

# Count the Number of Words in a Poem

## Learning objective:

Through this activity, you will practice writing and using static methods, reading text input through a Scanner class, implementing String methods, and using a loop to iterate through data

## Problem Description:

Your friend wants to know how many times a certain word pops up in his favorite poem, but he is too lazy to count by himself. Thus, he has asked you to help him write a program to do it for him! Your program will take in a text file through the command line. It will first read the file and print its lines. It will then take a word input from the user and count how many times that word occurs throughout the text.

## Provided Files:

- PoemReader.java - This is a skeleton of the class that you will need to write
- poem.txt - This is an example poem for you to test your code. It should be in the same directory as PoemReader.java.

## Useful APIs

This assignment relies heavily on the following classes. We highly recommend you reference the Java SE 8 API for the following classes if you have any questions regarding their functionality and/or associated methods

- Scanner - Class for parsing text based input
- String - Represents character strings
- File - Abstract representation of a file/directories

## Solution Description:

### Part 1 :

Your objective for this part is to print out all the lines from a file you read in verbatim and in the same format.

- 1) Fill in the function printFile that takes in a File and prints out all of the lines. The output should be in the same format as if you opened the file in a text editor
- 2) Fill in the main method so that it can take in file path from System.in (using Scanner). Create a File object using this path and pass in this file to printFile so it can be printed out.

### Note:

- Only pass the File object to the printFile function, don't pass the string of where the file is located.
- Although there are many ways to read a File, using a Scanner is recommended

- printFile should not return anything, do all of the printing inside the function itself
- Make sure the file you enter exists and is in the correct folder
- Watch out for formatting issues that will make the text unreadable. For example, make sure you don't print the entire poem out on one line.
- Any time you ask the user for input, make sure to **prompt** them first:
  - i.e. make sure you give them some warning they need to input something before asking for an input, such as :
  - `System.out.print("Please enter a file path: ");`

## Part 2 :

Now that you've managed to print out the file properly, it is time to count the words!

- 1) Fill in the function wordCount that takes in a File and a String. The function returns how many times that String appears in the file. The String that is passed in should only ever contain one word.
- 2) Update the main method such that:
  - a) A word to look for in wordCount is taken from System.in. Save this input and use it for your wordCount function. (Hint: Use the Scanner class!)
  - b) Use the wordCount function to find out how many times the word exists in the file.
  - c) Print out the number of occurrences of the word in the following format:
    - i) "The word \_\_\_\_ appears \_\_\_\_ times", where the blanks are the word and the number of times it appears respectively

Notes:

- You should account for capitalization issues.
  - For example, "Hello" should be counted if the user entered "hello"
  - Hint: look at the String API to see if there are useful functions for this
- There may be more than one occurrence of a word in a line.
  - For example, "The fruit vendor was out in the street selling fruit." Contains two instances of the word "Fruit"
- Punctuation may be removed through the line
  - `String textNoPunct = text.replaceAll("\\p{Punct}", "");`
  - You do not need to understand why this works
  - Note this only works on Strings, do not try to use replaceAll on a file or any other data type that's not a String
- Make sure you account for words that are substrings of another:
  - For example, "I love applesauce" should not count the word "apple"
- Any time you ask the user for input, make sure to **prompt** them first:
  - i.e. make sure you give them some warning they need to input something before asking for an input, such as :
  - `System.out.print("Please enter a word: ");`

## CHALLENGE:

### Part 3:

Now that you've implemented the word counter, try to implement a function to keep track of the last line of where the word occurs!

- 1) Fill in the function `findLastOccurrence` that takes in a `File` and a `String`. The function returns the line number where that `String` last occurs. The `String` should contain only a single word.
  - a) Assume the first line is line 1
  - b) If the word does not appear at all, the function should return -1
- 2) Update the main method such that:
  - a) It calls `findLastOccurrence` with the same word that was used when calling `wordCount`.
  - b) If the word was found, it prints out where the word last occurred in the following format:
    - i) "Last occurrence of \_\_\_\_\_ is in line \_\_\_\_\_", where the blanks are the word and the line in which it appears respectively
  - c) If the word was not found, it prints out the following:
    - i) "Your word was not found."

### Notes:

- As with the last part, keep in mind capitalization, multiple occurrences, punctuations, and words that are substrings of one another
- You can reuse the code that prompts the user to input a word. You do not need to ask the user for a new word.