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Building Java Programs

Chapter 6: File Processing

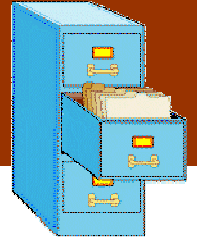
Chapter outline

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File input using Scanner

reading: 6.1 - 6.2, 5.3

File objects



- Programmers refer to input/output as "I/O".
- The `File` class in the `java.io` package represents files.
 - `import java.io.*;`
 - Create a `File` object to get information about a file on the disk. (Creating a `File` object doesn't create a new file on your disk.)

```
File f = new File("example.txt");
if (f.exists() && f.length() > 1000) {
    f.delete();
}
```

Method name	Description
<code>canRead()</code>	returns whether file is able to be read
<code>delete()</code>	removes file from disk
<code>exists()</code>	whether this file exists on disk
<code>getName()</code>	returns file's name
<code>length()</code>	returns number of characters in file
<code>renameTo(<i>file</i>)</code>	changes name of file

Reading data from files

- To read a file, pass a `File` object as a parameter when constructing a `Scanner`.

- `Scanner` for a file, general syntax:

```
Scanner <name> = new Scanner(new File("<file name>"));
```

Example:

```
Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("numbers.txt"));
```

or:

```
File f = new File("numbers.txt");
```

```
Scanner input = new Scanner(f);
```

File names and paths

- **relative path:** does not specify any top-level folder
 - "names.dat"
 - "input/kinglear.txt"
- **absolute path:** specifies drive letter or top "/" folder
 - "C:/Documents/smith/hw6/input/data.csv"
 - Windows systems can also use backslashes to separate folders.
- When you construct a `File` object with a relative path, Java assumes it is relative to the *current directory*.
 - `Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("data/readme.txt"));`
 - If our program is in `H:/hw6,`
Scanner will look for `H:/hw6/data/readme.txt.`

Compiler error with files

- The following program does not compile:

```
import java.io.*;      // for File
import java.util.*;   // for Scanner

public class ReadFile {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("data.txt"));
        String text = input.next();
        System.out.println(text);
    }
}
```

- The following compiler error is produced:

```
ReadFile.java:6: unreported exception
java.io.FileNotFoundException; must be caught or declared
to be thrown
```

```
Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("data.txt"));
                ^
```

Exceptions



- **exception:** An object that represents a program error.
 - Programs with invalid logic will cause exceptions.
 - Examples:
 - dividing by 0
 - calling `charAt` on a `String` and passing too large an index
 - trying to read a file that does not exist
 - We say that a logical error *throws* an exception.
 - It is also possible to *catch* (handle or fix) an exception.

Checked exceptions

- **checked exception:** An error that must be handled by our program (otherwise it will not compile).
 - We must specify what our program will do to handle any potential file I/O failures.
 - We must either:
 - declare that our program will handle ("*catch*") the exception, or
 - state that we choose not to handle the exception (and we accept that the program will crash if an exception occurs)

Throwing exception syntax

- **throws clause:** Keywords placed on a method's header to state that it may generate an exception.
 - It's like a waiver of liability:
"I hereby agree that this method might throw an exception, and I accept the consequences (crashing) if this happens."

- throws clause, general syntax:

```
public static <type> <name>(<params>) throws <type> {
```

- When doing file I/O, we use `FileNotFoundException`.

```
public static void main(String[] args)  
    throws FileNotFoundException {
```

Fixed compiler error

- The following corrected program *does* compile:

```
import java.io.*;        // for File, FileNotFoundException
import java.util.*;     // for Scanner

public class ReadFile {
    public static void main(String[] args)
        throws FileNotFoundException {
        Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("data.txt"));
        String text = input.next();
        System.out.println(text);
    }
}
```

Files and input cursor

- Consider a file `numbers.txt` that contains this text:

```
308.2
```

```
14.9 7.4 2.8
```

```
3.9 4.7 -15.4
```

```
2.8
```

- A `Scanner` views all input as a stream of characters:

- `308.2\n 14.9 7.4 2.8\n\n\n3.9 4.7 -15.4\n2.8\n`

^

- **input cursor:** Current position of the `Scanner` in the input.

Input tokens

- **token:** A unit of user input, separated by whitespace.
 - When you call methods such as `nextInt`, the `Scanner` splits the input into tokens.

