

Chapter 15

Files, Input/Output Stream, NIO and XML Serialization

Java How to Program, 11/e, Global Edition

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OBJECTIVES

In this chapter you'll:

- Create, read, write and update files.
- Retrieve information about files and directories using features of the NIO.2 APIs.
- Learn the differences between text files and binary files.
- Use class **Formatter** to output text to a file.
- Use class **Scanner** to input text from a file.

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OBJECTIVES (cont.)

- Use sequential file processing to develop a real-world credit-inquiry program.
- Write objects to and read objects from a file using XML serialization and the JAXB (Java Architecture for XML Binding) APIs.
- Use a `JFileChooser` dialog to allow users to select files or directories on disk.
- Optionally use `java.io` interfaces and classes to perform byte-based and character-based input and output.

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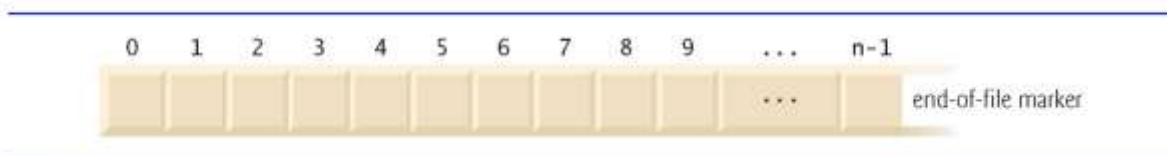


Fig. 15.1 | Java's view of a file of n bytes.

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```

1  // Fig. 15.2: FileAndDirectoryInfo.java
2  // File class used to obtain file and directory information.
3  import java.io.IOException;
4  import java.nio.file.DirectoryStream;
5  import java.nio.file.Files;
6  import java.nio.file.Path;
7  import java.nio.file.Paths;
8  import java.util.Scanner;
9
10 public class FileAndDirectoryInfo {
11     public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {
12         Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
13
14         System.out.println("Enter file or directory name:");
15
16         // create Path object based on user input
17         Path path = Paths.get(input.nextLine());

```

Fig. 15.2 | File class used to obtain file and directory information. (Part 1 of 5.)

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```

18
19     if (Files.exists(path)) { // if path exists, output info about it
20         // display file (or directory) information
21         System.out.printf("%n%s exists%n", path.getFileName());
22         System.out.printf("%s a directory%n",
23             Files.isDirectory(path) ? "Is" : "Is not");
24         System.out.printf("%s an absolute path%n",
25             path.isAbsolute() ? "Is" : "Is not");
26         System.out.printf("Last modified: %s%n",
27             Files.getLastModifiedTime(path));
28         System.out.printf("Size: %s%n", Files.size(path));
29         System.out.printf("Path: %s%n", path);
30         System.out.printf("Absolute path: %s%n", path.toAbsolutePath());
31

```

Fig. 15.2 | File class used to obtain file and directory information. (Part 2 of 5.)

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```

32         if (Files.isDirectory(path)) { // output directory listing
33             System.out.printf("%nDirectory contents:%n");
34
35             // object for iterating through a directory's contents
36             DirectoryStream<Path> directoryStream =
37                 Files.newDirectoryStream(path);
38
39             for (Path p : directoryStream) {
40                 System.out.println(p);
41             }
42         }
43     }
44     else { // not file or directory, output error message
45         System.out.printf("%s does not exist%n", path);
46     }
47 } // end main
48 } // end class FileAndDirectoryInfo

```

Fig. 15.2 | File class used to obtain file and directory information. (Part 3 of 5.)

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```

Enter file or directory name:
c:\examples\ch15

ch15 exists
Is a directory
Is an absolute path
Last modified: 2013-11-08T19:50:00.838256Z
Size: 4096
Path: c:\examples\ch15
Absolute path: c:\examples\ch15

Directory contents:
C:\examples\ch15\fig15_02
C:\examples\ch15\fig15_12_13
C:\examples\ch15\SerializationApps
C:\examples\ch15\TextFileApps

```

Fig. 15.2 | File class used to obtain file and directory information. (Part 4 of 5.)

