



## Exercise 5c - Reading file



### Beskrivning

We shall now go through the possibility to read from a file using `fstream` in C++.

We have the possibility to choose between the “`ifstream`” and “`fstream`”. The best choice is to use the “`ifstream`” since it is designed for input data to a file.

To read a file we first need to include the `fstream` include file

```
#include <iostream>
```

Then we need to declare and open a file

```
std::ifstream myfile;          //uses ifstream (read only)
myfile.open ("example.txt");    //open stream
```

The easiest way to read data from the file is to use the created file *myfile*, in the same way as we use *cout* for printing to console but change direction to “`>>`”

```
std::string my_string;
myfile >> my_string;    //read from stream
```

Below example will read until a space appears in the file. If you want to read the complete line you need to use `getline` instead.

```
std::getline(myfile,my_string);
```

### Exercise 5c

- Create a program that reads a line of data from the file created in Exercise 5b
- Modify the `example.txt` file in notepad and add more than one word on the same line but with a space between like “Tesla is a car”
- Change the read to use “`>>`” on the stream to a string as described above. You should notice that only the word Tesla will be read.

### Information

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