Chapter 5: Summary

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That's our lesson for today. We learned how to use classes from Java's java.io package to read and write text files to and from disks (or other devices) connected to our computers. One of the most common tasks we will encounter in programming is loading data from a file or creating a file with data we have processed. So if you have any trouble at all making it work, or don't understand why it works, please let me know in the Discussion Area. We'll figure it out.

In our next lesson, we'll take a deeper look at how Java uses *inheritance*. Object-oriented languages use inheritance as a mechanism that allows one class to reuse the features of another without having to recreate those features. It's one of the distinctions of the object-oriented paradigm, and we'll see how to make it work for us next time.

Until then, have a great time playing with files, and don't forget to complete the assignment and take the quiz for this lesson!

I'll talk to you later.