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Files

Solutions for those exercises.¹

Questions

1. What is the name of the class we use to read from files?
 - `FileReader`
 - `StreamOpener`
 - `ReadFile`
 - `StreamReader`
 - `FileStream`
2. What is of crucial importance?
 - Always call the `Open` method before reading from or writing into a file.
 - Always assume the user has `C:\` as their main drive.
 - Always call the `Close` method after being done reading from or writing into a file.
 - Never read from or write into a file inside a `try...catch` block.

Problems

1. Write a program that create a text file called `HelloWorld.txt` in its `bin/Debug` folder and store "Hello" followed by a name entered by the user in it.
2. Write a program that ask the user for a filename, makes sure the filename ends with `".txt"` and does not begin with a `."` (otherwise, the file would be hidden on unix systems), does not match a file with the same name in the `bin/Debug` folder of your program, then create it in the `bin/Debug` folder of your program and write in it all the number from 1 to 1,000,000 (both included). Out of curiosity, what is the file size?
3. Execute the following program, then write a program that find the greatest number in the `RandomNumber.txt` file.

¹<https://princomp.github.io/solutions/io/files>

```

string filePath = Path.Combine(
    AppDomain.CurrentDomain.BaseDirectory,
    "RandomNumbers.txt"
);
Random gen = new Random();
try
{
    StreamWriter sw = new StreamWriter(filePath);
    for (int i = 1; i <= 100; i++)
        sw.WriteLine(gen.Next(1000));
    sw.Close();
}
catch (Exception e)
{
    Console.WriteLine("Exception: " + e.Message);
}

```

4. Suppose that at `filePath` is located a file where each line is either

- a decimal (e.g., 12.4, -14, 0.34),
- the word "STOP",
- some other string ("Test", "The sky is blue", "Ignore this line", "My file contains"), that may contain the characters "STOP".

Write a program that displays the average of the decimals in the file knowing that

- your program should ignore the values after a line containing "STOP" and only "STOP" if it is present,
- all the other strings should simply be ignored.

For example, for the following three files, "4.0", "10.0" and "7.5" should be displayed, as $(12.48 - 2.48 + 2) / 3 = 4$ (13 been ignored), $(15 + 5) / 2 = 10$, and $(11 + 4) / 2 = 7.5$ (12 being ignored).

```

12.48
This is a test
-2.48
2
STOP
13

```

```

My file contains
STOP but
averages

```

```

15      and
5

```

```

This 12 will be
ignored
but not
11      nor
4

```

5. Write a program that asks the user to enter a sentence, and store it in a file *where the maximum width is 40*: if the string entered is more than 40 characters long, then it should span over multiple lines of no more than 40 characters each. For example, if the user enters

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then the text file should contain

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6. Write a program that counts the number of words in itself! Ideally, empty lines should not count toward the word count.

Hint: `Program.cs` is normally located at

```

Path.Combine(
    new DirectoryInfo-
        ↪ Info(Directory.GetCurrentDirectory()).Parent.Parent.ToString(),
    "Program.cs"
)

```