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```

Enter file or directory name:
C:\examples\ch15\fig15_02\FileAndDirectoryInfo.java

FileAndDirectoryInfo.java exists
Is not a directory
Is an absolute path
Last modified: 2013-11-08T19:59:01.848255Z
Size: 2952
Path: C:\examples\ch15\fig15_02\FileAndDirectoryInfo.java
Absolute path: C:\examples\ch15\fig15_02\FileAndDirectoryInfo.java

```

Fig. 15.2 | File class used to obtain file and directory information. (Part 5 of 5.)

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Error-Prevention Tip 15.1

Once you've confirmed that a **Path** exists, it's still possible that the methods demonstrated in Fig. 15.2 will throw **IOExceptions**. For example, the file or directory represented by the **Path** could be deleted from the system after the call to **Files** method **exists** and before the other statements in lines 21–42 execute. Industrial strength file- and directory-processing programs require extensive exception handling to deal with such possibilities.

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Good Programming Practice 15.1

When building `Strings` that represent path information, use `File.separator` to obtain the local computer's proper separator character rather than explicitly using `/` or `\`. This constant is a `String` consisting of one character—the proper separator for the system.

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Common Programming Error 15.1

Using `\` as a directory separator rather than `\\` in a string literal is a logic error. A single `\` indicates that the `\` followed by the next character represents an escape sequence. Use `\\` to insert a `\` in a string literal.

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```

1  // Fig. 15.3: CreateTextFile.java
2  // Writing data to a sequential text file with class Formatter.
3  import java.io.FileNotFoundException;
4  import java.lang.SecurityException;
5  import java.util.Formatter;
6  import java.util.FormatterClosedException;
7  import java.util.NoSuchElementException;
8  import java.util.Scanner;
9
10 public class CreateTextFile {
11     public static void main(String[] args) {
12         // open clients.txt, output data to the file then close clients.txt
13         try (Formatter output = new Formatter("clients.txt")) {
14             Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
15             System.out.printf("%s\n%s\n? ",
16                 "Enter account number, first name, last name and balance.",
17                 "Enter end-of-file indicator to end input.");
18

```

Fig. 15.3 | Writing data to a sequential text file with class Formatter. (Part 1 of 3.)

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```

19         while (input.hasNext()) { // loop until end-of-file indicator
20             try {
21                 // output new record to file; assumes valid input
22                 output.format("%d %s %s %.2f\n", input.nextInt(),
23                     input.next(), input.next(), input.nextDouble());
24             }
25             catch (NoSuchElementException elementException) {
26                 System.err.println("Invalid input. Please try again.");
27                 input.nextLine(); // discard input so user can try again
28             }
29
30             System.out.print("? ");
31         }
32     }
33     catch (SecurityException | FileNotFoundException |
34         FormatterClosedException e) {
35         e.printStackTrace();
36     }
37 }
38 }

```

Fig. 15.3 | Writing data to a sequential text file with class Formatter. (Part 2 of 3.)

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```

Enter account number, first name, last name and balance.
Enter end-of-file indicator to end input.
? 100 Bob Blue 24.98
? 200 Steve Green -345.67
? 300 Pam White 0.00
? 400 Sam Red -42.16
? 500 Sue Yellow 224.62
? ^Z

```

Fig. 15.3 | Writing data to a sequential text file with class `Formatter`. (Part 3 of 3.)

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Operating system	Key combination
macOS and Linux	<i><Enter> <Ctrl> d</i>
Windows	<i><Ctrl> z</i>

Fig. 15.4 | End-of-file key combinations.

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Sample data			
100	Bob	Blue	24.98
200	Steve	Green	-345.67
300	Pam	White	0.00
400	Sam	Red	-42.16
500	Sue	Yellow	224.62

Fig. 15.5 | Sample data for the program in Fig. 15.3.

