

Java IOs

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Objectives

- Know the different types of data (binary vs. text)
- Understand the abstract notion of sources, streams and sink
- Use the different IO types for different use-cases
- Use the Java IO API to read and write files

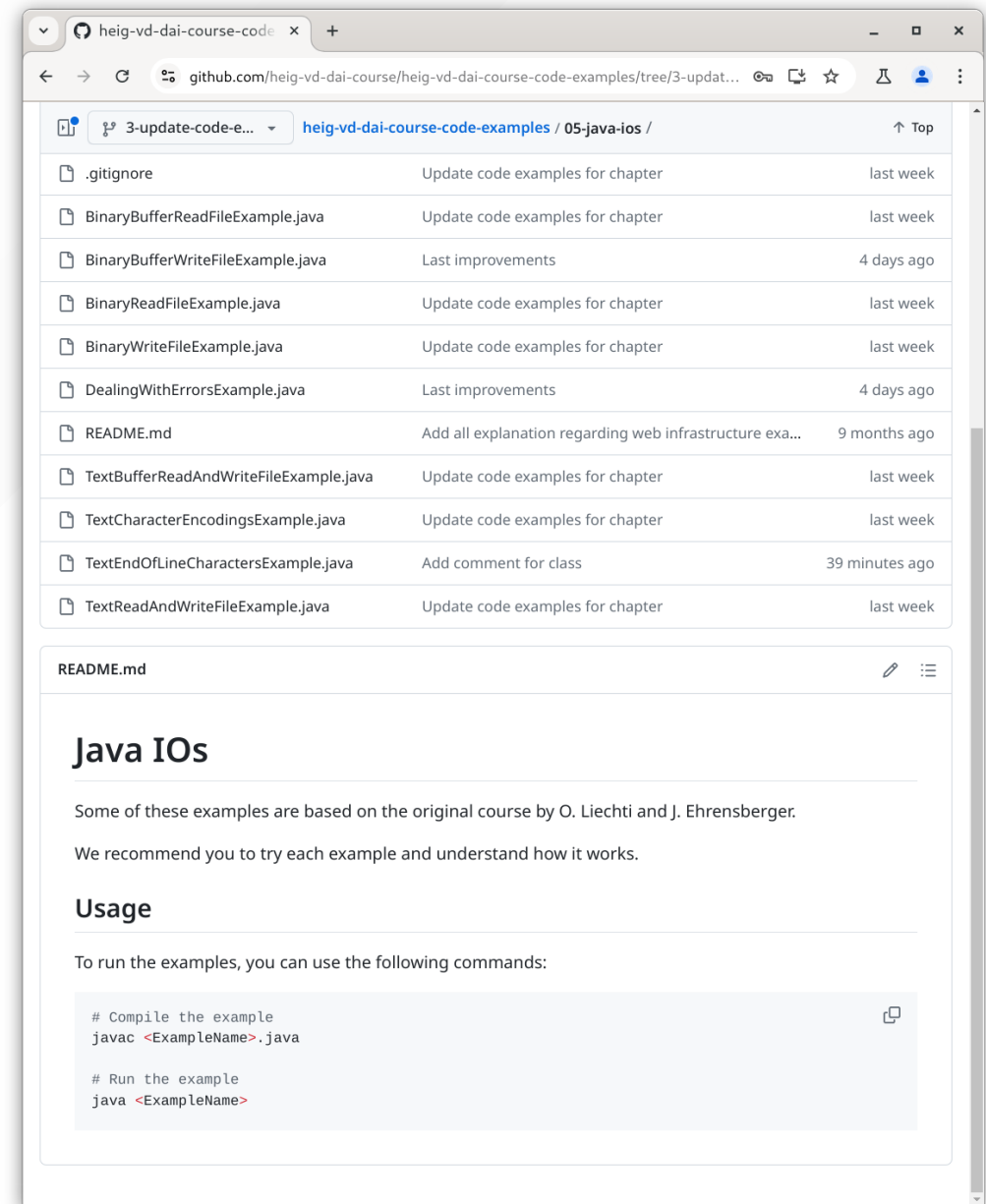


Prepare and setup your environment

More details for this section in the [course material](#). You can find other resources and alternatives as well.

Check and run the code examples

- Check the [code examples](#)
- Run the code examples
- Help to understand the concepts
- Play with the code examples



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying a GitHub repository page for '05-java-ios'. The page lists several Java example files with their commit messages and dates. Below the list, the 'README.md' file is open, showing the title 'Java IOs' and introductory text. The 'Usage' section provides instructions on how to compile and run the examples, including a code block with the following commands:

```
# Compile the example
javac <ExampleName>.java

# Run the example
java <ExampleName>
```

Sources, streams and sinks of data

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Sources, streams and sinks of data

- Abstraction of data flow
- Source: where data comes from (input)
- Sink: where data goes to (output)
- Stream: data flows between source and sink



The Java IO API

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The Java IO API

- Part of `java.base` module
 - `java.io` package
 - `java.nio` package
- Different classes for different IO types:
 - Binary data
 - Text data

The screenshot shows the Oracle Java SE 17 & JDK 17 documentation page for the `java.io` package. The page is titled "Package java.io" and provides a description of the package, which is used for system input and output through data streams, serialization, and the file system. It also includes a warning about deserializing untrusted data and a list of related resources. A table of classes and interfaces is provided at the bottom of the page.

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Provides for system input and output through data streams, serialization and the file system. Unless otherwise noted, passing a null argument to a constructor or method in any class or interface in this package will cause a `NullPointerException` to be thrown.

Object Serialization

Warning: Deserialization of untrusted data is inherently dangerous and should be avoided. Untrusted data should be carefully validated according to the "Serialization and Deserialization" section of the Secure Coding Guidelines for Java SE[®].