- **Example:** If an input file contains the following:

```
23    3.14  
    "John Smith"
```

- The `Scanner` can interpret the tokens as the following types:

<u>Token</u>	<u>Type(s)</u>
1. 23	int, double, String
2. 3.14	double, String
3. "John	String
4. Smith"	String

Consuming tokens

- **consuming input:** Reading input and advancing the cursor.
 - Each call to `next`, `nextInt`, etc. advances the cursor to the end of the current token, skipping over any whitespace.

```
308.2\n    14.9 7.4  2.8\n\n\n3.9 4.7 -15.4\n2.8\n^
```

```
input.nextDouble()
```

```
308.2\n    14.9 7.4  2.8\n\n\n3.9 4.7 -15.4\n2.8\n^
```

```
input.nextDouble()
```

```
308.2\n    14.9 7.4  2.8\n\n\n3.9 4.7 -15.4\n2.8\n^
```

File input question

- Consider the following input file `numbers.txt`:

```
308.2
```

```
14.9 7.4 2.8
```

```
3.9 4.7 -15.4
```

```
2.8
```

- Write a program that reads the first 5 values from this file and prints them along with their sum.

```
number = 308.2
```

```
number = 14.9
```

```
number = 7.4
```

```
number = 2.8
```

```
number = 3.9
```

```
Sum = 337.199999999999993
```

File input answer

```
// Displays the first 5 numbers in the given file,  
// and displays their sum at the end.  
  
import java.io.*;    // for File  
import java.util.*; // for Scanner  
  
public class Echo {  
    public static void main(String[] args)  
        throws FileNotFoundException {  
        Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("numbers.txt"));  
        double sum = 0.0;  
        for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {  
            double next = input.nextDouble();  
            System.out.println("number = " + next);  
            sum += next;  
        }  
        System.out.println("Sum = " + sum);  
    }  
}
```


Testing for valid input (Ch5.3)

- A `Scanner` has methods to see what the next token will be:

Method	Description
<code>hasNext()</code>	returns <code>true</code> if there are any more tokens of input to read (<i>always true for console input</i>)
<code>hasNextInt()</code>	returns <code>true</code> if there is a next token and it can be read as an <code>int</code>
<code>hasNextDouble()</code>	returns <code>true</code> if there is a next token and it can be read as a <code>double</code>
<code>hasNextLine()</code>	returns <code>true</code> if there are any more <u>lines</u> of input to read (<i>always true for console input</i>)

- These methods do not actually consume input, just give information about what input is waiting.

Scanner condition examples

- The hasNext methods are useful to avoid exceptions.

```
Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
System.out.print("How old are you? ");
if (console.hasNextInt()) {
    int age = console.nextInt();    // will not crash!
    System.out.println("Wow, " + age + " is old!");
} else {
    System.out.println("You didn't type an integer.");
}
```

- The hasNext methods are also useful with file scanners.

```
Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("example.txt"));
while (input.hasNext()) {
    String token = input.next();    // will not crash!
    System.out.println("token: " + token);
}
```

File input question 2

- The preceding `Echo` program is impractical; it only processes 5 values from the input file.
- Modify the program to process the entire file:

```
number = 308.2
number = 14.9
number = 7.4
number = 2.8
number = 3.9
number = 4.7
number = -15.4
number = 2.8
Sum = 329.299999999999995
```

File input answer 2

```
// Displays each number in the given file,  
// and displays their sum at the end.  
  
import java.io.*;    // for File  
import java.util.*;  // for Scanner  
  
public class Echo2 {  
    public static void main(String[] args)  
        throws FileNotFoundException {  
        Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("numbers.dat"));  
        double sum = 0.0;  
        while (input.hasNextDouble()) {  
            double next = input.nextDouble();  
            System.out.println("number = " + next);  
            sum += next;  
        }  
        System.out.println("Sum = " + sum);  
    }  
}
```

File input question 3

- Modify the program again to handle files that also contain non-numeric tokens.
 - The program should skip any such tokens.
- For example, it should produce the same output as before when given this input file:

```
308.2  hello
      14.9 7.4  bad stuff 2.8
```

```
3.9 4.7  oops  -15.4
:-)    2.8  @#*( $&
```

File input answer 3

```
// Displays each number in the given file,  
// and displays their sum at the end.  
  
import java.io.*;  
import java.util.*;  
  
public class Echo3 {  
    public static void main(String[] args)  
        throws FileNotFoundException {  
        Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("numbers.dat"));  
        double sum = 0.0;  
        while (input.hasNext()) {  
            if (input.hasNextDouble()) {  
                double next = input.nextDouble();  
                System.out.println("number = " + next);  
                sum += next;  
            } else {  
                input.next();    // consume the bad token  
            }  
        }  
        System.out.println("Sum = " + sum);  
    }  
}
```

File processing question

- Write a program that accepts an input file containing integers representing daily high temperatures.

