation. **You must utilize java.io.BufferedReader for reading text files and java.io.PrintWriter for writing to text files.**

Phase 1: Employee Data Ingestion & Console Display

- **Requirement:** Read employee records from a designated text file (employees.txt).
- **Input Format:** The file uses \$ as the delimiter between fields. Each line represents an employee with the following fields, in order: ID, First Name, Last Name, Mobile Number, Email Address, Joining Date (YYYY-MM-DD), Active Status (true/false).
- **Tooling:** Use BufferedReader to read the input file line by line.
- **Output:** Parse the data from each line, create appropriate employee objects (or data structures), and print each employee's details in a formatted, human-readable way to the console.

- **Project Structure to be followed**

EmployeeManager/

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├── src/
│   ├── com/litmus7/employeemanager/
│   │   ├── app/
│   │   │   └── EmployeeManagerApp.java
│   │   ├── controller/
│   │   │   └── EmployeeController.java
│   │   ├── dto/
│   │   │   └── Employee.java
│   │   └── util/
│   │       └── TextFileUtil.java
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| |— ValidationUtil.java

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|— employees.txt (Input file for Phase 1 - place directly in project root)

Phase 2: Data Transformation & CSV Export

- **Requirement:** Convert the parsed employee data from Phase 1 into a standard comma-separated values (CSV) format.
- **Tooling:** Use `PrintWriter` to write the converted data to a new file named `employees.csv`.
- **Output:** Each employee record should be written as a new line in the `employees.csv` file, with fields separated by commas. Ensure proper CSV escaping if any field content could contain commas.

Phase 3: Interactive Data Entry & Appending

- **Requirement:** Enable users to input new employee data interactively via the console.
- **Tooling:** Use `BufferedReader` (e.g., wrapped around `System.in`) for console input. Use `PrintWriter` (in append mode) for file writing.
- **Validation:** Implement robust input validation for all fields to ensure data integrity. Examples include:
 - ID: Must be a unique positive integer.
 - First Name, Last Name, Mobile Number, Email Address: Cannot be empty.
 - Mobile Number: Must be a valid numerical format (e.g., 10 digits).
 - Email Address: Must follow a basic email format (e.g., `user@domain.com`).
 - Joining Date: Must be a valid date in `YYYY-MM-DD` format and not a future date.
 - Active Status: Must be `true` or `false` (case-insensitive).
- **Output:** Upon successful validation, append the newly entered employee record as a new line to the `employees.csv` file. The application should continue prompting for new entries until the user explicitly indicates they are done.

Appendix: Java Naming Conventions

Consistent naming conventions are crucial for code readability, maintainability, and collaboration in Java projects. Following these widely accepted conventions (from Oracle's Java Code Conventions) will make your code immediately familiar to other Java developers.

Category	Convention	Examples	Explanation
Packages	lowercase.separated.by.dots	com.globalmart.catalog.model, java.util.concurrent	All lowercase letters. Words are separated by dots. Should be unique (often based on reversed domain name).
Classes & Interfaces	PascalCase (UpperCamelCase)	Employee, OrderProcessor, CatalogService, Serializable	Starts with an uppercase letter, and the first letter of each subsequent word is capitalized. Should be nouns or noun phrases.
Methods	camelCase (lowerCamelCase)	calculateTotal(), getActiveCatalog(), processInput(), toString()	Starts with a lowercase letter, and the first letter of each subsequent word is capitalized. Should be verbs or verb phrases.

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Variables	camelCase (lowerCamelCase)	employeeId, firstName, mobileNumber, tempResult	Same as methods. Should be short, meaningful, and indicate the variable's purpose. Avoid single-letter variable names unless in a very short loop (e.g., i, j, k).
Constants	SCREAMING_SNAKE_CASE	MAX_CAPACITY, DEFAULT_VALUE, PI, DEBUG_MODE	All uppercase letters. Words are separated by underscores (_). Used for public static final fields.
Enums	PascalCase	Status, UserRole, Color	Same as classes. Enum constants within an enum (e.g., Status.ACTIVE) follow SCREAMING_SNAKE_CASE like constants.
Type Parameters	SingleUppercaseLetter	<T>, <E>, <K>, <V>, <N>	Used in generics. T for Type, E for Element, K for Key, V for Value, N for Number. If

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			multiple, use S, U, V. For comparable types, C. For generic return types, R.
Exceptions	PascalCase	IllegalArgumentException, FileNotFoundException	Same as classes, typically ending with Exception.
Local Variables	camelCase	line, reader, parsedData	Same as fields. Short-lived variables within a method.
Interfaces (Functional)	PascalCase	Runnable, Comparator, Predicate	Same as classes. Often describes a capability or an action.