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```

1  // Fig. 15.6: ReadTextFile.java
2  // This program reads a text file and displays each record.
3  import java.io.IOException;
4  import java.lang.IllegalStateException;
5  import java.nio.file.Files;
6  import java.nio.file.Path;
7  import java.nio.file.Paths;
8  import java.util.NoSuchElementException;
9  import java.util.Scanner;
10
11 public class ReadTextFile {
12     public static void main(String[] args) {
13         // open clients.txt, read its contents and close the file
14         try(Scanner input = new Scanner(Paths.get("clients.txt"))) {
15             System.out.printf("%-10s%-12s%-12s%10s\n", "Account",
16                 "First Name", "Last Name", "Balance");
17         }
18     }
19 }

```

Fig. 15.6 | Sequential file reading using a Scanner. (Part 1 of 2.)

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```

18      // read record from file
19      while (input.hasNext()) { // while there is more to read
20          // display record contents
21          System.out.printf("%-10d%-12s%-12s%10.2f\n", input.nextInt(),
22                          input.next(), input.next(), input.nextDouble());
23      }
24  }
25  catch (IOException | NoSuchElementException |
26         IllegalStateException e) {
27      e.printStackTrace();
28  }
29  }
30  }

```

Account	First Name	Last Name	Balance
100	Bob	Blue	24.98
200	Steve	Green	-345.67
300	Pam	White	0.00
400	Sam	Red	-42.16
500	Sue	Yellow	224.62

Fig. 15.6 | Sequential file reading using a Scanner. (Part 2 of 2.)

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```

1  // Fig. 15.7: MenuOption.java
2  // enum type for the credit-inquiry program's options.
3  public enum MenuOption {
4      // declare contents of enum type
5      ZERO_BALANCE(1),
6      CREDIT_BALANCE(2),
7      DEBIT_BALANCE(3),
8      END(4);
9
10     private final int value; // current menu option
11
12     // constructor
13     private MenuOption(int value) {this.value = value;}
14 }

```

Fig. 15.7 | enum type for the credit-inquiry program's menu options.

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```

1  // Fig. 15.8: CreditInquiry.java
2  // This program reads a file sequentially and displays the
3  // contents based on the type of account the user requests
4  // (credit balance, debit balance or zero balance).
5  import java.io.IOException;
6  import java.lang.IllegalStateException;
7  import java.nio.file.Paths;
8  import java.util.NoSuchElementException;
9  import java.util.Scanner;
10
11 public class CreditInquiry {
12     private final static MenuOption[] choices = MenuOption.values();
13
14     public static void main(String[] args) {
15         Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
16
17         // get user's request (e.g., zero, credit or debit balance)
18         MenuOption accountType = getRequest(input);
19

```

Fig. 15.8 | Credit-inquiry program. (Part 1 of 7.)

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```

20     while (accountType != MenuOption.END) {
21         switch (accountType) {
22             case ZERO_BALANCE:
23                 System.out.printf("%nAccounts with zero balances:%n");
24                 break;
25             case CREDIT_BALANCE:
26                 System.out.printf("%nAccounts with credit balances:%n");
27                 break;
28             case DEBIT_BALANCE:
29                 System.out.printf("%nAccounts with debit balances:%n");
30                 break;
31         }
32
33         readRecords(accountType);
34         accountType = getRequest(input); // get user's request
35     }
36 }

```

Fig. 15.8 | Credit-inquiry program. (Part 2 of 7.)

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```

37
38 // obtain request from user
39 private static MenuOption getRequest(Scanner input) {
40     int request = 4;
41
42     // display request options
43     System.out.printf("\nEnter request\n%s\n%s\n%s\n%s\n",
44         " 1 - List accounts with zero balances",
45         " 2 - List accounts with credit balances",
46         " 3 - List accounts with debit balances",
47         " 4 - Terminate program");
48
49     try {
50         do { // input user request
51             System.out.printf("\n? ");
52             request = input.nextInt();
53         } while ((request < 1) || (request > 4));
54     }
55     catch (NoSuchElementException noSuchElementException) {
56         System.err.println("Invalid input. Terminating.");
57     }
58
59     return choices[request - 1]; // return enum value for option
60 }

```

Fig. 15.8 | Credit-inquiry program. (Part 3 of 7.)