Example input file:

```
42 45 37 49 38 50 46 48 48 30 45 42 45 40 48
```

- Your program should print the difference between each adjacent pair of temperatures, such as the following:

```
Temperature changed by 3 deg F
Temperature changed by -8 deg F
Temperature changed by 12 deg F
Temperature changed by -11 deg F
Temperature changed by 12 deg F
Temperature changed by -4 deg F
Temperature changed by 2 deg F
Temperature changed by 0 deg F
Temperature changed by -18 deg F
Temperature changed by 15 deg F
Temperature changed by -3 deg F
Temperature changed by 3 deg F
Temperature changed by -5 deg F
Temperature changed by 8 deg F
```

File processing answer

```
import java.io.*;
import java.util.*;

public class Temperatures {
    public static void main(String[] args)
        throws FileNotFoundException {
        Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("weather.dat"));
        int temp1 = input.nextInt();
        while (input.hasNextInt()) {
            int temp2 = input.nextInt();
            System.out.println("Temperature changed by " +
                (temp2 - temp1) + " deg F");
            temp1 = temp2;
        }
    }
}
```


Common Scanner errors

- `NoSuchElementException`
 - You read past the end of the input.
- `InputMismatchException`
 - You read the wrong type of token (e.g. read "hi" as `int`).
- Finding and fixing these exceptions:
 - Carefully read the exception text for line numbers in your code (the first line that mentions your file; often near the bottom):

```
Exception in thread "main" java.util.NoSuchElementException
    at java.util.Scanner.throwFor(Scanner.java:838)
    at java.util.Scanner.next(Scanner.java:1347)
    at CountTokens.sillyMethod(CountTokens.java:19)
    at CountTokens.main(CountTokens.java:6)
```

A brick wall on the left side of a blue background. The bricks are reddish-brown with white mortar. The wall is partially visible, extending from the left edge towards the center of the frame.

Line-based file processing

reading: 6.3

Line-by-line processing

- The Scanner's `nextLine` method reads a line of input.
 - It consumes the characters from the input cursor's current position to the next `\n` character.
- Reading a file line-by-line, general syntax:

```
Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("<file name>"));
while (input.hasNextLine()) {
    String line = input.nextLine();
    <process this line...>;
}
```

Line-based input example

- Given the following input data:

```
23      3.14 John Smith  "Hello world"  
          45.2          19
```

- The Scanner can read the following input:

```
23\t3.14 John Smith\t"Hello world"\n\t\t45.2  19\n^
```

```
input.nextLine()
```

```
23\t3.14 John Smith\t"Hello world"\n\t\t45.2  19\n          ^
```

```
input.nextLine()
```

```
23\t3.14 John Smith\t"Hello world"\n\t\t45.2  19\n                                         ^
```

- The `\n` character is consumed but not returned.

File processing question

- Write a program that reads a text file and "quotes" it by putting a > in front of each line.

- Example input file, `message.txt` :

```
Please let the students know that  
I'll be curving the grades downward!
```

```
Love, Prof. Meanie
```

- Example output:

```
> Please let the students know that  
> I'll be curving the grades downward!  
>  
> Love, Prof. Meanie
```

File processing answer

```
import java.io.*;
import java.util.*;

public class QuoteMessage {
    public static void main(String[] args)
        throws FileNotFoundException {
        Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("message.txt"));
        while (input.hasNextLine()) {
            String line = input.nextLine();
            System.out.println(">" + line);
        }
    }
}
```

Processing tokens of one line

- Given a file with the following contents:

```
123 Susan 12.5 8.1 7.6 3.2
456 Brad 4.0 11.6 6.5 2.7 12
789 Jennifer 8.0 8.0 8.0 8.0 7.5
```

- Consider the task of computing hours worked by one person:

```
Enter a name: Brad
```

```
Brad (ID#456) worked 36.8 hours (7.36 hours/day)
```

- Observations:

- Neither line-based nor token-based processing is quite right.
- The better solution is a hybrid approach:
 - Break the overall input into lines.
 - Break each line into tokens.