- [Java Object Serialization Specification](#)
- [Serial Filtering[®] best practices](#)
- [The serialver tool[®]](#)

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All Classes and Interfaces	Interfaces	Classes	Enum Classes	Exceptions	Errors
Annotation Interfaces					
Class	Description				
<code>BufferedInputStream</code>	A <code>BufferedInputStream</code> adds functionality to another input stream-namely, the ability to buffer the input and to support the mark and reset methods.				
<code>BufferedOutputStream</code>	The class implements a buffered output stream.				
<code>BufferedReader</code>	Reads text from a character-input stream, buffering characters so as to provide for the efficient reading of characters, arrays, and lines.				
<code>BufferedWriter</code>	Writes text to a character-output stream, buffering characters so as to provide for the efficient writing of single characters, arrays, and strings.				
<code>ByteArrayInputStream</code>	A <code>ByteArrayInputStream</code> contains an internal buffer that contains bytes that may be read from the stream.				

Types of data

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Types of data

- Two types of data:
 - Binary
 - Text
- Both are `0`s and `1`s - the difference is in interpretation:
 - Binary data - raw data
 - Text data - interpretation

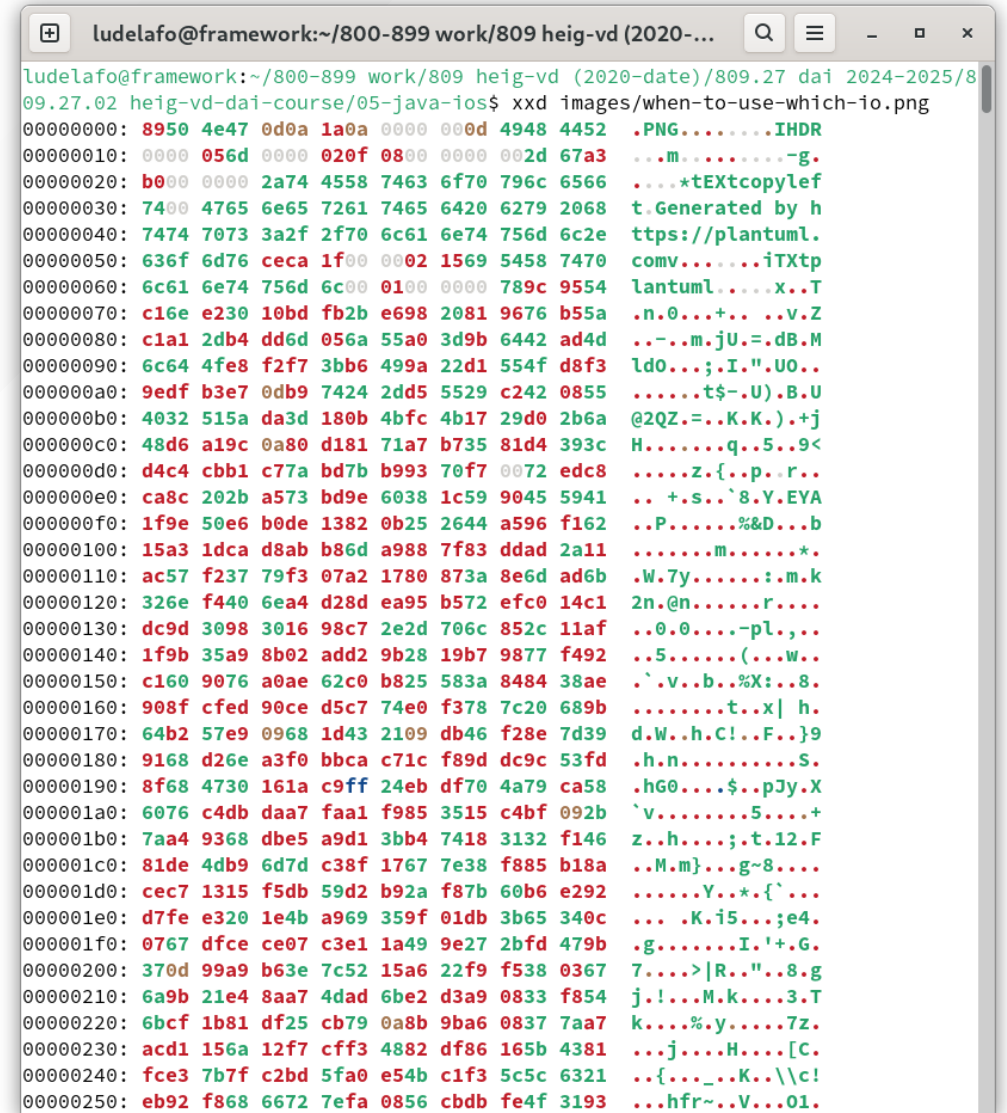
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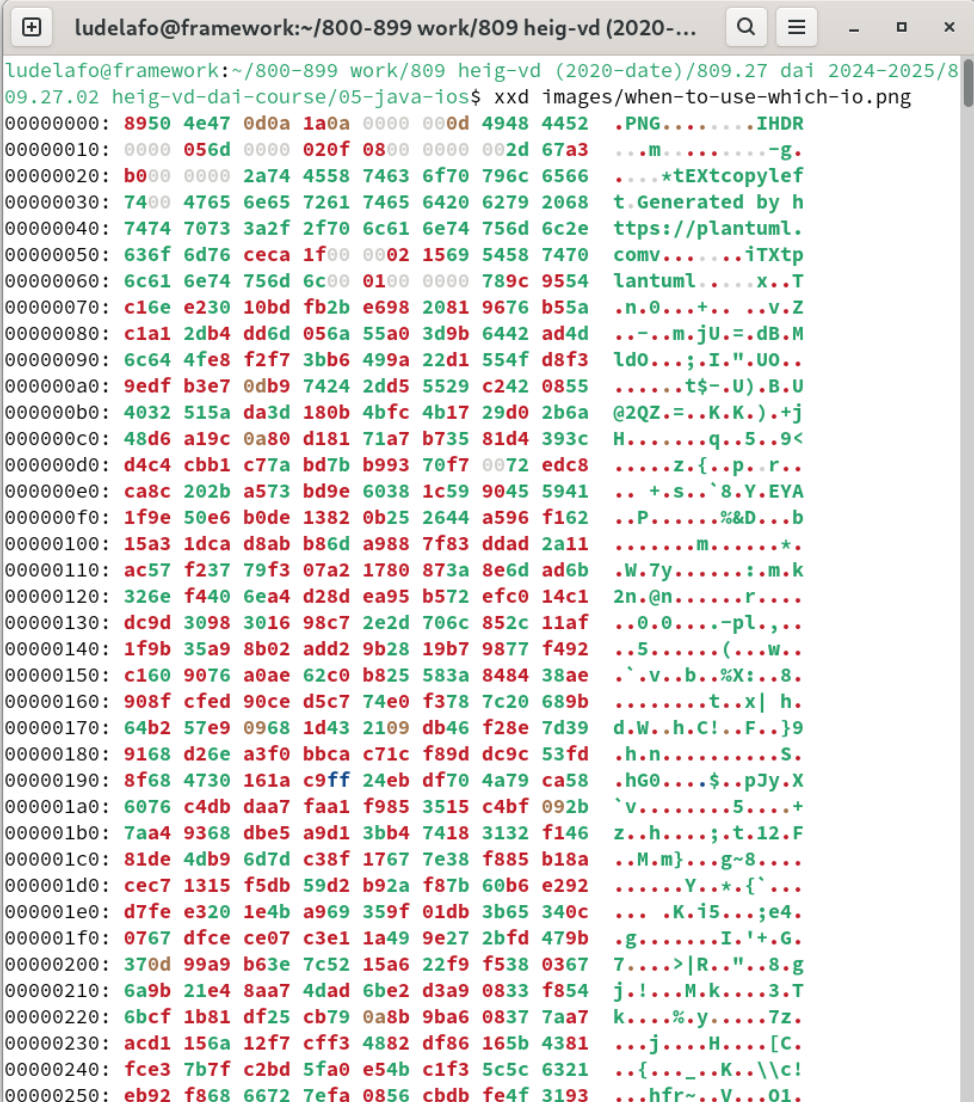
- Most basic type of data processing:
 1. Open a file
 2. Read/write/modify the bytes as they are
 3. Close the file



