



Fig. 15.1 | Java's view of a file of n bytes.

```
1  // Fig. 15.2: FileAndDirectoryInfo.java
2  // File class used to obtain file and directory information.
3  import java.io.IOException;
4  import java.nio.file.DirectoryStream;
5  import java.nio.file.Files;
6  import java.nio.file.Path;
7  import java.nio.file.Paths;
8  import java.util.Scanner;
9
10 public class FileAndDirectoryInfo {
11     public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {
12         Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
13
14         System.out.println("Enter file or directory name:");
15
16         // create Path object based on user input
17         Path path = Paths.get(input.nextLine());
```

Fig. 15.2 | File class used to obtain file and directory information. (Part 1 of 5.)

```
18
19     if (Files.exists(path)) { // if path exists, output info about it
20         // display file (or directory) information
21         System.out.printf("%n%s exists%n", path.getFileName());
22         System.out.printf("%s a directory%n",
23             Files.isDirectory(path) ? "Is" : "Is not");
24         System.out.printf("%s an absolute path%n",
25             path.isAbsolute() ? "Is" : "Is not");
26         System.out.printf("Last modified: %s%n",
27             Files.getLastModifiedTime(path));
28         System.out.printf("Size: %s%n", Files.size(path));
29         System.out.printf("Path: %s%n", path);
30         System.out.printf("Absolute path: %s%n", path.toAbsolutePath());
31
```

Fig. 15.2 | File class used to obtain file and directory information. (Part 2 of 5.)


```
32         if (Files.isDirectory(path)) { // output directory listing
33             System.out.printf("%nDirectory contents:%n");
34
35             // object for iterating through a directory's contents
36             DirectoryStream<Path> directoryStream =
37                 Files.newDirectoryStream(path);
38
39             for (Path p : directoryStream) {
40                 System.out.println(p);
41             }
42         }
43     }
44     else { // not file or directory, output error message
45         System.out.printf("%s does not exist%n", path);
46     }
47 } // end main
48 } // end class FileAndDirectoryInfo
```

Fig. 15.2 | File class used to obtain file and directory information. (Part 3 of 5.)

```
Enter file or directory name:  
c:\examples\ch15  
  
ch15 exists  
Is a directory  
Is an absolute path  
Last modified: 2013-11-08T19:50:00.838256Z  
Size: 4096  
Path: c:\examples\ch15  
Absolute path: c:\examples\ch15  
  
Directory contents:  
C:\examples\ch15\fig15_02  
C:\examples\ch15\fig15_12_13  
C:\examples\ch15\SerializationApps  
C:\examples\ch15\TextFileApps
```

Fig. 15.2 | File class used to obtain file and directory information. (Part 4 of 5.)

```
Enter file or directory name:  
C:\examples\ch15\fig15_02\FileAndDirectoryInfo.java  
  
FileAndDirectoryInfo.java exists  
Is not a directory  
Is an absolute path  
Last modified: 2013-11-08T19:59:01.848255Z  
Size: 2952  
Path: C:\examples\ch15\fig15_02\FileAndDirectoryInfo.java  
Absolute path: C:\examples\ch15\fig15_02\FileAndDirectoryInfo.java
```

Fig. 15.2 | File class used to obtain file and directory information. (Part 5 of 5.)



Error-Prevention Tip 15.1

Once you've confirmed that a `Path` exists, it's still possible that the methods demonstrated in Fig. 15.2 will throw `IOExceptions`. For example, the file or directory represented by the `Path` could be deleted from the system after the call to `Files` method `exists` and before the other statements in lines 21–42 execute. Industrial strength file- and directory-processing programs require extensive exception handling to deal with such possibilities.



Good Programming Practice 15.1

When building `String`s that represent path information, use `File.separator` to obtain the local computer's proper separator character rather than explicitly using `/` or `\`. This constant is a `String` consisting of one character—the proper separator for the system.