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```

61
62 // read records from file and display only records of appropriate type
63 private static void readRecords(MenuOption accountType) {
64     // open file and process contents
65     try (Scanner input = new Scanner(Paths.get("clients.txt"))) {
66         while (input.hasNext()) { // more data to read
67             int accountNumber = input.nextInt();
68             String firstName = input.next();
69             String lastName = input.next();
70             double balance = input.nextDouble();
71
72             // if proper account type, display record
73             if (shouldDisplay(accountType, balance)) {
74                 System.out.printf("%-10d%-12s%-12s%10.2f\n", accountNumber,
75                     firstName, lastName, balance);
76             }
77             else {
78                 input.nextLine(); // discard the rest of the current record
79             }
80         }
81     }

```

Fig. 15.8 | Credit-inquiry program. (Part 4 of 7.)

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```

82     catch (NoSuchElementException | IllegalStateException |
83           IOException e) {
84         System.err.println("Error processing file. Terminating.");
85         System.exit(1);
86     }
87 }
88
89 // use record type to determine if record should be displayed
90 private static boolean shouldDisplay(
91     MenuOption option, double balance) {
92     if ((option == MenuOption.CREDIT_BALANCE) && (balance < 0)) {
93         return true;
94     }
95     else if ((option == MenuOption.DEBIT_BALANCE) && (balance > 0)) {
96         return true;
97     }
98     else if ((option == MenuOption.ZERO_BALANCE) && (balance == 0)) {
99         return true;
100    }
101
102    return false;
103 }
104 }

```

Fig. 15.8 | Credit-inquiry program. (Part 5 of 7.)

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```

Enter request
1 - List accounts with zero balances
2 - List accounts with credit balances
3 - List accounts with debit balances
4 - Terminate program

? 1

Accounts with zero balances:
300    Pam        White        0.00

Enter request
1 - List accounts with zero balances
2 - List accounts with credit balances
3 - List accounts with debit balances
4 - Terminate program

? 2

Accounts with credit balances:
200    Steve      Green        -345.67
400    Sam        Red          -42.16

```

Fig. 15.8 | Credit-inquiry program. (Part 6 of 7.)

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```

Enter request
1 - List accounts with zero balances
2 - List accounts with credit balances
3 - List accounts with debit balances
4 - Terminate program

? 3

Accounts with debit balances:
100      Bob      Blue      24.98
500      Sue      Yellow     224.62

Enter request
1 - List accounts with zero balances
2 - List accounts with credit balances
3 - List accounts with debit balances
4 - Terminate program

? 4

```

Fig. 15.8 | Credit-inquiry program. (Part 7 of 7.)

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```

1  // Fig. 15.9: Account.java
2  // Account class for storing records as objects.
3  public class Account {
4      private int accountNumber;
5      private String firstName;
6      private String lastName;
7      private double balance;
8
9      // initializes an Account with default values
10     public Account() {this(0, "", "", 0.0);}
11
12     // initializes an Account with provided values
13     public Account(int accountNumber, String firstName,
14         String lastName, double balance) {
15         this.accountNumber = accountNumber;
16         this.firstName = firstName;
17         this.lastName = lastName;
18         this.balance = balance;
19     }
20

```

Fig. 15.9 | Account class for storing records as objects. (Part 1 of 3.)

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```
21 // get account number
22 public int getAccountNumber() {return accountNumber;}
23
24 // set account number
25 public void setAccountNumber(int accountNumber)
26     {this.accountNumber = accountNumber;}
27
28 // get first name
29 public String getFirstName() {return firstName;}
30
31 // set first name
32 public void setFirstName(String firstName)
33     {this.firstName = firstName;}
34
```

Fig. 15.9 | Account class for storing records as objects. (Part 2 of 3.)