Scanners on Strings

- A Scanner can tokenize a String, such as a line of a file.

```
Scanner <name> = new Scanner(<String>);
```

- Example:

```
String text = "1.4 3.2 hello 9 27.5";  
Scanner scan = new Scanner(text);  
System.out.println(scan.next()); // 1.4  
System.out.println(scan.next()); // 3.2  
System.out.println(scan.next()); // hello
```


Tokenizing lines

- We can use string Scanners to tokenize each line of a file.

```
Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("<file name>"));
while (input.hasNextLine()) {
    String line = input.nextLine();
    Scanner lineScan = new Scanner(line);
    <process this line...>;
}
```

Line processing example

- Example: Count the tokens on each line of a file.

```
Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("input.txt"));
while (input.hasNextLine()) {
    String line = input.nextLine();
    Scanner lineScan = new Scanner(line);
    int count = 0;
    while (lineScan.hasNext()) {
        String token = lineScan.next();
        count++;
    }
    System.out.println("Line has " + count + " tokens");
}
```

Input file input.txt:

```
23 3.14 John Smith "Hello world"
45.2          19
```

Output to console:

```
Line has 6 tokens
Line has 2 tokens
```

Complex input question

- Write a program that computes the hours worked and average hours per day for a particular person.
 - Input file `hours.txt` :

```
123 Susan 12.5 8.1 7.6 3.2
456 Brad 4.0 11.6 6.5 2.7 12
789 Jennifer 8.0 8.0 8.0 8.0 7.5 7.0
```
 - Example log of execution:

```
Enter a name: Brad
Brad (ID#456) worked 36.8 hours (7.36 hours/day)
```
 - Example log of execution:

```
Enter a name: Harvey
Harvey was not found
```
 - Hint: It may be easier to begin by printing all employee's hours.

Complex input answer

```
// This program searches an input file of employees' hours worked
// for a particular employee and outputs that employee's hours data.

import java.io.*;    // for File
import java.util.*; // for Scanner

public class HoursWorked {
    public static void main(String[] args)
        throws FileNotFoundException {
        Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
        System.out.print("Enter a name: ");
        String searchName = console.nextLine(); // e.g. "BRAD"
        boolean found = false;                // a boolean flag

        Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("hours.txt"));
        while (input.hasNextLine()) {
            String line = input.nextLine();
            Scanner lineScan = new Scanner(line);
            int id = lineScan.nextInt();       // e.g. 456
            String name = lineScan.next();     // e.g. "Brad"
            if (name.equalsIgnoreCase(searchName)) {
                processLine(lineScan, name, id);
                found = true;                  // we found them!
            }
        }

        if (!found) { // found will be true if we ever found the person
            System.out.println(searchName + " was not found");
        }
    }
}
```

Complex input answer 2

...

```
// totals the hours worked by one person and outputs their info
public static void processLine(Scanner lineScan,
    String name, int id) {

    double sum = 0.0;
    int count = 0;
    while (lineScan.hasNextDouble()) {
        sum += lineScan.nextDouble();
        count++;
    }

    double average = sum / count;
    System.out.println(name + " (ID#" + id + ") worked " +
        sum + " hours (" + average + " hours/day)");
}
}
```

IMDB movie ratings problem

- Consider the following Internet Movie Database (IMDB) Top-250 data from a text file in the following format:

```
1 196376 9.1 Shawshank Redemption, The (1994)
2 93064 8.9 Godfather: Part II, The (1974)
3 81507 8.8 Casablanca (1942)
```

- Write a program that prompts the user for a search phrase and displays any movies that contain that phrase.

This program will allow you to search the IMDB top 250 movies for a particular word.

search word? kill

Rank	Votes	Rating	Title
40	37815	8.5	To Kill a Mockingbird (1962)
88	89063	8.3	Kill Bill: Vol. 1 (2003)
112	64613	8.2	Kill Bill: Vol. 2 (2004)
128	9149	8.2	Killing, the (1956)

