

Files

Readings: 6.1 – 6.2



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Reading data from files

- Creating a Scanner for a file, general syntax:
`Scanner <name> = new Scanner(new File("<file name>"));`
- Example:
`Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("numbers.txt"));`
- Instead of getting data from the keyboard via `System.in`, this Scanner object gets data from the file `numbers.txt` in the current folder (*directory*).

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File class

- The `File` class is in the `java.io` package. To use it, include the import declaration:

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

- `io` (or I/O) stands for input/output.

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Compiler error with files

- The following program does not compile:

```
1 import java.io.*; // for File
2 import java.util.*; // for Scanner
3
4 public class ReadFile {
5     public static void main(String[] args) {
6         Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("data.txt"));
7         // do something
8     }
9 }
```

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

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Exceptions



- **exception:** An object representing a program error.
 - Programs with invalid logic will cause ("throw") exceptions.
- Examples:
 - Trying to read a file that does not exist.
 - Dividing by 0.
 - Using `charAt(10)` on a string of length 5.

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Checked exceptions

- **checked exception:** An exception that must be explicitly handled (otherwise the program will not compile).
 - We must either:
 - handle ("catch") the exception, or
 - explicitly state that we choose not to handle the exception (and accept that the program will crash if the exception occurs)
- Why is a `FileNotFoundException` a checked exception?

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throws clause: How to waive your rights

- **throws clause:** Tells the compiler that a method may throw an exception.
 - 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> {
```
- **Example:**

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

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Patched code

```
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"));
        // do something
    }
}
```

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Recap: Tokens

- The `Scanner` breaks apart the input into *tokens*. It will interpret the tokens in different ways depending on if you call `next()`, `nextInt()`, or `nextDouble()`.
- Assuming the following input file:

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

The tokens in the input can be interpreted as the given types:

| Token | Type(s) |
|-----------|---------------------|
| 1. 23 | int, double, String |
| 2. 3.14 | double, String |
| 3. "John | String |
| 4. Smith" | String |

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The input cursor

- Consider a file 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, which it processes with its *input cursor*:

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

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Consuming tokens

- Each call to `next`, `nextInt`, `nextDouble`, etc. advances the cursor to the end of the current token, skipping over any whitespace. Each call *consumes* the input.

```
□ input.nextDouble(); // 308.2
308.2\n 14.9 7.4 2.8\n\n3.9 4.7 -15.4\n2.8\n ^
```

```
□ input.next(); // "14.9"
308.2\n 14.9 7.4 2.8\n\n3.9 4.7 -15.4\n2.8\n ^
```

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Exercise: Version 1

- Consider an input file named `numbers.dat`:

```
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.

```
Output:
number = 308.2
number = 14.9
number = 7.4
number = 2.8
number = 3.9
Sum = 337.19999999999993
```

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Solution: Version 1

```
// Displays the first 5 numbers in the given file,
// and displays their sum at the end.

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

public class Echo {
    public static void main(String[] args)
        throws FileNotFoundException {
        Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("numbers.dat"));
        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);
    }
}
```

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Version 1 deficiency

- The preceding program is impractical because it only processes exactly 5 values from the input file.
- A better program would read the entire file, regardless of how many values it contained.
- How would we accomplish that?

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Look before you read (Section 5.3)

- The Scanner has useful methods for testing to see what the next input token will be.

| Method Name | Description |
|-----------------|--|
| hasNext() | whether any more tokens remain |
| hasNextDouble() | whether the next token can be interpreted as type double |
| hasNextInt() | whether the next token can be interpreted as type int |

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Exercise: Version 2

- Rewrite the previous program so that it reads the entire file.

Output:

```
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 = 329.29999999999995
```

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Solution: Version 2

```
// Displays each number in the given file,
// and displays their sum at the end.

import java.io.*; // for File, FileNotFoundException
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);
    }
}
```

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Exercise: Version 3

- Modify the preceding program again so that it will handle files that contain non-numeric tokens.
 - The program should skip any such tokens.
- For example, the program 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 @#*($&
```

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Solution: Version 3

```
// Displays each number in the given file,
// and displays their sum at the end.

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

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 / throw away bad token
            }
        }
        System.out.println("Sum = " + sum);
    }
}
```

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Exercise

- 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

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Solution

```
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;
        }
    }
}
```

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Line-based processing

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Line-based processing

- The Scanner has the following methods:

| Method Name | Description |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| nextLine() | returns the entire next line of input |
| hasNextLine() | whether any more lines remain |

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Who's next in line?

- 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>;
}
```

- The nextLine method returns the characters from the input cursor's current position to the nearest `\n` character.

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Reading between the newlines

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

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
^
```

■ NB: The `\n` character is consumed but not returned.

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Exercise

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

Input:

```
Hey,
My students think I stink. What deodorant should I
use?
Sincerely,
Marty Stepp
```

Output:

```
> Hey,
>
> My students think I stink. What deodorant should I
> use?
>
> Sincerely,
> Marty Stepp
```

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Solution

```
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);
        }
    }
}
```

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Example

- Example file 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 the total hours worked for each person represented in the above file.