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Reading binary data

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- `InputStream` and `FileInputStream` classes are used to read binary data
- Let's have a look at the code example `BinaryReadFileExample`



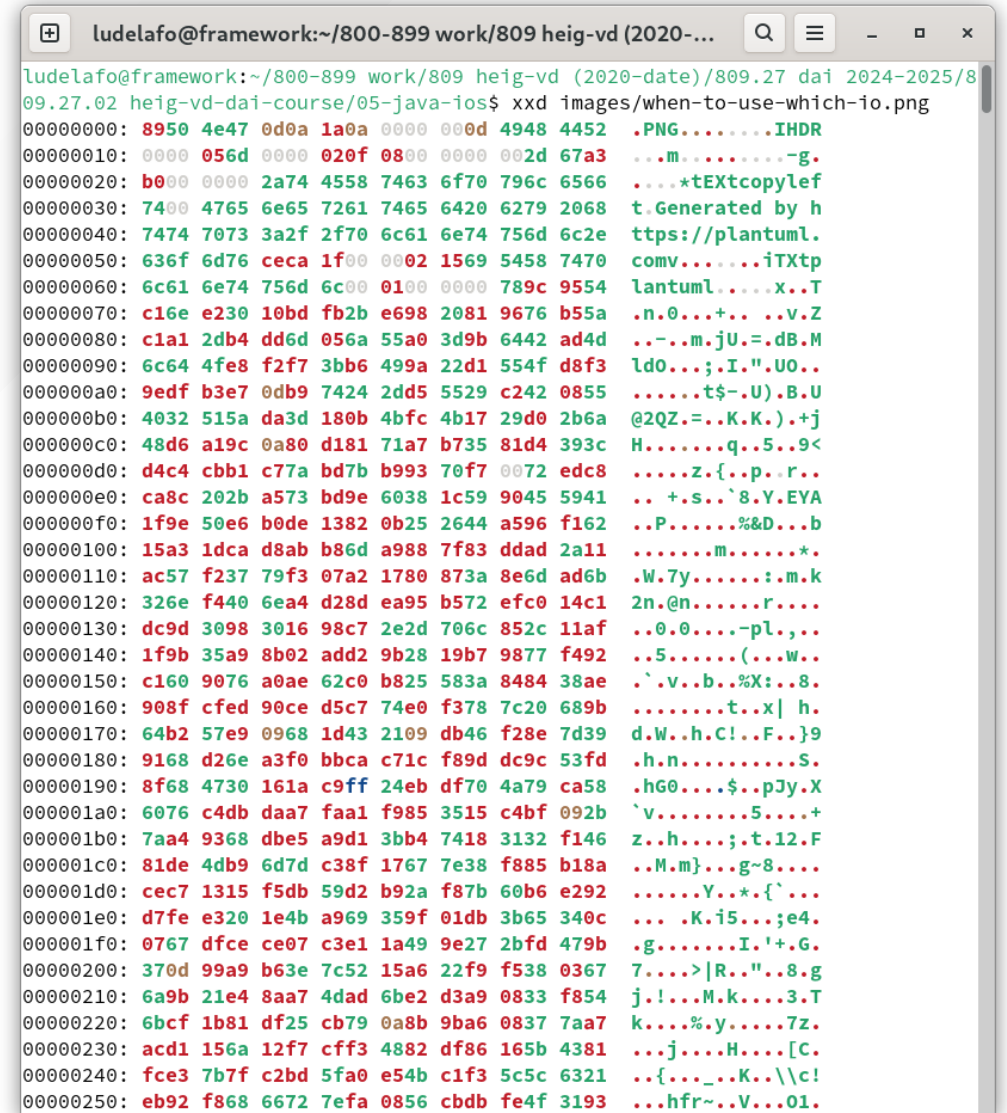
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class BinaryReadFileExample {  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {  
        InputStream fis = new FileInputStream("binary-file.bin");  
  