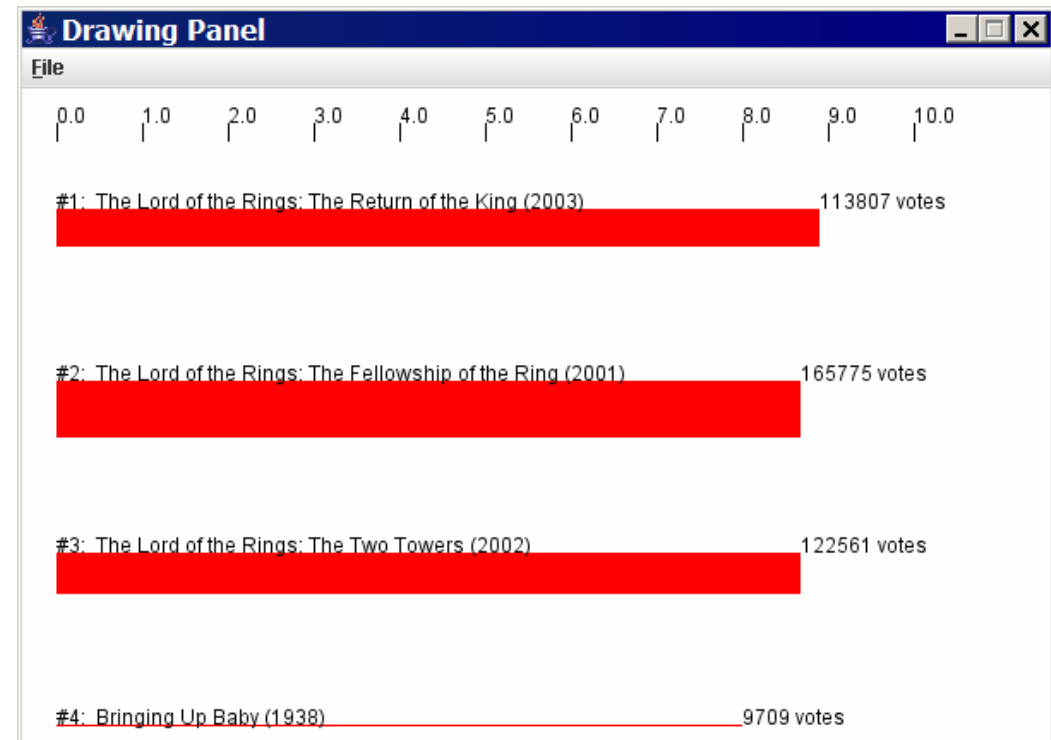
4 matches.

Graphical IMDB problem

- Consider making this a graphical program.

Expected appearance:

- top-left tick mark at (20, 20)
- ticks 10px tall, 50px apart
- first red bar t/l corner at (20, 70)
- 100px apart vertically (max of 5)
- 1px tall per 5000 votes
- 50px wide per rating point



Mixing graphical, text output

- When solving complex file I/O problems with a mix of text and graphical output, attack the problem in pieces.

Do the text input/output and file I/O first:

- Display any welcome message and initial console input.
- Open the input file and print some file data.
(Perhaps print the first token of each line, or every token, etc.)
- Search the input file for the proper line record.

Next, begin the graphical output:

- Draw any fixed items that do not depend on the file results.
- Draw the graphical output that depends on the search result.

Complex input answer

```
// Displays IMDB's Top 250 movies that match the user's search string.
//
import java.awt.*;
import java.io.*;
import java.util.*;

public class Movies2 {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws FileNotFoundException {
        introduction();
        String phrase = getWord();
        Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("imdb.txt"));
        search(input, phrase);
    }

    // prints introductory text to the user
    public static void introduction() {
        System.out.println("This program will allow you to search the");
        System.out.println("IMDB top 250 movies for a particular word.");
        System.out.println();
    }

    // Asks the user for their search phrase and returns it.
    public static String getWord() {
        System.out.print("Search word: ");
        Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
        String phrase = console.next();
        phrase = phrase.toLowerCase();
        System.out.println();
        return phrase;
    }

    ...
}
```

Complex input answer 2

```
...  
  
// Breaks apart each line, looking for lines that match the search phrase.  
public static void search(Scanner input, String phrase) {  
    System.out.println("Rank\tVotes\tRating\tTitle");  
    int matches = 0;  
    Graphics g = createWindow();  
  
    while (input.hasNextLine()) {  
        String line = input.nextLine();  
        Scanner lineScan = new Scanner(line);  
  
        int rank = lineScan.nextInt();  
        int votes = lineScan.nextInt();  
        double rating = lineScan.nextDouble();  
        String title = lineScan.nextLine(); // all the rest  
  
        if (title.toLowerCase().indexOf(phrase) >= 0) {  
            matches++;  
            System.out.println(rank + "\t" + votes + "\t" + rating + title);  
            drawBar(g, line, matches);  
        }  
    }  
  
    System.out.println();  
    System.out.println(matches + " matches.");  
}  
  
...
```

