**How to rename file in Java – renameTo() method**

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public boolean renameTo(File dest)

It returns true if the file is renamed successfully else it returns false. It throws NullPointerException – If parameter dest is null.

**Complete Example:**

import java.io.File;

public class RenameFileJavaDemo

{

public static void main(String[] args)

{

//Old File

File oldfile =new File("C:\\myfile.txt");

//New File

File newfile =new File("C:\\mynewfile.txt");

/\*renameTo() return boolean value

\* It return true if rename operation is

\* successful

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boolean flag = oldfile.renameTo(newfile);

if(flag){

System.out.println("File renamed successfully");

}else{

System.out.println("Rename operation failed");

}

}

}

Output:

File renamed successfully