        // -1 indicates the end of the file  
        int b;  
        while ((b = fis.read()) != -1) {  
            System.out.print(b);  
        }  
  
        fis.close();  
    }  
}
```

Writing binary data

- Most simple way is to write byte by byte (not efficient)
- `OutputStream` and `FileOutputStream` classes are used to write binary data
- Let's have a look at the code example

`BinaryWriteFileExample`



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class BinaryWriteFileExample {  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {  
        OutputStream fos = new FileOutputStream("binary-file.bin");  
  
        for (int i = 0; i < 256; i++) {  
            fos.write(i);  
        }  
  
        fos.close();  
    }  
}
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Reading and writing binary data with buffers

- Reading and writing byte by byte is not efficient: each `read()` or `write()` call results in a system call every time
- Buffers can be used to read/write multiple bytes at once

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000000c0: 48d6 a19c 0a80 d181 71a7 b735 81d4 393c  H.....q..5..9<
000000d0: d4c4 cbb1 c77a bd7b b993 70f7 0072 edc8  ....z.{.p.r..
000000e0: ca8c 202b a573 bd9e 6038 1c59 9045 5941  ..+.s.`8.Y.EYA
000000f0: 1f9e 50e6 b0de 1382 0b25 2644 a596 f162  ..P.....%&D...b
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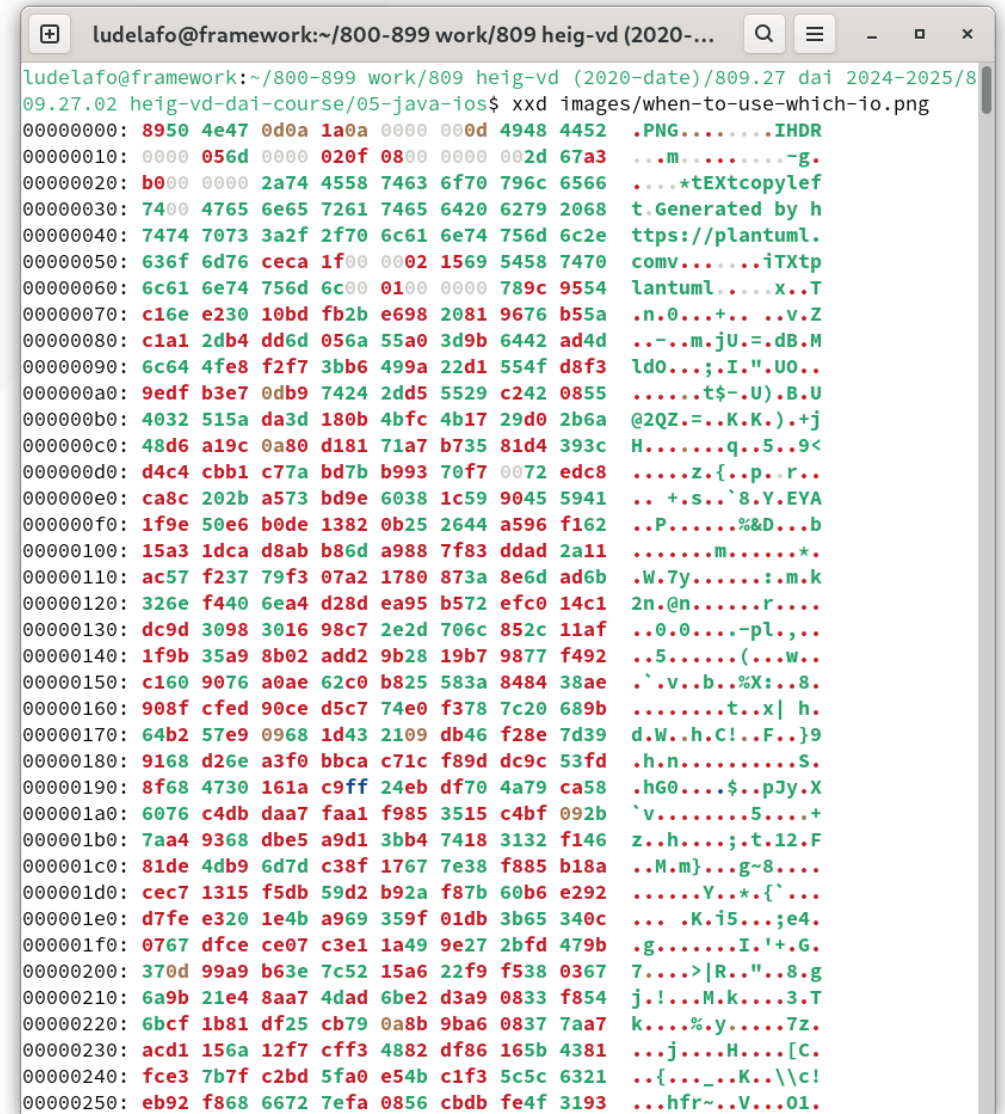
Use a buffer to read multiple bytes at once:

1. First time, a system call is made to read a block of data
2. Subsequent reads are done from the buffer
3. When the buffer is empty, a new block is read

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The same applies for writing:

1. First time, a buffer is created
2. Data is written to the buffer
3. When the buffer is full, a system call is made to write the block
4. The buffer is then emptied
5. Bytes can remain in the buffer
 - A flush might be needed to empty the buffer



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- `BufferedInputStream` and `BufferedOutputStream` classes are used to read/write binary data with buffers

- Let's have a look at the code examples

`BinaryBufferReadFileExample`

and

`BinaryBufferWriteFileExample`

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```

```
public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {
    InputStream fis = new FileInputStream("binary-file.bin");
+   InputStream bis = new BufferedInputStream(fis);

    // -1 indicates the end of the file
    int b;
-   while ((b = fis.read()) != -1) {
+   while ((b = bis.read()) != -1) {
        System.out.print(b);
    }

-   fis.close();
+   // Closing the BufferedInputStream automatically closes the FileInputStream
+   bis.close();
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {
    OutputStream fos = new FileOutputStream("binary-file.bin");
+   OutputStream bos = new BufferedOutputStream(fos);

    for (int i = 0; i < 256; i++) {
-       fos.write(i);
+       bos.write(i);
    }

