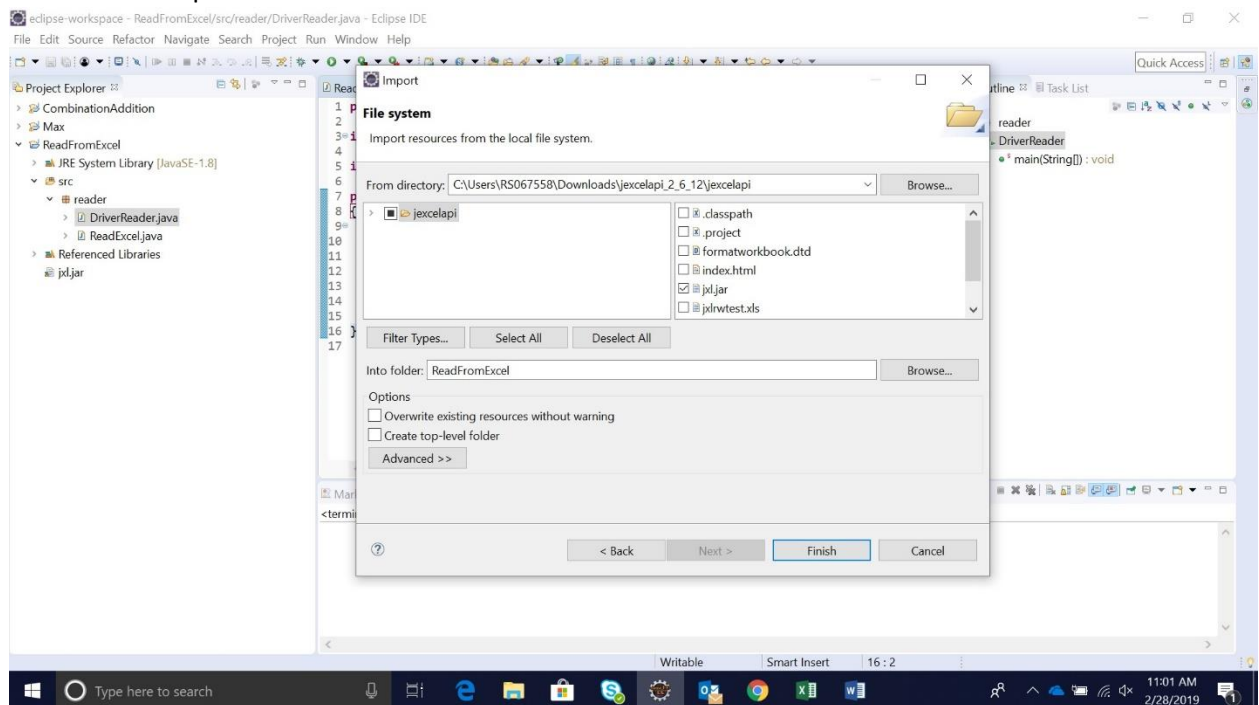Recommended. I have used the '*jxl*' package. Make sure you "*Save As*" the excel file in "*Excel 97-2003 Workbook (.xls)*" format. The Java Excel API deals with this format only, so it will throw an exception when it won't be able to identify an <u>OLE</u> container.

Note. I have used the *Eclipse* IDE. (Not sure whether for a different IDE the following steps will work or not.)

Steps.
1. Download the '*.zip*' from the following link:
   https://sourceforge.net/projects/jexcelapi/files/jexcelapi/2.6.12/
2. Unzip it and store it in your drive.
3. Create a new Java Project.
4. **File** -> **Import...** -> **File System** -> **Next >** ->
5. Follow the setup of the screenshot:

   '**From Directory'** is the file location of the (unzipped) '*jxl*' API.
   '**Into Folder'** indicates to the Java Project Name (Folder).
6. Click on **Finish** and follow the source code files.

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