

## ✓ Step-by-Step Guide for @CsvFileSource

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### ✓ 1. Java Test Code

```
import org.junit.jupiter.params.ParameterizedTest;
import org.junit.jupiter.params.provider.CsvFileSource;

import static org.junit.jupiter.api.Assertions.assertTrue;

public class CsvFileTest {

    @ParameterizedTest
    @CsvFileSource(resources = "/data.csv", numLinesToSkip = 1)
    void testFromFile(String name, int age) {
        assertTrue(age > 0);
    }
}
```

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### ✓ 2. CSV File Setup

📁 File location:

src/test/resources/data.csv

This is the standard location for test resources in a Maven/Gradle project.

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### ✓ 3. Contents of data.csv

```
name,age
Alice,30
Bob,25
Charlie,40
"Doe, John",28
```

- The **first line** is a **header**, so it's skipped using `numLinesToSkip = 1`.
  - The last row uses **quotes** because the name contains a comma.
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## ✓ 4. Test Iterations

name	age
Alice	30
Bob	25
Charlie	40
Doe, John	28

Each row becomes a test case.

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### 🧠 Summary

- Use `@CsvFileSource` to keep test data external and maintainable.
- Place the `.csv` file under `src/test/resources`.
- Use `numLinesToSkip = 1` to ignore headers.
- Enclose values in quotes if they contain commas.

Would you like a ready-to-use `data.csv` example you can download?

Using `@CsvFileSource` in JUnit 5 allows you to **externalize test data** into a `.csv` file instead of hardcoding it inside your test methods. This makes your test code **cleaner, more maintainable, and easier to update**, especially when working with **large datasets** or data shared across multiple tests.

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## ✓ Benefits of Using `@CsvFileSource`

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### 📌 1. Separation of Concerns

- Keeps test logic (in Java) separate from test data (in CSV).
- Makes tests easier to read and maintain.

```
@ParameterizedTest
@CsvFileSource(resources = "/users.csv", numLinesToSkip = 1)
void testUserData(String username, int age) {
    assertTrue(age > 0);
}
```

CSV (`users.csv`):

```
username, age
alice, 30
bob, 25
charlie, 40
```

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## 2. Easier Data Updates

- You can update the test data in the CSV without touching the test code.
  - Non-developers or testers can update data without needing Java knowledge.
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## 3. Reusability

- Same CSV file can be reused across multiple test methods or classes.
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## 4. Scalability

- Much more readable when testing 50+ cases.
  - Instead of writing 50 inline parameters, just add rows to the CSV.
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## 5. Cleaner Code

```
// Good for small sets, but becomes messy:
@CsvSource({
    "alice, 30",
    "bob, 25"
})

// Clean and scalable:
@CsvFileSource(resources = "/users.csv", numLinesToSkip = 1)
```

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## Real-World Example

Imagine testing a registration form with various usernames and ages. Instead of bloating your test file with inline data:

**Inline version (less maintainable):**

```
@CsvSource({  
    "user1, 20", "user2, 25", "user3, 30"  
})
```

**External file version (more maintainable):**

```
@CsvFileSource(resources = "/registration_data.csv", numLinesToSkip = 1)
```

**registration\_data.csv:**

```
csv  
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username, age  
user1,20  
user2,25  
user3,30
```