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```
35 // get last name
36 public String getLastName() {return lastName;}
37
38 // set last name
39 public void setLastName(String lastName) {this.lastName = lastName;}
40
41 // get balance
42 public double getBalance() {return balance;}
43
44 // set balance
45 public void setBalance(double balance) {this.balance = balance;}
46 }
```

Fig. 15.9 | Account class for storing records as objects. (Part 3 of 3.)

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```

1 // Fig. 15.10: Accounts.java
2 // Maintains a List<Account>
3 import java.util.ArrayList;
4 import java.util.List;
5 import javax.xml.bind.annotation.XmlElement;
6
7 public class Accounts {
8     // @XmlElement specifies XML element name for each object in the List
9     @XmlElement(name="account")
10    private List<Account> accounts = new ArrayList<>(); // stores Accounts
11
12    // returns the List<Accounts>
13    public List<Account> getAccounts() {return accounts;}
14 }

```

Fig. 15.10 | Account class for serializable objects.

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```

1 // Fig. 15.11: CreateSequentialFile.java
2 // Writing objects to a file with JAXB and BufferedWriter.
3 import java.io.BufferedWriter;
4 import java.io.IOException;
5 import java.nio.file.Files;
6 import java.nio.file.Paths;
7 import java.util.NoSuchElementException;
8 import java.util.Scanner;
9 import javax.xml.bind.JAXB;
10
11 public class CreateSequentialFile {
12     public static void main(String[] args) {
13         // open clients.xml, write objects to it then close file
14         try(BufferedWriter output =
15             Files.newBufferedWriter(Paths.get("clients.xml"))) {
16
17             Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
18

```

Fig. 15.11 | Writing objects to a file with JAXB and BufferedWriter. (Part 1 of 3.)

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```

19      // stores the Accounts before XML serialization
20      Accounts accounts = new Accounts();
21
22      System.out.printf("%s\n%s\n? ",
23          "Enter account number, first name, last name and balance.",
24          "Enter end-of-file indicator to end input.");
25
26      while (input.hasNext()) { // loop until end-of-file indicator
27          try {
28              // create new record
29              Account record = new Account(input.nextInt(),
30                  input.next(), input.next(), input.nextDouble());
31
32              // add to AccountList
33              accounts.getAccounts().add(record);
34          }
35          catch (NoSuchElementException elementException) {
36              System.err.println("Invalid input. Please try again.");
37              input.nextLine(); // discard input so user can try again
38          }
39
40          System.out.print("? ");
41      }

```

Fig. 15.11 | Writing objects to a file with JAXB and BufferedWriter. (Part 2 of 3.)

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```

42
43      // write AccountList's XML to output
44      JAXB.marshal(accounts, output);
45  }
46  catch (IOException ioException) {
47      System.err.println("Error opening file. Terminating.");
48  }
49  }
50  }

```

```

Enter account number, first name, last name and balance.
Enter end-of-file indicator to end input.
? 100 Bob Blue 24.98
? 200 Steve Green -345.67
? 300 Pam White 0.00
? 400 Sam Red -42.16
? 500 Sue Yellow 224.62
? ^Z

```

Fig. 15.11 | Writing objects to a file with JAXB and BufferedWriter. (Part 3 of 3.)

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```

1  <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
2  <accounts>
3      <account>
4          <accountNumber>100</accountNumber>
5          <balance>24.98</balance>
6          <firstName>Bob</firstName>
7          <lastName>Blue</lastName>
8      </account>
9      <account>
10         <accountNumber>200</accountNumber>
11         <balance>-345.67</balance>
12         <firstName>Steve</firstName>
13         <lastName>Green</lastName>
14     </account>
15     <account>
16         <accountNumber>300</accountNumber>
17         <balance>0.0</balance>
18         <firstName>Pam</firstName>
19         <lastName>White</lastName>
20     </account>

```

Fig. 15.12 | Contents of `clients.xml`. (Part 1 of 2.)

