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Reflection - WordCount
         String filePath = "C:/Users/38020001/git/CS30P3F2024/chapter11/src/mastery/source.txt";
         int wordCount = 0;
         int totalWordLength = 0;
First, I declared all my variables:
wordCount - the number of words
totalWordLength - the total amount of alphabetical characters in all the words
filePath - the path to the source text file
        Scanner fileScanner = new Scanner(new File(filePath));
        while (fileScanner.hasNext()) {
   // Read the next word [sequence of letters)
   String word = fileScanner.findInLine("[a-zA-Z]+");
             if (word != null) {
                 wordCount++;
                 totalWordLength += word.length();
            } else {
    // Skip non-letter characters
                  fileScanner.next();
Next, I added a scanner that reads the contents of the file located at filePath.
Then, I added fileScanner hasNext(): This checks if there is more content (a "next" token) to read in the file. It returns true if there is another token, allowing the while loop to keep iterating until the entire file is processed.
Next, the method fileScanner.findInLine("[a-zA-Z]+") looks for the next sequence of characters that match the regular expression [a-zA-Z]+.
[a-zA-Z] matches any single letter, whether it's uppercase or lowercase. It excludes numbers, punctuation, spaces, and any other characters that are not letters.
The findInLine method only searches within the current line of the file. If no match is found on that line, it doesn't search further (which ended up causing an issue if the user expects the application to process words across lines).
I came to use [a-zA-Z]+ after doing research online, seeking to optimize my code.
To resolve the issue of the program only reading one line, I modified my code to look like this:
     Scanner fileScanner = new Scanner(new File(filePath));
     while (fileScanner.hasNext()) {
    // Read the next sequence of characters (including hyphenated words)
    String word = fileScanner.next();
         String[] splitWords = word.split("-");
          for (String splitWord : splitWords) {
               splitWord = splitWord.replaceAll("[^a-zA-Z]", "");
               if (!splitWord.isEmpty()) {
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totalWordLength += splitWord.length();
Now, the code accounts for many cases, such as:
- Hyphenated words (considered two words)
- Multiple words on the same line
- Words separated by line
- Some words separated by line, some on the same line
- etc.
           fileScanner.close();
           System.out.println("Number of words: " + wordCount);
           if (wordCount > 0) {
                 double averageWordLength = (double) totalWordLength / wordCount;
                 System.out.printf("Average word length: " + averageWordLength);
      } catch (FileNotFoundException e) {
    System.out.println("File not found: " + filePath);
The rest of the code handles the output to console and the exception of no source file found.
Reflection - FindAndReplace
First, I imported the java.io.* and java.util.Scanner libraries.
I then created a Scanner object to read input from the user.
The user is then prompted for the file path, where the file to be modified is located.
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  import java.io.*;
 import java.util.Scanner;
     public static void main(String[] args) {
    Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
          // Prompt for the file name
System.out.print("Enter the file name (with path): ");
          String fileName = input.nextLine();
Next, the user is asked to input the word or phrase they want to search for and what they want to replace it with.
 String searchWord = input.nextLine();
 System.out.print("Enter the replacement word/phrase: ");
 String replacementWord = input.nextLine();
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After all of these variables are set by the user, the next part of the program handles reading the file, replacing the words, and writing the changes back to the file. I used a try-catch block to manage any potential IDException errors.
     Read the file content, perform replacement, and write back to the file
      File file = new File(fileName);
      if (!file.exists()) {
          System.out.println("File not found: " + fileName);
(Reading the file content; outputting an exception to the console if the file is not found.)
Next, I used a StringBuilder to efficiently accumulate the content of the file.
I found with research that this was the most efficient method to go about this process.
             StringBuilder fileContent = new StringBuilder();
            Scanner fileScanner = new Scanner(file);
             while (fileScanner.hasNextLine()) {
                 String line = fileScanner.nextLine();
                 fileContent.append(line).append(System.lineSeparator()); // Preserve line breaks
             fileScanner.close();
            String updatedContent = fileContent.toString().replace(searchWord, replacementWord);