Common Programming Error 15.1

Using `\` as a directory separator rather than `\\` in a string literal is a logic error. A single `\` indicates that the `\` followed by the next character represents an escape sequence. Use `\\` to insert a `\` in a string literal.

```
1  // Fig. 15.3: CreateTextFile.java
2  // Writing data to a sequential text file with class Formatter.
3  import java.io.FileNotFoundException;
4  import java.lang.SecurityException;
5  import java.util.Formatter;
6  import java.util.FormatterClosedException;
7  import java.util.NoSuchElementException;
8  import java.util.Scanner;
9
10 public class CreateTextFile {
11     public static void main(String[] args) {
12         // open clients.txt, output data to the file then close clients.txt
13         try (Formatter output = new Formatter("clients.txt")) {
14             Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
15             System.out.printf("%s\n%s\n? ",
16                 "Enter account number, first name, last name and balance.",
17                 "Enter end-of-file indicator to end input.");
18
```

Fig. 15.3 | Writing data to a sequential text file with class Formatter. (Part 1 of 3.)

```
19         while (input.hasNext()) { // loop until end-of-file indicator
20             try {
21                 // output new record to file; assumes valid input
22                 output.format("%d %s %s %.2f%n", input.nextInt(),
23                     input.next(), input.next(), input.nextDouble());
24             }
25             catch (NoSuchElementException elementException) {
26                 System.err.println("Invalid input. Please try again.");
27                 input.nextLine(); // discard input so user can try again
28             }
29
30             System.out.print("? ");
31         }
32     }
33     catch (SecurityException | FileNotFoundException |
34         FormatterClosedException e) {
35         e.printStackTrace();
36     }
37 }
38 }
```

Fig. 15.3 | Writing data to a sequential text file with class `Formatter`. (Part 2 of 3.)


```
Enter account number, first name, last name and balance.  
Enter end-of-file indicator to end input.  
? 100 Bob Blue 24.98  
? 200 Steve Green -345.67  
? 300 Pam White 0.00  
? 400 Sam Red -42.16  
? 500 Sue Yellow 224.62  
? ^Z
```

Fig. 15.3 | Writing data to a sequential text file with class `Formatter`. (Part 3 of 3.)

Operating system	Key combination
macOS and Linux	<i><Enter> <Ctrl> d</i>
Windows	<i><Ctrl> z</i>

Fig. 15.4 | End-of-file key combinations.

Sample data				
100	Bob	Blue		24.98
200	Steve	Green		-345.67
300	Pam	White		0.00
400	Sam	Red		-42.16
500	Sue	Yellow		224.62

Fig. 15.5 | Sample data for the program in Fig. 15.3.

```
1  // Fig. 15.6: ReadTextFile.java
2  // This program reads a text file and displays each record.
3  import java.io.IOException;
4  import java.lang.IllegalStateException;
5  import java.nio.file.Files;
6  import java.nio.file.Path;
7  import java.nio.file.Paths;
8  import java.util.NoSuchElementException;
9  import java.util.Scanner;
10
11 public class ReadTextFile {
12     public static void main(String[] args) {
13         // open clients.txt, read its contents and close the file
14         try(Scanner input = new Scanner(Paths.get("clients.txt"))) {
15             System.out.printf("%-10s%-12s%-12s%10s\n", "Account",
16                 "First Name", "Last Name", "Balance");
17
```

Fig. 15.6 | Sequential file reading using a Scanner. (Part 1 of 2.)

```

18         // read record from file
19         while (input.hasNext()) { // while there is more to read
20             // display record contents
21             System.out.printf("%-10d%-12s%-12s%10.2f%n", input.nextInt(),
22                 input.next(), input.next(), input.nextDouble());
23         }
24     }
25     catch (IOException | NoSuchElementException |
26         IllegalStateException e) {
27         e.printStackTrace();
28     }
29 }
30 }

```

Account	First Name	Last Name	Balance
100	Bob	Blue	24.98
200	Steve	Green	-345.67
300	Pam	White	0.00
400	Sam	Red	-42.16
500	Sue	Yellow	224.62

Fig. 15.6 | Sequential file reading using a Scanner. (Part 2 of 2.)

```
1  // Fig. 15.7: MenuOption.java
2  // enum type for the credit-inquiry program's options.
3  public enum MenuOption {
4      // declare contents of enum type
5      ZERO_BALANCE(1),
6      CREDIT_BALANCE(2),
7      DEBIT_BALANCE(3),
8      END(4);
9
10     private final int value; // current menu option
11
12     // constructor
13     private MenuOption(int value) {this.value = value;}
14 }
```

