Documentation for File Operations Console Application

Overview

The File Operations console application is a utility program designed to manage and manipulate files and directories through a command-line interface (CLI). It provides users with a set of commands to create, delete, read, write, and navigate through the file system. The application ensures an interactive and structured approach to performing file operations while maintaining user-friendly error handling and feedback.

Features and Functionalities

File Commands

1. Create File

- Command: create-file
- Prompts the user for a file name and creates the file in the current directory.
- Handles invalid input and ensures the file name is correct.
- Utilizes FileCommand.Create() method.

2. Delete File

- Command: delete-file
- Prompts the user for a file name and deletes the specified file from the current directory.
- Utilizes FileCommand.Delete() method.

3. Write to File

- Command: write-file
- Allows the user to write content to a specified file in the current directory.
- Supports appending to or overwriting the file content.
- Utilizes FileCommand.Write() method.

4. Read File

- Command: read-file
- Prompts the user for a file name and displays its content.
- Utilizes FileCommand.Read() method.

Directory Commands

1. Create Directory

- Command: create-directory
- Prompts the user for a directory name and creates it in the current directory.
- Utilizes DirectoryCommand.Create() method.

2. Delete Directory

- Command: delete-directory
- Prompts the user for a directory name and deletes the specified directory.
- Utilizes DirectoryCommand.Delete() method.

3. List Directory

- Command: list-directory
- Lists all files and subdirectories in the current directory.
- Utilizes DirectoryCommand.List() method.

4. Navigate Directories

- Command: goto
- Navigates to a specified directory or the parent directory.
- Maintains the current path for subsequent operations.
- Utilizes DirectoryCommand.GetParent() and DirectoryCommand.GetDirectory() methods.

Additional Commands

1. Clear Console

- Command: clear
- Clears the console window for better readability.

2. Show Help

- Command: help
- Displays a list of available commands and their functionalities.

3. Exit Application

- Command: exit
- Terminates the application.

Application Flow

1. Initialization:

- o The application starts by displaying a message prompting the user to type help for a list of commands.
- o The current working directory is initialized to the program's root path.

2. Command Execution:

- o The application waits for user input and processes the command.
- Depending on the command, it invokes the corresponding method to execute the operation.

3. Error Handling:

- o Handles invalid commands by displaying an error message and suggesting help.
- Ensures invalid inputs (e.g., empty file names) are rejected, prompting the user to retry.

Key Components

Main Class: Program

Properties:

- programPath: Stores the root path of the application.
- currentPath: Tracks the current working directory.

Methods:

- Main: Application entry point. Implements the main loop for handling user input.
- ShowCommands: Displays available commands.
- CreateFile, DeleteFile, WriteFile, ReadFile: Methods for file operations.
- CreateDirectory, DeleteDirectory, ListDirectory, GoTo: Methods for directory operations.

Supporting Components

FileCommand and DirectoryCommand

• Encapsulate file and directory operations such as creating, deleting, and navigating.

Message Helper Class

• Provides utility methods for writing messages to the console and waiting for user responses.

Usage Example

Create a File:

> create-file
Type the name of the file.
> example.txt
File created successfully.
Write to a File:
> write-file
Type the name of the file.
> example.txt
Content: Hello, world!
Type 'true' - to append, 'false' - to write from start
> false
File written successfully.
Navigate Directories:
> goto
Type the name of the directory. Type ${\tt '.'}$ or empty to go to the parent directory
> subfolder
Directory changed to: C:\Users\LENOVO\Desktop\FileOperations\subfolder
List Directory Contents:
> list-directory
Contents of the current directory:
- example.txt
- subfolder