

# CNS 1400: Lab #27

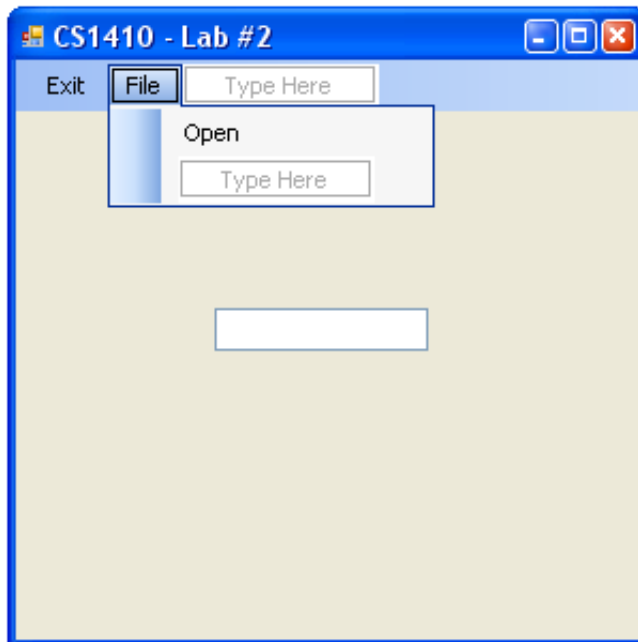
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## Objectives:

The objective of this lab is to learn how to use the File Open Dialog and read data from a file and display it in a TextBox.

## The Interface

Create a new Windows Forms Application. Add a MenuStrip to the Form and include the standard Exit and About menu items. Add a `File` option to the MenuStrip. Under the `File` option add a menu item with the text `Open`. Then place a TextBox control someplace in the middle of the Form. When you are done, your interface should look something like the image below:



## Adding a File Open Dialogue

1. Double click on the `Open` menu item.
2. This will open up the code editor and create a method to handle the event that will get generated when a user clicks on `Open`.
3. Here you will add the code to create a File Open Dialogue box and read some data from the file. When you are done, your event handler code should look something like this (I have added some line numbers for convenience in discussing the code):

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1  private void
  openToolStripMenuItem_Click(object sender,
  EventArgs e)
2  {
3      Stream myStream = null;
4      OpenFileDialog openFileDialog1 = new
  OpenFileDialog();
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6      openFileDialog1.InitialDirectory =
  "c:\\\" ;
7      openFileDialog1.Filter = "text files
  (*.txt)|*txt" ;
8      if(openFileDialog1.ShowDialog() ==
  DialogResult.OK)
9      {
10         if ((myStream =
  openFileDialog1.OpenFile()) != null)
11         {
12             StreamReader data = new
  StreamReader(myStream);
13             textBox.Text = data.ReadLine( );
14         }
15     }
16 }

```

- Be sure to add a `using System.IO;` statement at the top of the file.
- Line 3 declares a Stream reference. The Open method returns a Stream reference that we will store in reference variable `myStream`.
- Line 4 creates an OpenFileDialog object.
- Line 6 defines the initial directory to use when the File Open dialogue is displayed.
- Line 7 defines the file extensions to show in the file dialogue.
- Line 8 displays the File Open dialogue and checks the return value to make sure that this operation worked.
- Line 10 opens the file and assigns the reference to the stream object to `myStream`. If the file did not open for some reason the reference will be null.
- Line 12 creates a StreamReader object using the Stream `myStream` as its parameter.
- Line 13 reads one line of data from the file and stores it in the Text property of the TextBox object. Here I have named that TextBox object `textBox`.

Build test and your program to make sure it meets the specifications described in this lab.

**File(s) to Submit:**

Place your complete project folder in a zip file and name the zip file lab\_27\_your-initials\_V1.0.zip. For example, I would name my file lab\_27\_RKD\_V1.0.zip. Submit this assignment as Lab #27 on Canvas.

## Grading

Description	Points possible	Your points
Assignment meets the submission guidelines. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o All source code files contain a complete file prologue</li><li>o All methods have a complete method prologue</li><li>o Source code files contain declaration that you did not copy code</li><li>o Project has been properly submitted to Canvas</li><li>o Code meets style guidelines</li></ul>	2	
The program works correctly and meets all requirements.	3	
Total	5	