Fig. 15.7 | enum type for the credit-inquiry program's menu options.

```
1  // Fig. 15.8: CreditInquiry.java
2  // This program reads a file sequentially and displays the
3  // contents based on the type of account the user requests
4  // (credit balance, debit balance or zero balance).
5  import java.io.IOException;
6  import java.lang.IllegalStateException;
7  import java.nio.file.Paths;
8  import java.util.NoSuchElementException;
9  import java.util.Scanner;
10
11 public class CreditInquiry {
12     private final static MenuOption[] choices = MenuOption.values();
13
14     public static void main(String[] args) {
15         Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
16
17         // get user's request (e.g., zero, credit or debit balance)
18         MenuOption accountType = getRequest(input);
19     }
```

Fig. 15.8 | Credit-inquiry program. (Part 1 of 7.)

```
20     while (accountType != MenuOption.END) {
21         switch (accountType) {
22             case ZERO_BALANCE:
23                 System.out.printf("%nAccounts with zero balances:%n");
24                 break;
25             case CREDIT_BALANCE:
26                 System.out.printf("%nAccounts with credit balances:%n");
27                 break;
28             case DEBIT_BALANCE:
29                 System.out.printf("%nAccounts with debit balances:%n");
30                 break;
31         }
32
33         readRecords(accountType);
34         accountType = getRequest(input); // get user's request
35     }
36 }
```

Fig. 15.8 | Credit-inquiry program. (Part 2 of 7.)

```
37
38 // obtain request from user
39 private static MenuOption getRequest(Scanner input) {
40     int request = 4;
41
42     // display request options
43     System.out.printf("%nEnter request%n%s%n%s%n%s%n%s%n",
44         " 1 - List accounts with zero balances",
45         " 2 - List accounts with credit balances",
46         " 3 - List accounts with debit balances",
47         " 4 - Terminate program");
48
49     try {
50         do { // input user request
51             System.out.printf("%n? ");
52             request = input.nextInt();
53         } while ((request < 1) || (request > 4));
54     }
55     catch (NoSuchElementException noSuchElementException) {
56         System.err.println("Invalid input. Terminating.");
57     }
58
59     return choices[request - 1]; // return enum value for option
60 }
```

Fig. 15.8 | Credit-inquiry program. (Part 3 of 7.)


```
61
62 // read records from file and display only records of appropriate type
63 private static void readRecords(MenuOption accountType) {
64     // open file and process contents
65     try (Scanner input = new Scanner(Paths.get("clients.txt"))) {
66         while (input.hasNext()) { // more data to read
67             int accountNumber = input.nextInt();
68             String firstName = input.next();
69             String lastName = input.next();
70             double balance = input.nextDouble();
71
72             // if proper account type, display record
73             if (shouldDisplay(accountType, balance)) {
74                 System.out.printf("%-10d%-12s%-12s%10.2f%n", accountNumber,
75                     firstName, lastName, balance);
76             }
77             else {
78                 input.nextLine(); // discard the rest of the current record
79             }
80         }
81     }
```

Fig. 15.8 | Credit-inquiry program. (Part 4 of 7.)

```
82         catch (NoSuchElementException | IllegalStateException |
83             IOException e) {
84             System.err.println("Error processing file. Terminating.");
85             System.exit(1);
86         }
87     }
88
89     // use record type to determine if record should be displayed
90     private static boolean shouldDisplay(
91         MenuOption option, double balance) {
92         if ((option == MenuOption.CREDIT_BALANCE) && (balance < 0)) {
93             return true;
94         }
95         else if ((option == MenuOption.DEBIT_BALANCE) && (balance > 0)) {
96             return true;
97         }
98         else if ((option == MenuOption.ZERO_BALANCE) && (balance == 0)) {
99             return true;
100         }
101
102         return false;
103     }
104 }
```

Fig. 15.8 | Credit-inquiry program. (Part 5 of 7.)