-   fos.close();
+   // Flush the buffer to write the remaining bytes
+   bos.flush();
+   bos.close();
}
```

A quick note on little endian vs. big endian

- Little endian: least significant byte first
- Big endian: most significant byte first
- Java uses big endian by default
- The class `ByteBuffer` can be used to convert between the two (not covered in this course)
- Example: `12345678`
 - Little endian: `0x78 0x56 0x34 0x12`
 - Big endian: `0x12 0x34 0x56 0x78`

Processing text data with the Java IO API

More details for this section in the [course material](#). You can find other resources and alternatives as well.

Processing text data with the Java IO API

- Text data: interpretation of binary data
- Different character encodings
- Different end of line characters
- Different IO classes for text data



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00000230: 6561 6420 6368 6172 6163 7465 7273 0a20 ead characters.
00000240: 2057 7269 7465 7220 2d20 5772 6974 6520 Writer - Write
```

Ancestor of character representations: ASCII

- ASCII: 128 binary values
- Mapping binary to characters
- Published in 1963 and meant for English

Bits					0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
					0 0 0	0 0 1	0 1 0	0 1 1	1 0 0	1 0 1	1 1 0	1 1 1
b ₄	b ₃	b ₂	b ₁	Column	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
↓	↓	↓	↓	Row	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	0	0	0	0	NUL	DLE	SP	0	@	P	~	p
0	0	0	1	1	SOH	DC1	!	1	A	Q	a	q
0	0	1	0	2	STX	DC2	"	2	B	R	b	r
0	0	1	1	3	ETX	DC3	#	3	C	S	c	s
0	1	0	0	4	EOT	DC4	\$	4	D	T	d	t
0	1	0	1	5	ENQ	NAK	%	5	E	U	e	u
0	1	1	0	6	ACK	SYN	&	6	F	V	f	v
0	1	1	1	7	BEL	ETB	'	7	G	W	g	w
1	0	0	0	8	BS	CAN	(	8	H	X	h	x
1	0	0	1	9	HT	EM	)	9	I	Y	i	y
1	0	1	0	10	LF	SUB	*	:	J	Z	j	z
1	0	1	1	11	VT	ESC	+	;	K	[	k	{
1	1	0	0	12	FF	FS	,	<	L	\	l	|
1	1	0	1	13	CR	GS	-	=	M	]	m	}
1	1	1	0	14	SO	RS	.	>	N	^	n	~
1	1	1	1	15	SI	US	/	?	O	_	o	DEL

Extended ASCII: codes pages

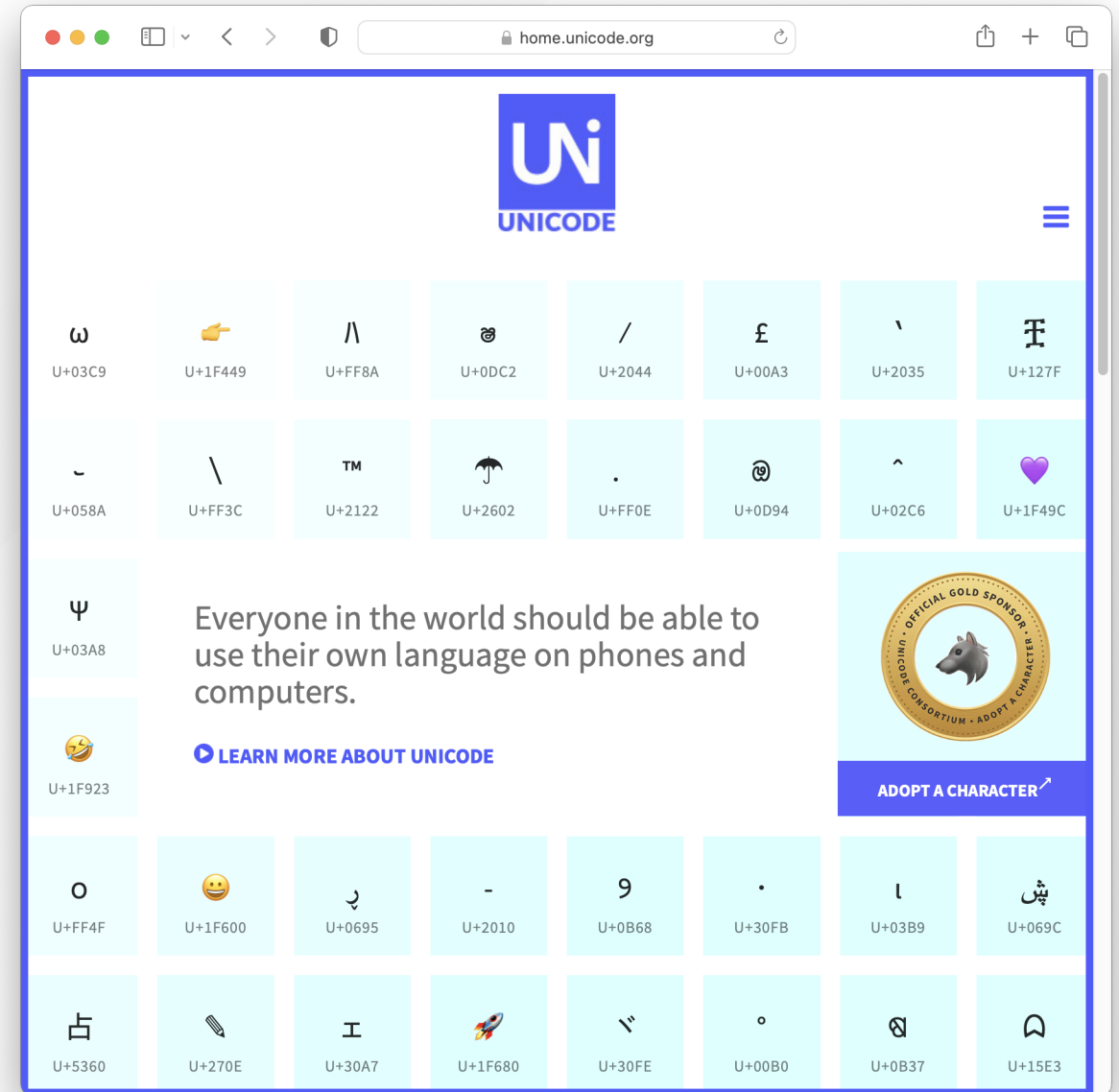
- Extended ASCII (code pages)
- Support for more characters using the remaining 128 values

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Unicode

- Unicode: solves ASCII limitations
- Standard to support all languages
- Different implementations:
 - UTF-8
 - UTF-16
 - UTF-32



UTF-8

- UTF-8: variable-length encoding
- Most common Unicode implementation
- ASCII compatible
- Quite the standard for web and software development

Character" can take more than 4 bytes because it is made of more than one code point. For instance a national flag character 8 bytes since it is "constructed from a pair of Unicode scalar values" both from outside the BMP.^{[19][c]}

Encoding process [\[edit \]](#)

In these examples, red, green, and blue digits indicate how bits from the code point are distributed among the UTF-8 bytes. Additional bits added by the UTF-8 encoding process are shown in black.

