


What is File Handling?

File Handling =  Working with external files (read/write/append)

 Why?

- Save data permanently (outside code)
- Share logs or datasets
- Input/output with users
- Persist data after execution

File Handling Syntax

```
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file = open("filename.txt", "mode")
```

Mode	Purpose
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r	Read (default)
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w	Write (overwrite)
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a	Append (add end)
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r+	Read & write
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 **Close file** after use:

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file.close()
```

 Better:

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with open("file.txt", "r") as file:
    ...
```

Examples

Create + Write:

```
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with open('example.txt', 'w') as file:
    file.write("This is written using write mode.")
```

Read File:

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try:
    with open('example.txt', 'r') as file:
        content = file.read()
        print(content)
except FileNotFoundError:
    print("File not found!")
```

Append:




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with open('example.txt', 'a') as file:
    file.write("\nNew line appended.")
```

Read + Write:

```
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with open('example.txt', 'r+') as file:
    file.write("\nAdded with r+ mode.")
```

Working with JSON

JSON = JavaScript Object Notation

-  Structured
-  Platform-independent
-  API-friendly

Write & Read JSON:

```
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import json

data = {"name": "Haris", "age": 25}

# Save JSON
with open("data.json", 'w') as file:
    json.dump(data, file)

# Read JSON
with open("data.json", 'r') as file:
    loaded = json.load(file)
    print(loaded)
```

Exception Handling

Handles runtime errors without crashing program

☐ Types of Errors

Error Type	Example
Syntax Error	<code>print("Hello X (missing `"</code>
Runtime Error	<code>10/0 X (ZeroDivisionError)</code>

☒ Try-Except

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try:
    num = int(input("Enter a number: "))
    print(10 / num)
except ZeroDivisionError:
    print("⚠ Cannot divide by 0!")
```

Multiple Exceptions

```
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try:
    a = int(input("Num1: "))
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b = int(input("Num2: "))
print(a / b)
except ZeroDivisionError:
    print("Error: Cannot divide by zero")
except ValueError:
    print("Error: Input must be a number")
```

Generic Exception

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try:
    num = int(input("Enter number: "))
    print(10 / num)
except Exception as e:
    print("Error occurred:", e)
```

Finally Block

```
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try:
    file = open("example.txt", "r")
    print(file.read())
except FileNotFoundError:
    print("File not found!")
finally:
    print("Closing file...")
    file.close()
```

Custom Exception

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def withdraw(amount):
    if amount < 0:
        raise ValueError("Amount cannot be negative")
    print(f"Withdrawing ${amount}")

try:
    withdraw(-100)
except ValueError as e:
    print("Error:", e)
```

Best Practices

- ✓ Use with `open()` to auto-close files
 - ✓ Use `try-except` for safe coding
 - ✓ Don't leave `except: empty`
 - ✓ Add user-friendly error messages
 - ✓ JSON = great for APIs & configs
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✓ Summary

Topic	Key Use
File I/O	Save/load data, logs, datasets
JSON	APIs, config, structured storage
Exceptions	Crash-free execution, custom errors

✂ Next Lecture:

📁 Working with `.csv` files & creating **Custom Error Classes**