

Midterm Prep: Account Management System

Requirements:

1. Define the `Account` Class:

- The `Account` class should include the following fields:
 - `String firstName`
 - `String lastName`
 - `int id`
 - `double balance`
- Implement a constructor, getters, setters, and a `toString()` method for easy display.

2. Write Accounts to a Binary File:

- Implement a method:
`public static void writeAccountsToFile(ArrayList<Account> accounts, String filename) throws IOException`
- Requirements:
 - Use `ObjectOutputStream` to serialize and save `Account` objects to a binary file.
 - Handle file operations using a try-with-resources block.

3. Read Accounts from a Binary File:

- Implement a method:
`public static ArrayList<Account> readAccountsFromFile(String filename) throws IOException, ClassNotFoundException`
- Requirements:
 - Use `ObjectInputStream` to deserialize `Account` objects from a binary file.
 - Ensure proper handling of `EOFException` to avoid errors when reading the file.

4. Group Accounts by Balance Range:

- Implement a method:
`public static Map<String, List<Account>> groupAccountsByBalance(ArrayList<Account> accounts)`
- Requirements:
 - Define three balance categories:
 - `"High"`: Balance $\geq 10,000$
 - `"Medium"`: Balance between 5,000 and 9,999
 - `"Low"`: Balance $< 5,000$
 - Group `Account` objects into these categories and store them in a `HashMap`.

5. Main Method to Test All Features:

- Implement a `main` method to:
 1. Create sample `Account` objects and store them in an `ArrayList`.
 2. Write the accounts to a binary file using the `writeAccountsToFile` method.
 3. Read the accounts back from the binary file using the `readAccountsFromFile` method.

4. Group the accounts by balance range using the `groupAccountsByBalance` method.
5. Print the grouped accounts to verify the output.

6. Handle Exceptions Gracefully:

- Ensure all methods handle relevant exceptions, such as:
 - `IOException` for file operations.
 - `ClassNotFoundException` for deserialization.
- Print appropriate error messages if exceptions occur.

7. `FileInputStream` - unrelated to the Account system

- Write a method `public static void readFile(String filename)` that:
 1. Opens the specified file using `FileInputStream`.
 2. Reads the file byte by byte and prints each character to the console.
 3. Closes the file stream after reading.

Optional Extensions:

1. Add functionality to Sort Accounts by Balance:
 - Create a method that sorts accounts in ascending or descending order of balance.
2. Filter Accounts by Criteria:
 - Implement a method to filter accounts based on custom criteria, such as accounts with a balance above a specific threshold.