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```

21     <account>
22         <accountNumber>400</accountNumber>
23         <balance>-42.16</balance>
24         <firstName>Sam</firstName>
25         <lastName>Red</lastName>
26     </account>
27     <account>
28         <accountNumber>500</accountNumber>
29         <balance>224.62</balance>
30         <firstName>Sue</firstName>
31         <lastName>Yellow</lastName>
32     </account>
33 </accounts>

```

Fig. 15.12 | Contents of `clients.xml`. (Part 2 of 2.)

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```

1 // Fig. 15.13: ReadSequentialFile.java
2 // Reading a file of XML serialized objects with JAXB and a
3 // BufferedReader and displaying each object.
4 import java.io.BufferedReader;
5 import java.io.IOException;
6 import java.nio.file.Files;
7 import java.nio.file.Paths;
8 import javax.xml.bind.JAXB;
9
10 public class ReadSequentialFile {
11     public static void main(String[] args) {
12         // try to open file for deserialization
13         try(BufferedReader input =
14             Files.newBufferedReader(Paths.get("clients.xml"))) {
15             // unmarshal the file's contents
16             Accounts accounts = JAXB.unmarshal(input, Accounts.class);
17
18             // display contents
19             System.out.printf("%-10s%-12s%-12s%10s\n", "Account",
20                 "First Name", "Last Name", "Balance");

```

Fig. 15.13 | Reading a file of XML serialized objects with JAXB and a BufferedReader and displaying each object. (Part 1 of 2.)

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```

21
22         for (Account account : accounts.getAccounts()) {
23             System.out.printf("%-10d%-12s%-12s%10.2f\n",
24                 account.getAccountNumber(), account.getFirstName(),
25                 account.getLastName(), account.getBalance());
26         }
27     }
28     catch (IOException ioException) {
29         System.err.println("Error opening file.");
30     }
31 }
32 }

```

Account	First Name	Last Name	Balance
100	Bob	Blue	24.98
200	Steve	Green	-345.67
300	Pam	White	0.00
400	Sam	Red	-42.16
500	Sue	Yellow	224.62

No more records

Fig. 15.13 | Reading a file of XML serialized objects with JAXB and a BufferedReader and displaying each object. (Part 2 of 2.)

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```

33 // Fig. 15.14: FileChooserTest.java
34 // App to test classes FileChooser and DirectoryChooser.
35 import javafx.application.Application;
36 import javafx.fxml.FXMLLoader;
37 import javafx.scene.Parent;
38 import javafx.scene.Scene;
39 import javafx.stage.Stage;
40
41 public class FileChooserTest extends Application {
42     @Override
43     public void start(Stage stage) throws Exception {
44         Parent root =
45             FXMLLoader.load(getClass().getResource("FileChooserTest.fxml"));
46
47         Scene scene = new Scene(root);
48         stage.setTitle("File Chooser Test"); // displayed in title bar
49         stage.setScene(scene);
50         stage.show();
51     }
52
53     public static void main(String[] args) {
54         launch(args);
55     }
56 }

```

Fig. 15.14 | Demonstrating JFileChooser.

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```

1 // Fig. 15.15: FileChooserTestController.java
2 // Displays information about a selected file or folder.
3 import java.io.File;
4 import java.io.IOException;
5 import java.nio.file.DirectoryStream;
6 import java.nio.file.Files;
7 import java.nio.file.Path;
8 import java.nio.file.Paths;
9 import javafx.event.ActionEvent;
10 import javafx.fxml.FXML;
11 import javafx.scene.control.Button;
12 import javafx.scene.control.TextArea;
13 import javafx.scene.layout.BorderPane;
14 import javafx.stage.DirectoryChooser;
15 import javafx.stage.FileChooser;
16

```

Fig. 15.15 | Displays information about a selected file or folder. (Part I of II.)

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```

17 public class FileChooserTestController {
18     @FXML private BorderPane borderPane;
19     @FXML private Button selectFileButton;
20     @FXML private Button selectDirectoryButton;
21     @FXML private TextArea textArea;
22
23     // handles selectFileButton's events
24     @FXML
25     private void selectFileButtonPressed(ActionEvent e) {
26         // configure dialog allowing selection of a file
27         FileChooser fileChooser = new FileChooser();
28         fileChooser.setTitle("Select File");
29
30         // display files in folder from which the app was launched
31         fileChooser.setInitialDirectory(new File("."));
32
33         // display the FileChooser
34         File file = fileChooser.showOpenDialog(
35             borderPane.getScene().getWindow());
36     }

```

Fig. 15.15 | Displays information about a selected file or folder. (Part 2 of 11.)

