

# JMetaFile – Getting Started Guide

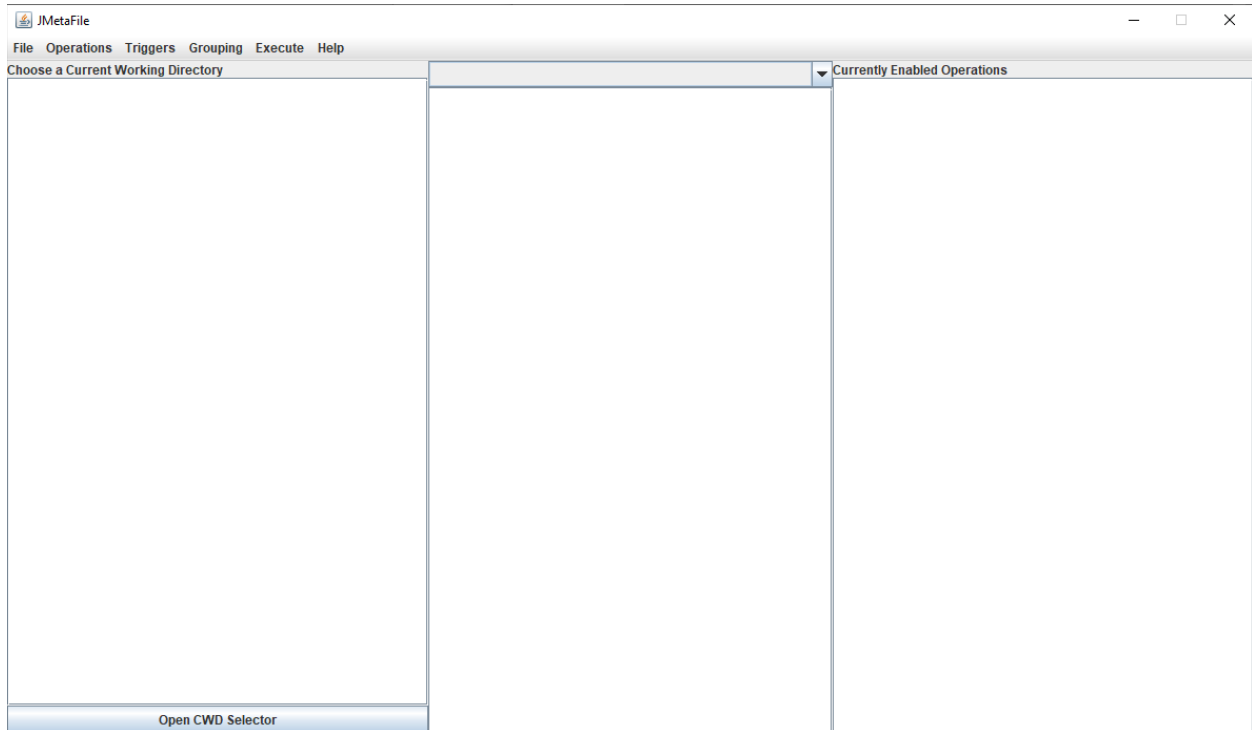
This document is meant as a quick guide on how JMetaFile can be used and goes through an example use case for the program, and execution of a first operation.

The getting started guide *is not* meant to be a replacement for the manual, which is located [here](#), although it could be considered an extension of the manual in some ways. It is meant to teach *how* things are done without explaining the underlying theory of *why* things happen. It is structured as a mini tutorial on how to execute your first operation.