1. The Unicode code point for the euro sign € is U+20AC.
2. As this code point lies between U+0800 and U+FFFF, this will take three bytes to encode.
3. Hexadecimal 20AC is binary 0010 0000 1010 1100. The two leading zeros are added because a three-byte encoding needs exactly sixteen bits from the code point.
4. Because the encoding will be three bytes long, its leading byte starts with three 1s, then a 0 (1110...).
5. The four most significant bits of the code point are stored in the remaining low order four bits of this byte (11100010), leaving 12 bits of the code point yet to be encoded (...0000 1010 1100).
6. All continuation bytes contain exactly six bits from the code point. So the next six bits of the code point are stored in the low order six bits of the next byte, and 10 is stored in the high order two bits to mark it as a continuation byte (so 10000010).
7. Finally the last six bits of the code point are stored in the low order six bits of the final byte, and again 10 is stored in the high order two bits (10101100).

The three bytes 11100010 10000010 10101100 can be more concisely written in hexadecimal, as E2 82 AC.

The following table summarizes this conversion, as well as others with different lengths in UTF-8.

Character	Binary code point	Binary UTF-8	Hex UTF-8
\$ U+0024	010 0100	00100100	24
£ U+00A3	000 1010 0011	11000010 10100011	C2 A3
¥ U+0418	100 0001 1000	11010000 10011000	D0 98
₹ U+0939	0000 1001 0011 1001	11100000 10100100 10111001	E0 A4 B9
€ U+20AC	0010 0000 1010 1100	11100010 10000010 10101100	E2 82 AC
한 U+D55C	1101 0101 0101 1100	11101101 10010101 10011100	ED 95 9C
○ U+10348	0 0001 0000 0011 0100 1000	11110000 10010000 10001101 10001000	F0 90 8D 88

Example [\[edit \]](#)

In these examples, colored digits indicate multi-byte sequences used to encode characters beyond ASCII, while digits in black are ASCII.

What happens if you ignore the character encoding?

- Not stored in the file itself
- Misinterpretation leads to issues
- Check, compile and run the `TextCharacterEncodingsExample` code example!



Reading and writing text data

- `Reader` and `Writer` classes are used to read/write text data
- **Always specify the encoding!**
If not set, it can be incompatible with other systems
- Let's have a look at the code example

`TextReadAndWriteFileExample`



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```

```
class TextReadAndWriteFileExample {  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {  
        Reader reader = new FileReader("file.java", StandardCharsets.UTF_8);  
        Writer writer = new FileWriter("file.txt", StandardCharsets.UTF_8);  
  
        // -1 indicates the end of the file  
        int c;  
        while ((c = reader.read()) != -1) {  
            writer.write(c);  
        }  
  
        writer.close();  
        reader.close();  
    }  
}
```


- Just like with binary data, reading and writing text data byte by byte is not efficient
- `BufferedReader` and `BufferedWriter` classes are used to read/write text data with buffers
- Let's have a look at the code example

`TextBufferReadAndWriteFileExample`

```

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```

public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {
    Reader reader = new FileReader("TextReadAndWriteFileExample.java", StandardCharsets.UTF_8);
+   BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader(reader);
+
    Writer writer = new FileWriter("TextReadAndWriteFileExample.txt", StandardCharsets.UTF_8);
+   BufferedWriter bw = new BufferedWriter(writer);

    // -1 indicates the end of the file
    int c;
-   while ((c = reader.read()) != -1) {
-       writer.write(c);
+   while ((c = br.read()) != -1) {
+       bw.write(c);
    }

-   writer.close();
-   reader.close();
+   // Flush the buffer to write the remaining bytes
+   bw.flush();
+   bw.close();
+   br.close();
}