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```

37         // process selected Path or display a message
38         if (file != null) {
39             analyzePath(file.toPath());
40         }
41         else {
42             textArea.setText("Select file or directory");
43         }
44     }
45
46     // handles selectDirectoryButton's events
47     @FXML
48     private void selectDirectoryButtonPressed(ActionEvent e) {
49         // configure dialog allowing selection of a directory
50         DirectoryChooser directoryChooser = new DirectoryChooser();
51         directoryChooser.setTitle("Select Directory");
52
53         // display folder from which the app was launched
54         directoryChooser.setInitialDirectory(new File("."));
55     }

```

Fig. 15.15 | Displays information about a selected file or folder. (Part 3 of 11.)

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```

56      // display the FileChooser
57      File file = directoryChooser.showDialog(
58          borderPane.getScene().getWindow());
59
60      // process selected Path or display a message
61      if (file != null) {
62          analyzePath(file.toPath());
63      }
64      else {
65          textArea.setText("Select file or directory");
66      }
67  }
68
69      // display information about file or directory user specifies
70      public void analyzePath(Path path) {
71          try {
72              // if the file or directory exists, display its info
73              if (path != null && Files.exists(path)) {
74                  // gather file (or directory) information
75                  StringBuilder builder = new StringBuilder();
76                  builder.append(String.format("%s:%n", path.getFileName()));

```

Fig. 15.15 | Displays information about a selected file or folder. (Part 4 of 11.)

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```

77          builder.append(String.format("%s a directory%n",
78              Files.isDirectory(path) ? "Is" : "Is not"));
79          builder.append(String.format("%s an absolute path%n",
80              path.isAbsolute() ? "Is" : "Is not"));
81          builder.append(String.format("Last modified: %s%n",
82              Files.getLastModifiedTime(path)));
83          builder.append(String.format("Size: %s%n", Files.size(path)));
84          builder.append(String.format("Path: %s%n", path));
85          builder.append(String.format("Absolute path: %s%n",
86              path.toAbsolutePath()));
87
88          if (Files.isDirectory(path)) { // output directory listing
89              builder.append(String.format("%nDirectory contents:%n"));
90
91              // object for iterating through a directory's contents
92              DirectoryStream<Path> directoryStream =
93                  Files.newDirectoryStream(path);
94
95              for (Path p : directoryStream) {
96                  builder.append(String.format("%s%n", p));
97              }
98          }

```

Fig. 15.15 | Displays information about a selected file or folder. (Part 5 of 11.)

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```

99
100         // display file or directory info
101         textArea.setText(builder.toString());
102     }
103     else { // Path does not exist
104         textArea.setText("Path does not exist");
105     }
106 }
107 catch (IOException ioException) {
108     textArea.setText(ioException.toString());
109 }
110 }
111 }

```

Fig. 15.15 | Displays information about a selected file or folder. (Part 6 of 11.)

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a) Initial app window.

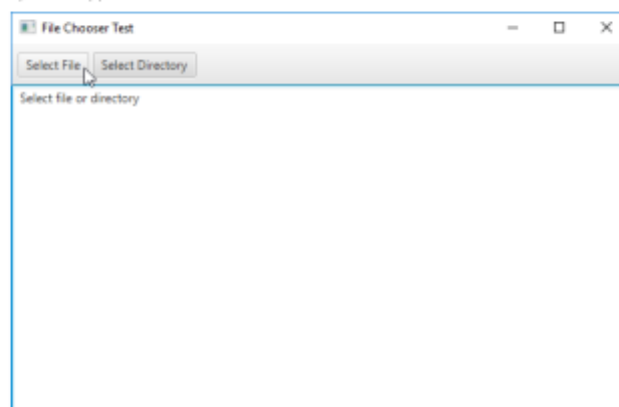


Fig. 15.15 | Displays information about a selected file or folder. (Part 7 of 11.)

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b) Selecting **FileChooserTest.java** from the **FileChooser** dialog displayed when the user clicked the **Select File** button.

