



Java Create and Write To Files

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Create a File

To create a file in Java, you can use the `createNewFile()` method. This method returns a boolean value: `true` if the file was successfully created, and `false` if the file already exists. Note that the method is enclosed in a `try...catch` block. This is necessary because it throws an `IOException` if an error occurs (if the file cannot be created for some reason):

Example

```
import java.io.File; // Import the File class
import java.io.IOException; // Import the IOException class to handle errors

public class CreateFile {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        try {
            File myObj = new File("filename.txt");
            if (myObj.createNewFile()) {
                System.out.println("File created: " + myObj.getName());
            } else {
                System.out.println("File already exists.");
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```
    } catch (IOException e) {  
        System.out.println("An error occurred.");  
        e.printStackTrace();  
    }  
}  
}
```

The output will be:

```
File created: filename.txt
```

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To create a file in a specific directory (requires permission), specify the path of the file and use double backslashes to escape the " \ " character (for Windows). On Mac and Linux you can just write the path, like: /Users/name/filename.txt

Example

```
File myObj = new File("C:\\Users\\MyName\\filename.txt");
```

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Write To a File

In the following example, we use the `FileWriter` class together with its `write()` method to write some text to the file we created in the example above. Note that when you are done writing to the file, you should close it with the `close()` method:

Example

```
import java.io.FileWriter;    // Import the FileWriter class
import java.io.IOException;  // Import the IOException class to handle errors

public class WriteToFile {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        try {
            FileWriter myWriter = new FileWriter("filename.txt");
            myWriter.write("Files in Java might be tricky, but it is fun enough!");
            myWriter.close();
            System.out.println("Successfully wrote to the file.");
        } catch (IOException e) {
            System.out.println("An error occurred.");
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
}
```

The output will be:

```
Successfully wrote to the file.
```

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To read the file above, go to the [Java Read Files](#) chapter.

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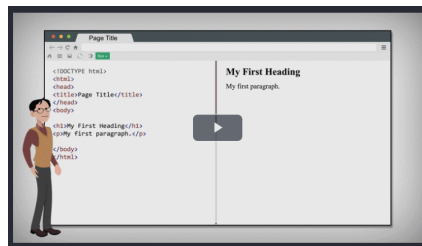
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