```

End of line characters

- Different end of line characters on different systems
 - Unix/Linux/macOS: `\n`, called *"Line feed"* (`LF`)
 - Windows: `\r\n`, called *"Carriage Return + Line feed"* (`CR` + `LF`)



```
.bashrc - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
# ~/.bashrc: executed by bash(1) for non-login shells.# see /usr/share/doc/bash/examples/startup-files (in the package bash-doc)#
for examples# If not running interactively, don't do anythingcase $- in
    *) return;;esac# don't put duplicate lines
or lines starting with space in the history.# See bash(1) for more optionsHISTCONTROL=ignoreboth# append to the history file, don't
overwrite itshopt -s histappend# for setting history length see HISTSIZE and HISTFILESIZE in bash(1)HISTSIZE=1000HISTFILESIZE=2000#
check the window size after each command and, if necessary, update the values of LINES and COLUMNS.shopt -s checkwinsize# If set,
the pattern "*" used in a pathname expansion context will match all files and zero or more directories and subdirectories.#shopt
-s globstar# make less more friendly for non-text input files, see lesspipe(1)[ -x /usr/bin/lesspipe ] && eval "$(SHELL=/bin/sh
lesspipe)"# set variable identifying the chroot you work in (used in the prompt below)if [ -z "${debian_chroot:-}" ] && [ -r
/etc/debian_chroot ]; then
    debian_chroot=$(cat /etc/debian_chroot)fi# set a fancy prompt (non-color, unless we know we "want"
color)case "$TERM" in
    xterm-color|*-256color) color_prompt=yes;;esac# uncomment for a colored prompt, if the terminal has the
capability; turned off by default to not distract the user: the focus in a terminal window should be on the output of commands,
not on the prompt#force_color_prompt=yesif [ -n "$force_color_prompt" ]; then
    if [ -x /usr/bin/tput ] && tput setaf 1
    >&/dev/null; then
        # We have color support; assume it's compliant with Ecma-48
        # (ISO/IEC-6429). (Lack of such support is
        extremely rare, and such
        # a case would tend to support setf rather than setaf.) color_prompt=yes else
        color_prompt=
    fiif [ "$color_prompt" = yes ]; then
        PS1='${debian_chroot:+($debian_chroot)}\[\033[01;32m\]\u@\h\[\033[00m
\]:\[\033[01;34m\]\w\[\033[00m\]\$ 'else
        PS1='${debian_chroot:+($debian_chroot)}\u@\h:\w\$ 'fiunset color_prompt
force_color_prompt# If this is an xterm set the title to user@host:dircase "$TERM" inxterm*)rxvt*)
    PS1="\[e\];$(debian_chroot:
+($debian_chroot))\u@h: \w\a\]$PS1" ;;*)
    ;;esac# enable color support of ls and also add handy aliasesif [ -x
/usr/bin/dircolors ]; then
    test -r ~/.dircolors && eval "$(dircolors -b ~/.dircolors)" || eval "$(dircolors -b)"
    alias ls='ls
--color=auto'
    #alias dir='dir --color=auto'
    #alias vdir='vdir --color=auto'
    #alias grep='grep --color=auto'
    #alias
fgrep='fgrep --color=auto'
    #alias egrep='egrep --color=auto'fi# colored GCC warnings and errors#export
GCC_COLORS='error=01;31:warning=01;35:note=01;36:caret=01;32:locus=01:quote=01'# some more ls aliases#alias ll='ls -l'#alias la='ls
-A'#alias l='ls -CF'# Alias definitions.# You may want to put all your additions into a separate file like ~/.bash_aliases,
instead of adding them here directly.# See /usr/share/doc/bash-doc/examples in the bash-doc package.if [ -f ~/.bash_aliases ]; then
    . ~/.bash_aliasesfi# enable programmable completion features (you don't need to enable this, if it's already enabled in
/etc/bash.bashrc and /etc/profile# sources /etc/bash.bashrc).if ! shopt -oq posix; then
    if [ -f /usr/share/bash-
completion/bash_completion ]; then
        . /usr/share/bash-completion/bash_completion
    elif [ -f /etc/bash_completion ]; then
        .
/etc/bash_completion
    fi
fi
```

```
class TextEndOfLineCharactersExample {  
  
    public static String END_OF_LINE = "\n";  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {  
        InputStream is = new FileInputStream("file.java");  
        Reader reader = new InputStreamReader(is, StandardCharsets.UTF_8);  
        BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader(reader);  
  
        OutputStream os = new FileOutputStream("file.txt");  
        Writer writer = new OutputStreamWriter(os, StandardCharsets.UTF_8);  
        BufferedWriter bw = new BufferedWriter(writer);  
  
        String line;  
        while ((line = br.readLine()) != null) {  
            // Careful: line does not contain end of line characters  
            bw.write(line + END_OF_LINE);  
        }  
  
        bw.flush();  
        br.close();  
        is.close();  
    }  
}
```

Dealing with errors

- All kinds of errors can occur when reading/writing files
- Files must be properly opened and closed
- Ensure no files are corrupted
- Two main ways to handle exceptions:
 - `try-catch-finally` blocks
 - `try-with-resources` blocks



```
// Bad example: try-catch without finally
public static void tryCatchWithoutFinallyExample() {
    try {
        Reader reader = new FileReader("missing.file");
        Writer writer = new FileWriter("missing.file");

        writer.write(reader.read());
    } catch (IOException e) {
        System.out.println("Exception: " + e);
    }
}
```

```

// Better example: try-catch with finally
public static void tryCatchFinallyExample() {
    Reader reader = null;
    Writer writer = null;

    try {
        reader = new FileReader("missing.file");
        writer = new FileWriter("missing.file");

        writer.write(reader.read());
    } catch (IOException e) {
        System.out.println("Exception: " + e);
    } finally {
        if (writer != null) {
            try {
                writer.close();
            } catch (IOException e) {
                System.out.println("Exception in close writer: " + e);
            }
        }

        if (reader != null) {
            try {
                reader.close();
            } catch (IOException e) {
                System.out.println("Exception in close reader: " + e);
            }
        }
    }
}

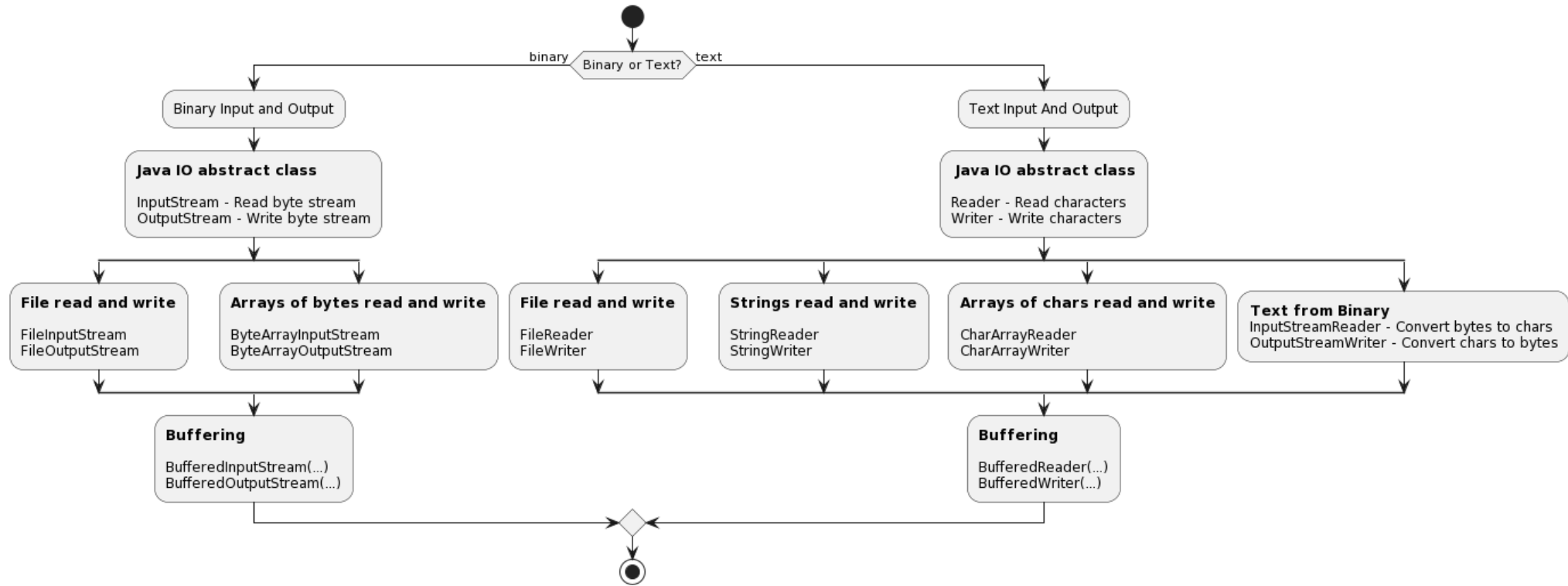
```

```
// Best example: try-with-resources
public static void tryWithResourcesExample() {
    try (Reader reader = new FileReader("missing.file");
        Writer writer = new FileWriter("missing.file")) {
        writer.write(reader.read());
    } catch (IOException e) {
        System.out.println("Exception: " + e);
    }
}
```


