

EXERCISE 12, WORKING WITH FILES FUNDAMENTAL





Exercise 12, Java - Working with Files

Objective

The objective of this practical session is for you to become familiar with a number of classes found in the **java.io** namespace and practice reading and writing to files.

Part 1 - File I/O Practice

- 1. Back in the **labs** project which you created in *Lab1*, add a new package called **lab12**.
- 2. Add a new class called **Program** to this package with a *main()* method.
- 3. Add three pre-supplied text files to your *src* folder. course.txt, trainer.txt and courseTrainer.txt
 - Tip: to add these right mouse click on the src folder and then select import > general > file system.
- 4. Create a method in the Program class with following signature
 - private static String[] readCSV(String inFile) throws IOException {
 }

We've not covered Exception handling so just ignore the **throws** IOException part for now!

Please also change the main() as: public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {

5. Write code in the readCSV method to read one line the inFile parameter and split the resulting String using "," as delimiter. Return the String[] returned from the split method.

Tip: use the String's split(",") method. This method returns an String[].

6. Back in main(), call the readCSV() method and pass it the "src/course.txt" as file name and capture the result back in a variable called **courses**.

Do the same for "src/trainer.txt" and capture the result in a variable called trainers.

- 7. Create a file called **trainersAndCourses.txt** and append the courses and trainers arrays to this file.
- 8. Run your code and make sure it works.



Part 2 – Relate courses and trainers (optional and only if you've time)

1. Add a pre-supplied text file called **trainerCourse.txt** to the **src** folder.

This file contains rows of two "," separated integers.

The two integers point to trainer numbers (the first value) and course titles (second number).

Trainer and course numbers being the order in which trainers and courses are stored in the files.

For example, **1,2** indicates

"Mike Baradaran" (1st row of trainer.txt), teaching

"Systems Development Basics" (2nd row of course.txt).

Convert all the numbers to trainer names and course titles in order to produce a report.

** End **



