

RxIo

Asynchronous non-blocking File Reader and Writer library for Java

About

The [AsyncFiles](#) class allows JVM applications to easily read/write files asynchronously with non-blocking IO. AsyncFiles take advantage of Java [AsynchronousFileChannel](#) to perform asynchronous I/O operations. AsyncFiles provides equivalent operations to the standard JDK [Files](#) class but using non-blocking IO and an asynchronous API with different asynchronous idioms, namely: `CompletableFuture`, `jayield` [AsyncQuery](#), [reactive-streams Publisher](#), Kotlin coroutines and Kotlin [Asynchronous Flow](#). In section [Usage](#) we present some examples using the [AsyncFiles](#) class side by side with the corresponding blocking version of [Files](#).

Installation

First, in order to include it to your project, simply add this dependency:

Maven

```
<dependency>
<groupId>com.github.javasync</groupId>
  <artifactId>RxIo</artifactId>
  <version>1.2.5</version>
</dependency>
```

Gradle

```
implementation
'com.github.javasync:RxIo:1.2.5'
```

Usage

Kotlin examples:

```
suspend fun copyNio(from: String, to: String) {
    val data = Path(from).readText() // suspension point
    Path(to).writeText(data)         // suspension point
}
```

```
Path("input.txt")
    .lines() // Flow<String>
    .onEach(::println)
    .collect() // block to wait for completion
```

```
fun copy(from: String, to: String) {
    val data = File(from).readText()
    File(to).writeText(data)
}
```

```
Path("input.txt")
    .readLines() // List<String>
    .forEach(::println)
```

Java examples:

```
AsyncFiles
    .readAllBytes("input.txt")
    .thenCompose(bytes -> AsyncFiles.writeBytes("output.txt",
bytes))
    .join(); // block if you want to wait for completion

AsyncFiles
    .asyncQuery("input.txt")
    .onNext((line, err) -> out.println(line))
    .blockingSubscribe(); // block if you want to wait for
completion

List<String> data = asList("super", "brave", "isel", "gain");
AsyncFiles
    .write("output.txt", data) // writing lines to output.txt
    .join(); // block if you want to wait for completion

Path in = Paths.get("input.txt");
Path out = Paths.get("output.txt");
byte[] bytes =
Files.readAllBytes(in);
Files.write(out, bytes);

Path path = Paths.get("input.txt");
Files
    .lines(path)
    .forEach(out::println)

List<String> data = asList("super",
"brave", "isel", "gain");
Path path = Paths.get("output.txt")
Files.write(path, data);
```

The `AsyncFiles::lines()` returns a reactive `Publisher` which is compatible with Reactor or RxJava streams. Thus we can use the utility methods of Reactor `Flux` to easily operate on the result of `AsyncFiles::lines()`. In the following example we show how to print all words of a gutenberg.org file content without repetitions:

```
Flux
    .from(AsyncFiles.lines(file))
    .filter(line -> !line.isEmpty()) // Skip empty lines
    .skip(14) // Skip gutenberg header
    .takeWhile(line -> !line.contains("*** END OF ")) // Skip gutenberg footnote
    .flatMap(line -> Flux.fromArray(line.split("\\W+")))
    .distinct()
    .doOnNext(out::println)
    .doOnError(Throwable::printStackTrace)
    .blockLast(); // block if you want to wait for completion
```

Alternatively, the `AsyncFiles::asyncQuery()` returns an `AsyncQuery` that allows asynchronous subscription and chaining intermediate operations such as filter, map and others. We can rewrite the previous sample as:

```
AsyncFiles
    .asyncQuery(file)
    .filter(line -> !line.isEmpty()) // Skip empty lines
    .skip(14) // Skip gutenberg header
    .takeWhile(line -> !line.contains("*** END OF ")) // Skip gutenberg footnote
    .flatMapMerge(line -> AsyncQuery.of(line.split("\\W+")))
    .distinct()
    .subscribe((word, err) -> {
        if(err != null) err.printStackTrace();
        else out.println(word);
    })
    .join(); // block if you want to wait for completion
```