When to use which IO?

More details for this section in the [course material](#). You can find other resources and alternatives as well.

When to use which IO?



Common pitfalls

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Common pitfalls

- Not using buffers
- Not closing the streams
- Not handling exceptions properly
- Not specifying the character encoding
- Not specifying the end of line characters
- Do not use `PrintWriter` - it swallows exceptions
- Do not use `System.lineSeparator()` - it is platform dependent

Questions

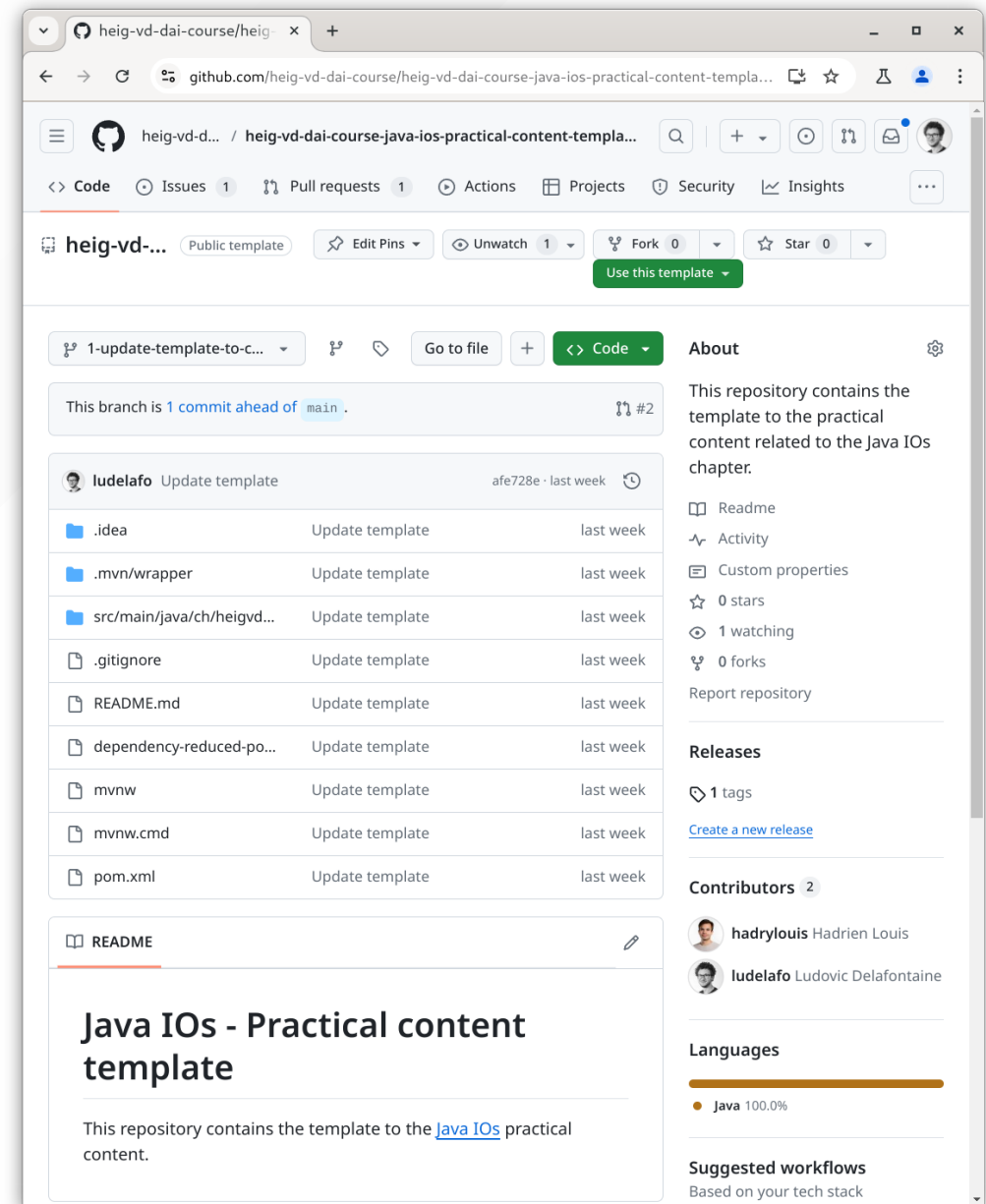
Do you have any questions?

Practical content

What will you do?

Benchmark the different types of streams you have learned:

- Assemble all the code examples to satisfy the use-cases
- Run some benchmarks to determine the best IOs for the given use-cases



Find the practical content

You can find the practical content for this chapter on [GitHub](#).



Finished? Was it easy? Was it hard?

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What will you do next?

In the next chapter, you will learn the following topics:

- Docker and Docker Compose: how to containerize your applications
 - What is an image?
 - What is a container?
 - How to try out new software without installing it?



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