Complex input answer 3

```
...
// Creates a drawing panel and draws all fixed graphics.
public static Graphics createWindow() {
    DrawingPanel panel = new DrawingPanel(600, 500);
    Graphics g = panel.getGraphics();

    for (int i = 0; i <= 10; i++) {           // draw tick marks
        int x = 20 + i * 50;
        g.drawLine(x, 20, x, 30);
        g.drawString(i + ".0", x, 20);
    }

    return g;
}

// Draws one red bar representing a movie's votes and ranking.
public static void drawBar(Graphics g, String line, int matches) {
    Scanner lineScan = new Scanner(line);
    int rank = lineScan.nextInt();
    int votes = lineScan.nextInt();
    double rating = lineScan.nextDouble();
    String title = lineScan.nextLine(); // the rest of the line
    int y = 70 + 100 * (matches - 1);
    int w = (int) (rating * 50);
    int h = votes / 5000;

    g.setColor(Color.RED); // draw the red bar for that movie
    g.fillRect(20, y, w, h);
    g.setColor(Color.BLACK);
    g.drawString("#" + rank + ": " + title, 20, y);
    g.drawString(votes + " votes", 20 + w, y);
}
}
```

A brick wall is visible on the left side of the slide, extending from the bottom to the top. The bricks are reddish-brown with white mortar. The background is a solid blue color.

Advanced File I/O

reading: 6.4 - 6.5

Mixing line-based with tokens

- Don't use both `nextLine` and the token-based methods on the same `Scanner`; confusing results occur.

```
23    3.14
```

```
Joe    "Hello world"  
        45.2  19
```

```
input.nextInt() // 23
```

```
23\t3.14\nJoe\t"Hello world"\n\t\t45.2  19\n  ^
```

```
input.nextDouble() // 3.14
```

```
23\t3.14\nJoe\t"Hello world"\n\t\t45.2  19\n  ^
```

```
input.nextLine() // "" (empty!)
```

```
23\t3.14\nJoe\t"Hello world"\n\t\t45.2  19\n  ^
```

```
input.nextLine() // "Joe\t\"Hello world\""
```

```
23\t3.14\nJoe\t"Hello world"\n\t\t45.2  19\n  ^
```

Line-and-token example

- Another example of the confusing behavior:

```
Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
System.out.print("Enter your age: ");
int age = console.nextInt();
System.out.print("Now enter your name: ");
String name = console.nextLine();
System.out.println(name + " is " + age + " years old.");
```

Log of execution (user input underlined):

```
Enter your age: 12
Now enter your name: Marty Stepp
is 12 years old.
```

- Why?

- User's overall input: 12\nMarty Stepp
- After nextInt(): **12**\nMarty Stepp
 ^
- After nextLine(): 12\nMarty Stepp
 ^

Prompting for a file name

- We can ask the user to tell us the file to read.
 - We should use the `nextLine` method on the console `Scanner`, because the file name might have spaces in it.

```
// prompt for the file name
Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
System.out.print("Type a file name to use: ");
String filename = console.nextLine();

Scanner input = new Scanner(new File(filename));
```

- What if the user types a file name that does not exist?

Fixing file-not-found issues

- File objects have an `exists` method we can use:

```
Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
System.out.print("Type a file name to use: ");
String filename = console.nextLine();
File file = new File(filename);

while (!file.exists()) {
    System.out.print("File not found! Try again: ");
    String filename = console.nextLine();
    file = new File(filename);
}
Scanner input = new Scanner(file); // open the file
```

Output:

```
Type a file name to use: hourz.txt
File not found! Try again: h0urz.txt
File not found! Try again: hours.txt
```


Output to files

- **PrintStream**: An object in the `java.io` package that lets you print output to a destination such as a file.
 - `System.out` is also a `PrintStream`.
 - Any methods you have used on `System.out` (such as `print`, `println`) will work on every `PrintStream`.

- Printing into an output file, general syntax:

```
PrintStream <name> =  
    new PrintStream(new File(" <file name> "));  
...
```

- If the given file does not exist, it is created.
- If the given file already exists, it is overwritten.

Printing to files, example

■ Example:

```
PrintStream output = new PrintStream(new File("output.txt"));  
output.println("Hello, file!");  
output.println("This is a second line of output.");
```

- You can use similar ideas about prompting for file names here.

■ Do not open a file for reading (`Scanner`) and writing (`PrintStream`) at the same time.

- The result can be an empty file (size 0 bytes).
- You could overwrite your input file by accident!