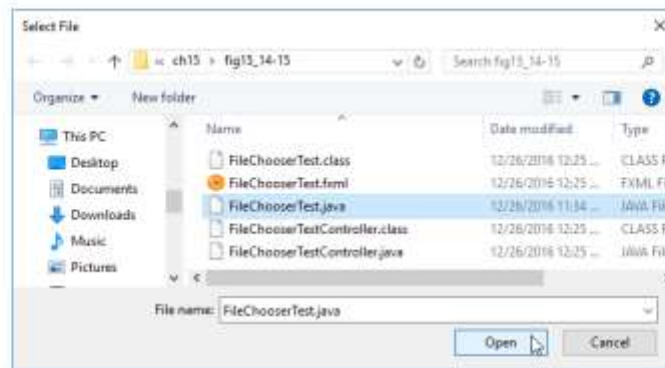


Fig. 15.15 | Displays information about a selected file or folder. (Part 8 of 11.)

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c) Displaying information about the file **FileChooserTest.java**.

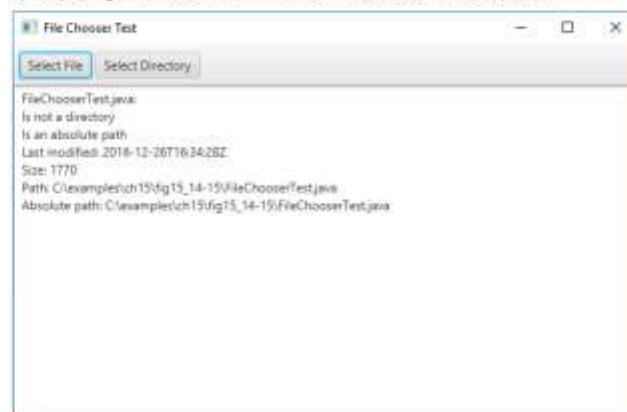


Fig. 15.15 | Displays information about a selected file or folder. (Part 9 of 11.)

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d) Selecting **Fig15_14-15** from the **DirectoryChooser** dialog displayed when the user clicked the **Select Directory Button**.

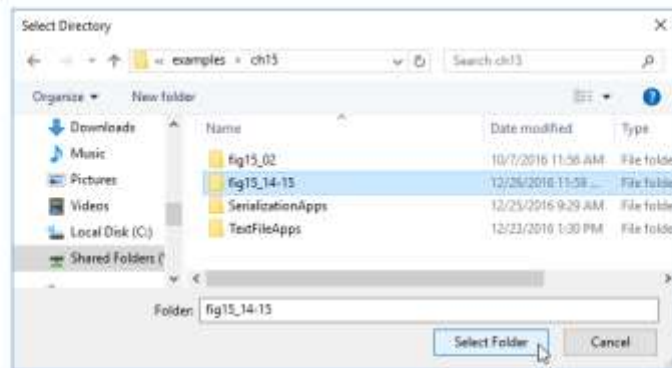


Fig. 15.15 | Displays information about a selected file or folder. (Part 10 of 11.)

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e) Displaying information about the directory **Fig15_14-15**.

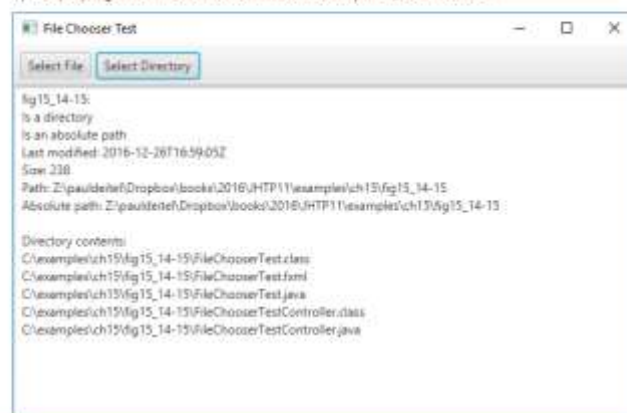


Fig. 15.15 | Displays information about a selected file or folder. (Part 11 of 11.)

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Performance Tip 15.1

Buffered I/O can yield significant performance improvements over unbuffered I/O.