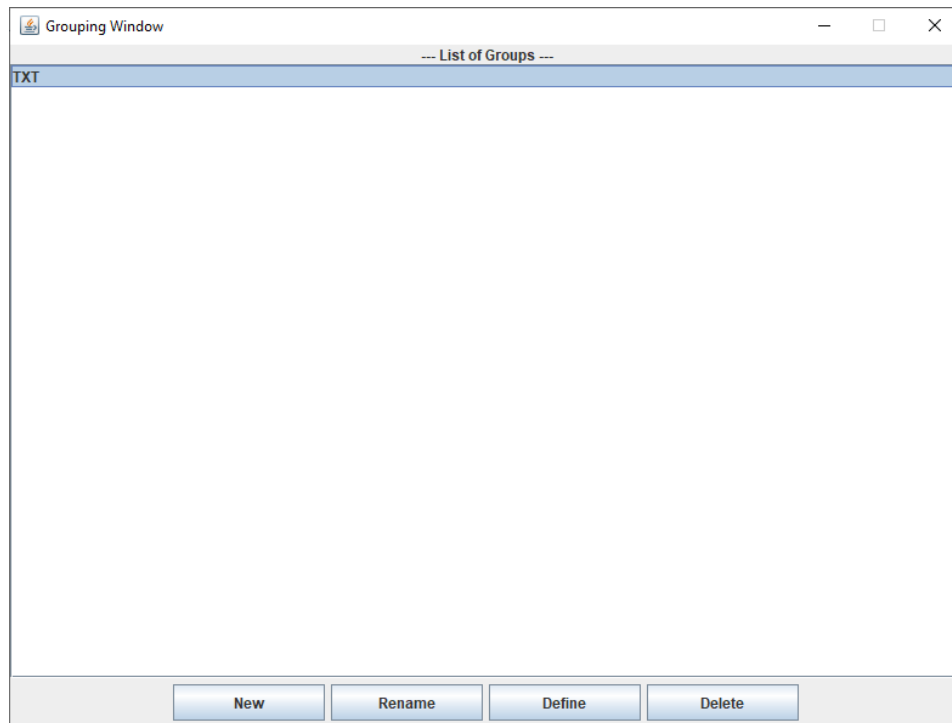
## Your First Operation: Moving files of a specified extension.

Moving files of a certain extension is simple. First, open JMetaFile by running the .jar file.

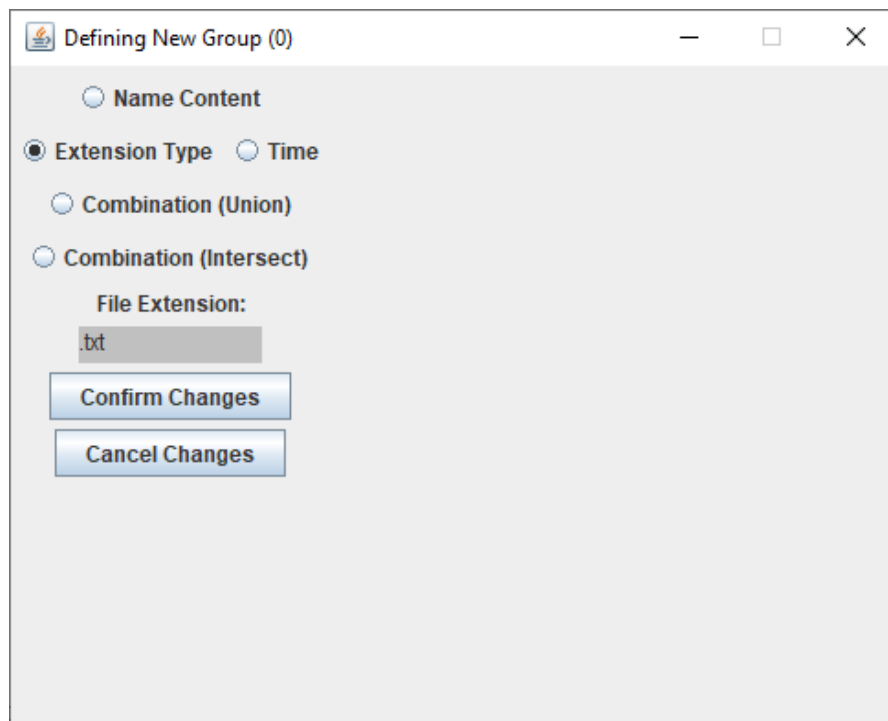
First, select a Current Working Directory that you wish to move files *from*. To do this, we will be clicking the ‘Open CWD Selector’ button at the bottom left of the main window.



