

Here's a **complete, safe, and reusable C# example** to compute the **MD5 checksum** from a given Stream (e.g., FileStream, MemoryStream, NetworkStream).

```
using System;
using System.IO;
using System.Security.Cryptography;
using System.Text;

public static class Md5Helper
{
    /// <summary>
    /// Computes the MD5 checksum of the provided stream.
    /// The stream position will be reset to its original position after computation.
    /// </summary>
    /// <param name="inputStream">The input stream (must be readable).</param>
    /// <returns>Hexadecimal string representation of the MD5 hash.</returns>
    /// <exception cref="ArgumentNullException">Thrown if inputStream is null.</exception>
    /// <exception cref="ArgumentException">Thrown if stream is not readable.</exception>
    public static string ComputeMd5FromStream(Stream inputStream)
    {
        if (inputStream == null)
            throw new ArgumentNullException(nameof(inputStream), "Stream cannot be null.");

        if (!inputStream.CanRead)
            throw new ArgumentException("Stream must be readable.", nameof(inputStream));

        long originalPosition = 0;
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    if (inputStream.CanSeek)
        originalPosition = inputStream.Position;

    try
    {
        using (var md5 = MD5.Create())
        {
            byte[] hashBytes = md5.ComputeHash(inputStream);

            // Convert byte array to hex string
            StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder(hashBytes.Length * 2);
            foreach (byte b in hashBytes)
                sb.Append(b.ToString("x2"));

            return sb.ToString();
        }
    }
    finally
    {
        // Reset stream position if possible
        if (inputStream.CanSeek)
            inputStream.Position = originalPosition;
    }
}
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// Example usage
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```
class Program
{
    static void Main()
    {
        try
        {
            using (FileStream fs = File.OpenRead("example.txt"))
            {
                string md5sum = Md5Helper.ComputeMd5FromStream(fs);
                Console.WriteLine($"MD5: {md5sum}");
            }
        }
        catch (Exception ex)
        {
            Console.WriteLine($"Error computing MD5: {ex.Message}");
        }
    }
}
```

Key Points:

- **Safe for any stream:** Works with `FileStream`, `MemoryStream`, etc.
- **Position preservation:** Resets the stream position after hashing if it's seekable.
- **Hex output:** Returns lowercase hexadecimal string (common for MD5).
- **Error handling:** Throws clear exceptions for null or unreadable streams.

If you want, I can also give you a **fully async version** so you can compute the MD5 without blocking the main thread — useful for large files or network streams.

Do you want me to provide that?