You:

I want a class library that can read , write, create and edit xls file

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You can use the Apache POI library for Java to handle Excel files. It allows reading, writing, creating, and editing xls files.

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For .NET, you can use the EPPlus library. It's a popular library for working with Excel files and supports reading, writing, creating, and editing xls files in C#.

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No i want to create my own

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Sure, to create your own class library for working with Excel files in .NET, you can use the EPPlus library as a reference for understanding the structure and methods involved in Excel file manipulation. Then, you can design your own classes to handle reading, writing, creating, and editing xls files based on your specific requirements.

You:

Can you help me to get started

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Certainly! To get started, you'll need to create a new Class Library project in Visual Studio. Here's a basic outline of steps:

1. **Create a new Class Library project:** Open Visual Studio, choose "Create a new project," and select "Class Library (.NET Standard or .NET Core)".

2. **Install EPPlus:** Right-click on your project, select "Manage NuGet Packages," and search for "EPPlus." Install the EPPlus package.

3. **Create your ExcelService class:** Create a class (e.g., ExcelService) to encapsulate your Excel-related functionality. You might want methods for reading, writing, creating, and editing Excel files.

```
csharp
using OfficeOpenXml;

public class ExcelService
{
    public void ReadExcel(string filePath)
    {
        // Implement reading logic using EPPlus
    }

    public void WriteExcel(string filePath)
    {
        // Implement writing logic using EPPlus
    }

    // Add methods for creating and editing as needed
}
```

4. **Implement EPPlus functionality:** Inside your methods, use EPPlus to perform the desired operations. Refer to EPPlus documentation for details on reading, writing, creating, and editing Excel files.

```
csharp
using OfficeOpenXml;

public class ExcelService
{
    public void ReadExcel(string filePath)
    {
        using (var package = new ExcelPackage(new FileInfo(filePath)))
        {
            // Implement reading logic using EPPlus
        }
    }
```

```
    public void WriteExcel(string filePath)
    {
        using (var package = new ExcelPackage())
        {
            // Implement writing
```

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logic using EPPlus, such as creating worksheets, adding data, and saving the Excel package.

```
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using OfficeOpenXml;

public class ExcelService
{
    public void ReadExcel(string filePath)
    {
        using (var package = new ExcelPackage(new FileInfo(filePath)))
        {
            // Implement reading logic using EPPlus
        }
    }

    public void WriteExcel(string filePath)
    {
        using (var package = new ExcelPackage())
        {
            // Create a worksheet
            var worksheet = package.Workbook.Worksheets.Add("Sheet1");

            // Add data to the worksheet
            worksheet.Cells["A1"].Value = "Hello";
            worksheet.Cells["B1"].Value = "World";

            // Save the Excel package to the specified file path
            package.SaveAs(new FileInfo(filePath));
        }
    }

    // Add methods for creating and editing as needed
}
```

5. **Test your class library:** Create a separate console application or unit tests to verify that your ExcelService class works as expected.

6. **Refine and expand:** Refine your class library based on your specific needs. You may want to add error handling, support for different Excel formats, or additional features.

Remember to explore the EPPlus documentation for more details on the library's capabilities: EPPlus GitHub.

You:

Also convert a method that convert a excel to byte array and a method to print on console that byte array

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Certainly! Here's an example of how you can add methods to your `ExcelService` class to convert an Excel file to a byte array and print it to the console:

```
csharp
using System;
using System.IO;
using OfficeOpenXml;

public class ExcelService
{
    // ... existing methods ...

    public byte[] ConvertExcelToByteArray(string filePath)
    {
        byte[] result;

        using (var package = new ExcelPackage(new FileInfo(filePath)))
        {
            // Convert the Excel package to a byte array
            result = package.GetAsByteArray();
        }

        return result;
    }

    public void PrintExcelByteArrayToConsole(byte[] excelByteArray)
    {
        using (var stream = new MemoryStream(excelByteArray))
        using (var package = new ExcelPackage(stream))
        {
            // Access the worksheets, cells, or any other data as needed
            var worksheet = package.Workbook.Worksheets[0];
```

```
            // Print data to the console
            for (int row = 1; row <= worksheet.Dimension.Rows; row++)
            {
                for (int col = 1; col <= worksheet.Dimension.Columns; col++)
                {
                    Console.Write($"{worksheet.Cells[row, col].Text}\t");
                }
                Console.WriteLine();
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Now you can use these methods in your application. For example:

```
csharp
class Program
{
    static void Main()
    {
        var excelService = new ExcelService();
        var filePath = "path/to/your/excel/file.xlsx";

        // Convert Excel to byte array
        var excelByteArray = excelService.ConvertExcelToByteArray(filePath);

        // Print byte array content to console
        excelService.PrintExcelByteArrayToConsole(excelByteArray);
    }
}
```

This assumes that the Excel file has data in the first worksheet. Adjust the code as needed based on your specific Excel file structure.