Enter request

- 1 - List accounts with zero balances
- 2 - List accounts with credit balances
- 3 - List accounts with debit balances
- 4 - Terminate program

? 1

Accounts with zero balances:

300	Pam	White	0.00
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Enter request

- 1 - List accounts with zero balances
- 2 - List accounts with credit balances
- 3 - List accounts with debit balances
- 4 - Terminate program

? 2

Accounts with credit balances:

200	Steve	Green	-345.67
400	Sam	Red	-42.16

Fig. 15.8 | Credit-inquiry program. (Part 6 of 7.)

Enter request

- 1 - List accounts with zero balances
- 2 - List accounts with credit balances
- 3 - List accounts with debit balances
- 4 - Terminate program

? 3

Accounts with debit balances:

100	Bob	Blue	24.98
500	Sue	Yellow	224.62

Enter request

- 1 - List accounts with zero balances
- 2 - List accounts with credit balances
- 3 - List accounts with debit balances
- 4 - Terminate program

? 4

Fig. 15.8 | Credit-inquiry program. (Part 7 of 7.)

```
1  // Fig. 15.9: Account.java
2  // Account class for storing records as objects.
3  public class Account {
4      private int accountNumber;
5      private String firstName;
6      private String lastName;
7      private double balance;
8
9      // initializes an Account with default values
10     public Account() {this(0, "", "", 0.0);}
11
12     // initializes an Account with provided values
13     public Account(int accountNumber, String firstName,
14         String lastName, double balance) {
15         this.accountNumber = accountNumber;
16         this.firstName = firstName;
17         this.lastName = lastName;
18         this.balance = balance;
19     }
20
```

Fig. 15.9 | Account class for storing records as objects. (Part 1 of 3.)

```
21    // get account number
22    public int getAccountNumber() {return accountNumber;}
23
24    // set account number
25    public void setAccountNumber(int accountNumber)
26        {this.accountNumber = accountNumber;}
27
28    // get first name
29    public String getFirstName() {return firstName;}
30
31    // set first name
32    public void setFirstName(String firstName)
33        {this.firstName = firstName;}
34
```

Fig. 15.9 | Account class for storing records as objects. (Part 2 of 3.)

```
35    // get last name
36    public String getLastName() {return lastName;}
37
38    // set last name
39    public void setLastName(String lastName) {this.lastName = lastName;}
40
41    // get balance
42    public double getBalance() {return balance;}
43
44    // set balance
45    public void setBalance(double balance) {this.balance = balance;}
46 }
```

Fig. 15.9 | Account class for storing records as objects. (Part 3 of 3.)

```
1  // Fig. 15.10: Accounts.java
2  // Maintains a List<Account>
3  import java.util.ArrayList;
4  import java.util.List;
5  import javax.xml.bind.annotation.XmlElement;
6
7  public class Accounts {
8      // @XmlElement specifies XML element name for each object in the List
9      @XmlElement(name="account")
10     private List<Account> accounts = new ArrayList<>(); // stores Accounts
11
12     // returns the List<Accounts>
13     public List<Account> getAccounts() {return accounts;}
14 }
```

Fig. 15.10 | Account class for serializable objects.

```
1  // Fig. 15.11: CreateSequentialFile.java
2  // Writing objects to a file with JAXB and BufferedWriter.
3  import java.io.BufferedWriter;
4  import java.io.IOException;
5  import java.nio.file.Files;
6  import java.nio.file.Paths;
7  import java.util.NoSuchElementException;
8  import java.util.Scanner;
9  import javax.xml.bind.JAXB;
10
11 public class CreateSequentialFile {
12     public static void main(String[] args) {
13         // open clients.xml, write objects to it then close file
14         try(BufferedWriter output =
15             Files.newBufferedWriter(Paths.get("clients.xml"))) {
16
17             Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
18
```

