



# Week 11

# File and Error Handling

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# Error Handling

Sometimes, a block of code might run into an error. we can use try ... catch ... to mitigate the error that can cause our program to crash.

When an error occurs, Java will normally stop and generate an error message. The technical term for this is: Java will throw an exception (throw an error).

# Java try and catch

The **try** statement allows you to define a block of code to be tested for errors while it is being executed.

The **catch** statement allows you to define a block of code to be executed, if an error occurs in the try block.

The **try** and **catch** keywords come in **pairs**:

```
try {  
    // Block of code to try  
}  
catch(Exception e) {  
    // Block of code to handle errors  
}
```

# What's the output?

```
public class Main {  
    public static void main(String[ ] args) {  
        int[] myNumbers = {1, 2, 3};  
        System.out.println(myNumbers[10]); // error!  
    }  
}
```

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public class Main {  
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        int[] myNumbers = {1, 2, 3};  
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    }  
}
```

It will output an **ERROR!**

```
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: 10  
    at Main.main(Main.java:4)
```



# How to Fix? Use Try Catch

```
public class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        try {  
            int[] myNumbers = {1, 2, 3};  
            System.out.println(myNumbers[10]);  
        } catch (Exception e) {  
            System.out.println("Something went wrong.");  
        }  
    }  
}
```

# Finally (It's a statement! )

The finally statement lets you execute code, after try...catch, regardless of the result:

```
public class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        try {  
            int[] myNumbers = {1, 2, 3};  
            System.out.println(myNumbers[10]);  
        } catch (Exception e) {  
            System.out.println("Something went wrong.");  
        } finally {  
            System.out.println("The 'try catch' is finished.");  
        }  
    }  
}
```



# File Handling

File handling is an important part of any application.

Java has several methods for creating, reading, updating, and deleting files.



The File class from the java.io package, allows us to work with files.

To use the File class, create an object of the class, and specify the filename or directory name:

```
import java.io.File; // Import the File class
```

```
File myObj = new File("filename.txt"); // Specify the filename
```

# File Class Methods

Method	Type	Description
<code>canRead()</code>	Boolean	Tests whether the file is readable or not
<code>canWrite()</code>	Boolean	Tests whether the file is writable or not
<code>createNewFile()</code>	Boolean	Creates an empty file
<code>delete()</code>	Boolean	Deletes a file
<code>exists()</code>	Boolean	Tests whether the file exists
<code>getName()</code>	String	Returns the name of the file
<code>getAbsolutePath()</code>	String	Returns the absolute pathname of the file
<code>length()</code>	Long	Returns the size of the file in bytes
<code>list()</code>	String[]	Returns an array of the files in the directory
<code>mkdir()</code>	Boolean	Creates a directory

# Creating 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.

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)

To create a file in a specific directory (requires permission), specify the path of the file and use double backslashes to escape the "\\" character



```
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();
        }
    }
}
```

# Write 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



```
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();
        }
    }
}
```



# Read a File

In the following example, we use the Scanner class to read the contents of the text file we created in the previous chapter

```
import java.io.File; // Import the File class
import java.io.FileNotFoundException; // Import this class to handle errors
import java.util.Scanner; // Import the Scanner class to read text files

public class ReadFile {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        try {
            File myObj = new File("filename.txt");
            Scanner myReader = new Scanner(myObj);
            while (myReader.hasNextLine()) {
                String data = myReader.nextLine();
                System.out.println(data);
            }
            myReader.close();
        } catch (FileNotFoundException e) {
            System.out.println("An error occurred.");
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
}
```



# Get File Information

To get more information about a file, use any of the File methods

```
import java.io.File; // Import the File class

public class GetFileInfo {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        File myObj = new File("filename.txt");
        if (myObj.exists()) {
            System.out.println("File name: " + myObj.getName());
            System.out.println("Absolute path: " + myObj.getAbsolutePath());
            System.out.println("Writeable: " + myObj.canWrite());
            System.out.println("Readable " + myObj.canRead());
            System.out.println("File size in bytes " + myObj.length());
        } else {
            System.out.println("The file does not exist.");
        }
    }
}
```



# Thank You

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