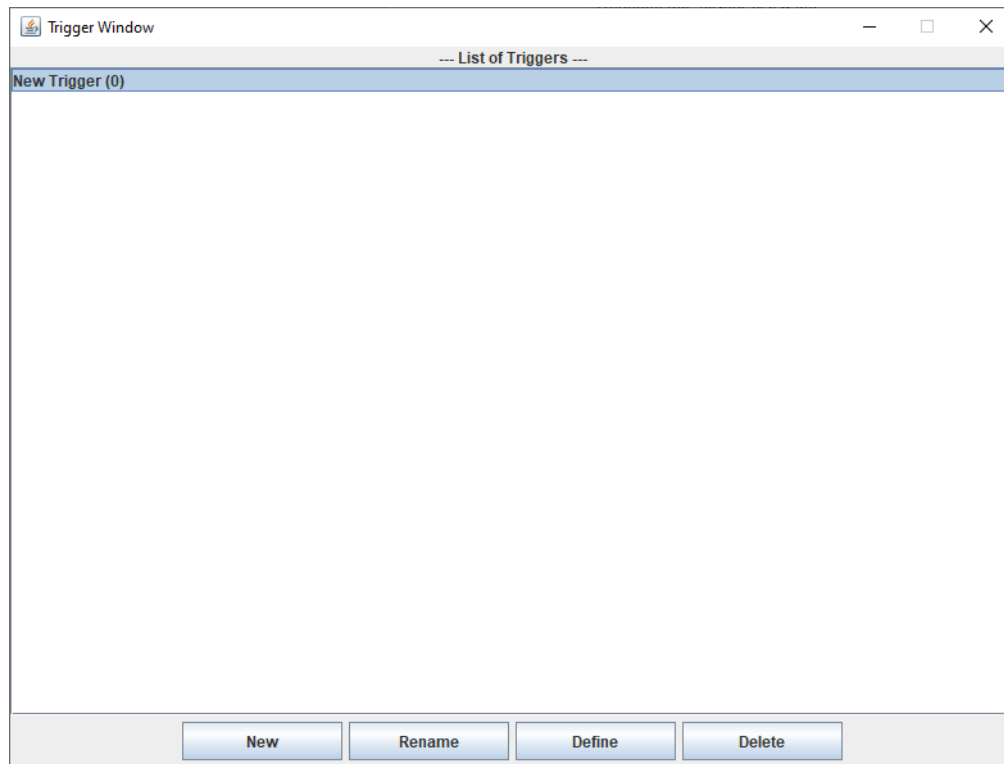
Create a group and go to the definition window for the group.



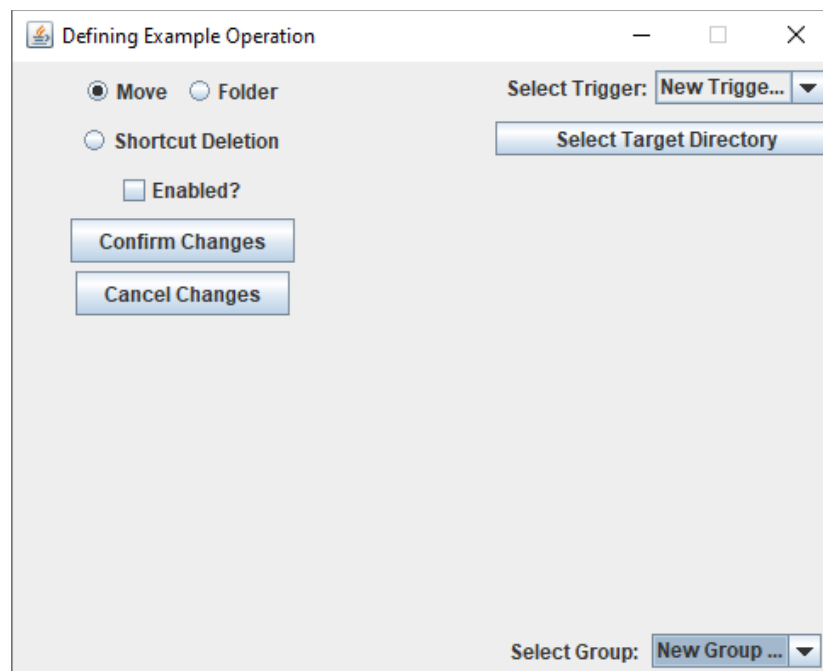
In the definition window, select “extension type”, and input the extension you wish to move. Confirm your changes.



Open the ‘Trigger Creation Window’ from the main menu. Creating a trigger but not defining it creates a default trigger that runs off manual execution; definition is not required here. Exit the trigger creation window once you have created your trigger.

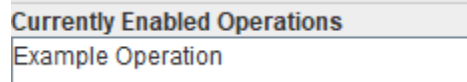


Open the ‘Operation Creation Window’ from the main menu. Create a new operation. Click “Define” to enter the “Operation Definition Window”.



Select 'Move' as the operation, select the trigger, as well as the group you previously created. Select a target directory by clicking the 'Select Target Directory' button and check the 'Enabled' box. Confirm your changes.

On the main window, you should see your operation under 'Enabled Operations'; click 'Execute', and the operation will execute immediately.



Congratulations! You have executed your first operation; all the files included within the group you created should be moved to the target directory you selected. With this experience, you should be able to figure out most of the controls of JMetaFile, and modify your current operation, its group, and it's trigger to do other things.