            FileWriter writer = new FileWriter(file);
            writer.write(updatedContent);
            writer.close();
            System.out.println("Replacement completed successfully.");
        } catch (IOException e) {
            System.out.println("An error occurred while processing the file.");
        input.close();
Once all the content is accumulated in the StringBuilder, I replaced the target word with the new word.
The updated content is then written to the file and a result message is output to the console.
Finally, in the catch block, I handled any possible IOException errors that could occur, such as issues with file access.
Reflection - MySavings
First, in the MySavingsFile class, I imported the java.io.* and java.util.Scanner libraries and declared the file path
Inside the main method, a Scanner object is created for user input.
The program attempts to load an existing PiggyBank object from the file by calling loadPiggyBank(). If the file doesn't exist, it creates a new PiggyBank object.
  private static String FILE_NAME = "C:/Users/38020001/git/CS30P3F2024/chapter11/src/mastery/PiggyBank.txt";
  public static void main(String[] args) {
      Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
       PiggyBank bank = LoadPiggyBank(); // Load PiggyBank from file or create a new one
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A boolean exit is initialized to false, and a while loop starts. This loop continues until the user chooses to exit the program.
 while (!exit) {
     System.out.println("\n--- My Savings Menu ---");
System.out.println("1. Add Pennies");
     System.out.println("3. Add Dimes");
     System.out.println("4. Add Quarters");
     System.out.println("6. Remove Nickels");
System.out.println("7. Remove Dimes");
     System.out.println("8. Remove Quarters");
     System.out.println("9. View Total Savings");
     System.out.println("0. Exit and Save");
System.out.print("Enter your choice: ");
This while loop is what re-shows the prompt every time the user completes one of the functions of the application.
       int choice = input.nextInt();
       switch (choice) {
               System.out.print("Enter the number of pennies: ");
               bank.addPennies(input.nextInt());
               bank.addNickels(input.nextInt());
                System.out.print("Enter the number of dimes: ");
               bank.addDimes(input.nextInt());
                bank.addQuarters(input.nextInt());
                System.out.print("Enter the number of pennies to remove: ");
               bank.removePennies(input.nextInt());
               System.out.print("Enter the number of nickels to remove: ");
               bank.removeNickels(input.nextInt());
               bank.removeDimes(input.nextInt());
                System.out.print("Enter the number of quarters to remove: ");
                bank.removeQuarters(input.nextInt());
               System.out.println("Total Savings: $" + bank.getTotal());
                savePiggyBank(bank); // Save the PiggyBank to a file
               System.out.println("Invalid choice! Please select again.");
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input.close();
Next, the program takes an input from the user on their choice of what they want to run on the application and displays a corresponding prompt
Based on their input, a respective function is performed in the PiggyBank class.
  ublic class PiggyBank implements Serializable {
   private int pennies;
   private int nickels;
     private int quarters;
        pennies = 0;
         dimes = 0;
         quarters = 0;
         pennies += count;
         nickels += count;
     public void addDimes(int count) {
     public void addQuarters(int count) {
         quarters += count;
     public void removePennies(int count) {
         pennies -= Math.min(count, pennies); // Ensure not removing more than we have
     public void removeNickels(int count) {
         nickels -= Math.min(count, nickels);
     public void removeDimes(int count) {
   dimes -= Math.min(count, dimes);
     public double getTotal() {
          return pennies * 0.01 + nickels * 0.05 + dimes * 0.10 + quarters * 0.25;
Lastly, when the user exits (or when the program is first opened), these methods are responsible for the file functions (saving and loading the bank info)
        try (ObjectOutputStream oos = new ObjectOutputStream(new FileOutputStream(FILE_NAME))) {
             System.out.println("PiggyBank saved successfully.");
        } catch (IOException e) {
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}

// Method to load the PiggyBank object from a file using input stream

private static PiggyBank loadPiggyBank() {
   try (ObjectInputStream ois = new ObjectInputStream(new FileInputStream(FILE_NAME))) {
      return (PiggyBank) ois.readObject();
   } catch (IOException | ClassNotFoundException e) {
      System.out.println("No saved PiggyBank found. Starting a new one.");
      return new PiggyBank(); // If the file doesn't exist, return a new PiggyBank
   }
}

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