

How to read file in Java - BufferedInputStream

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In this example we will see how to read a file in Java using `FileInputStream` and `BufferedInputStream`. Here are the detailed steps that we have taken in the below code:

- 1) Created a `File` instance by providing the full path of the file(which we will read) during `File` Object creation.
- 2) Passed the file instance to the `FileInputStream` which opens a connection to the actual file, the file named by the `File` object file in the file system.
- 3) Passed the `FileInputStream` instance to `BufferedInputStream` which creates a `BufferedInputStream` and saves its argument, the input stream in, for later use. An internal buffer array is created and stored in `buf` using which the read operation gives good performance as the content is readily available in the buffer.
- 4) Used while loop to read the file. Method `available()` is used for checking the end of the file as it returns 0 when the pointer reaches to the end of the file. Read the file content using `read()` method of `FileInputStream`.

```
package beginnersbook.com;
import java.io.*;
public class ReadFileDemo {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        //Specify the path of the file here
        File file = new File("C://myfile.txt");
        BufferedInputStream bis = null;
        FileInputStream fis= null;

        try
        {
            //FileInputStream to read the file
            fis = new FileInputStream(file);

            /*Passed the FileInputStream to BufferedInputStream
            *For Fast read using the buffer array.*
            bis = new BufferedInputStream(fis);

            /*available() method of BufferedInputStream
            * returns 0 when there are no more bytes
            * present in the file to be read*/
            while( bis.available() > 0 ){
                System.out.print((char)bis.read());
            }

        }catch(FileNotFoundException fnfe)
        {
            System.out.println("The specified file not found" + fnfe);
        }
        catch(IOException ioe)
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    {
        System.out.println("I/O Exception: " + ioe);
    }
    finally
    {
        try{
            if(bis != null && fis!=null)
            {
                fis.close();
                bis.close();
            }
        }catch(IOException ioe)
        {
            System.out.println("Error in InputStream close(): " + ioe);
        }
    }
}

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