Fig. 15.11 | Writing objects to a file with JAXB and BufferedWriter. (Part 1 of 3.)

```
19      // stores the Accounts before XML serialization
20      Accounts accounts = new Accounts();
21
22      System.out.printf("%s\n%s\n? ",
23          "Enter account number, first name, last name and balance.",
24          "Enter end-of-file indicator to end input.");
25
26      while (input.hasNext()) { // loop until end-of-file indicator
27          try {
28              // create new record
29              Account record = new Account(input.nextInt(),
30                  input.next(), input.next(), input.nextDouble());
31
32              // add to AccountList
33              accounts.getAccounts().add(record);
34          }
35          catch (NoSuchElementException elementException) {
36              System.err.println("Invalid input. Please try again.");
37              input.nextLine(); // discard input so user can try again
38          }
39
40          System.out.print("? ");
41      }
```

Fig. 15.11 | Writing objects to a file with JAXB and BufferedWriter. (Part 2 of 3.)

```
42
43     // write AccountList's XML to output
44     JAXB.marshal(accounts, output);
45 }
46 catch (IOException ioException) {
47     System.err.println("Error opening file. Terminating.");
48 }
49 }
50 }
```

```
Enter account number, first name, last name and balance.
Enter end-of-file indicator to end input.
? 100 Bob Blue 24.98
? 200 Steve Green -345.67
? 300 Pam White 0.00
? 400 Sam Red -42.16
? 500 Sue Yellow 224.62
? ^Z
```

Fig. 15.11 | Writing objects to a file with JAXB and BufferedWriter. (Part 3 of 3.)

```
1  <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
2  <accounts>
3      <account>
4          <accountNumber>100</accountNumber>
5          <balance>24.98</balance>
6          <firstName>Bob</firstName>
7          <lastName>Blue</lastName>
8      </account>
9      <account>
10         <accountNumber>200</accountNumber>
11         <balance>-345.67</balance>
12         <firstName>Steve</firstName>
13         <lastName>Green</lastName>
14     </account>
15     <account>
16         <accountNumber>300</accountNumber>
17         <balance>0.0</balance>
18         <firstName>Pam</firstName>
19         <lastName>White</lastName>
20     </account>
```

Fig. 15.12 | Contents of clients.xml. (Part 1 of 2.)

```
21      <account>
22          <accountNumber>400</accountNumber>
23          <balance>-42.16</balance>
24          <firstName>Sam</firstName>
25          <lastName>Red</lastName>
26      </account>
27      <account>
28          <accountNumber>500</accountNumber>
29          <balance>224.62</balance>
30          <firstName>Sue</firstName>
31          <lastName>Yellow</lastName>
32      </account>
33  </accounts>
```

Fig. 15.12 | Contents of clients.xml. (Part 2 of 2.)

```
1 // Fig. 15.13: ReadSequentialFile.java
2 // Reading a file of XML serialized objects with JAXB and a
3 // BufferedReader and displaying each object.
4 import java.io.BufferedReader;
5 import java.io.IOException;
6 import java.nio.file.Files;
7 import java.nio.file.Paths;
8 import javax.xml.bind.JAXB;
9
10 public class ReadSequentialFile {
11     public static void main(String[] args) {
12         // try to open file for deserialization
13         try(BufferedReader input =
14             Files.newBufferedReader(Paths.get("clients.xml"))) {
15             // unmarshal the file's contents
16             Accounts accounts = JAXB.unmarshal(input, Accounts.class);
17
18             // display contents
19             System.out.printf("%-10s%-12s%-12s%10s%n", "Account",
20                 "First Name", "Last Name", "Balance");
```

Fig. 15.13 | Reading a file of XML serialized objects with JAXB and a BufferedReader and displaying each object. (Part 1 of 2.)

```

21
22     for (Account account : accounts.getAccounts()) {
23         System.out.printf("%-10d%-12s%-12s%10.2f%n",
24             account.getAccountNumber(), account.getFirstName(),
25             account.getLastName(), account.getBalance());
26     }
27 }
28 catch (IOException ioException) {
29     System.err.println("Error opening file.");
30 }
31 }
32 }

```

Account	First Name	Last Name	Balance
100	Bob	Blue	24.98
200	Steve	Green	-345.67
300	Pam	White	0.00
400	Sam	Red	-42.16
500	Sue	Yellow	224.62

No more records

Fig. 15.13 | Reading a file of XML serialized objects with JAXB and a `BufferedReader` and displaying each object. (Part 2 of 2.)