```
Susan (ID#123) worked 31.4 hours (7.85 hours/day)
Brad (ID#456) worked 36.8 hours (7.36 hours/day)
Jennifer (ID#789) worked 39.5 hours (7.9 hours/day)
```

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Line-based or token-based?

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

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Scanners on Strings

- A Scanner can be constructed to *tokenize* a particular String (such as one line of an input file).

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

- Example:

```
String text = "1.4 3.2 hello 9 27.5";
Scanner scan = new Scanner(text); // five tokens
```

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Tokenizing lines

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

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Exercise

- Write a program that computes the total hours worked and average hours per day for a particular person represented in the following file:

```
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
```

Sample runs:

(run #1)

```
Enter a name: Brad
Brad (ID#456) worked 36.8 hours (7.36 hours/day)
```

(run #2)

```
Enter a name: Harvey
Harvey was not found
```

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Searching for a line

- When going through the file, how do we know which line to process?
- If we are looking for a particular line, often we look for the token(s) of interest on each line.
 - If we find the right value, we process the rest of the line.
 - e.g. If the second token on the line is "Brad", process it.

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Solution

```
// 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 {
        String searchName = getSearchName();
        String line = getEmployeeData(searchName);
        if (line.length() > 0) {
            processLine(line);
        } else {
            System.out.println(searchName + " was not found");
        }
    }

    public static String getSearchName() {
        Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
        System.out.print("Enter a name: ");
        return console.next(); // e.g. "BRAD"
    }
}
```

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Solution

```
public static String getEmployeeData(String searchName)
throws FileNotFoundException {
    Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("hours.txt"));
    while (input.hasNextLine()) {
        String line = input.nextLine();
        Scanner lineScan = new Scanner(line);
        lineScan.nextInt(); // e.g. 456 (no need to save)
        String name = lineScan.next(); // e.g. "Brad"
        if (name.equalsIgnoreCase(searchName)) {
            return line;
        }
    }
    return ""; // search name not found
}
...
```

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Solution

```
// totals the hours worked by one person and outputs their info
public static void processLine(String line) {
    Scanner lineScan = new Scanner(line);
    int id = lineScan.nextInt(); // e.g. 456
    String name = lineScan.next(); // e.g. "Brad"

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

    double average = round2(sum / count);
    System.out.println(name + " (ID#" + id + ") worked " +
        round2(sum) + " hours (" + average + " hours/day)");
}

// returns the given double value rounded to the nearest hundredth.
public static double round2(double number) {
    return Math.round(number * 100.0) / 100.0;
}
}
```

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Exercise

- Write a program that reads in a file containing HTML text, but with the tags missing their < and > brackets.
 - Whenever you see any all-uppercase token in the file, surround it with < and > before you print it to the console.
 - You must retain the original orientation/spacing of the tokens on each line.

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Exercise: Example input

| Input file: | Output to console: |
|---|---|
| HTML | <HTML> |
| HEAD | <HEAD> |
| TITLE My web page /TITLE | <TITLE> My web page </TITLE> |
| /HEAD | </HEAD> |
| BODY | <BODY> |
| P There are pics of my cat here, as well as my B cool /B blog, which contains I awesome /I stuff about my trip to Vegas. | <P> There are pics of my cat here, as well as my cool blog, which contains <I> awesome </I> stuff about my trip to Vegas. |
| /BODY /HTML | </BODY> </HTML> |

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Solution

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

public class WebPage {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws FileNotFoundException {
        Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("page.html"));
        while (input.hasNextLine()) {
            processLine(input.nextLine());
        }
    }

    public static void processLine(String line) {
        Scanner lineScan = new Scanner(line);
        while (lineScan.hasNext()) {
            String token = lineScan.next();
            if (token.equals(token.toUpperCase())) {
                // this is an HTML tag
                System.out.print("<" + token + "> ");
            } else {
                System.out.print(token + " ");
            }
        }
        System.out.println();
    }
}
```

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Mixing line-based and token-based methods

```
23 3.14
Joe "Hello world"
    45.2 19

■ console.nextInt(); // 23
23\t3.14\nJoe\t"Hello world"\n\t\t45.2 19\n
  ^

■ console.nextDouble(); // 3.14
23\t3.14\nJoe\t"Hello world"\n\t\t45.2 19\n
  ^

■ console.nextLine(); // empty string!!
23\t3.14\nJoe\t"Hello world"\n\t\t45.2 19\n
  ^

■ console.nextLine(); // "Joe\t"Hello world\""
23\t3.14\nJoe\t"Hello world"\n\t\t45.2 19\n
  ^
```

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Mixing line-based and token-based methods

```
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.");
```

Sample run:

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

- Why?
 - Overall input: 12\nMarty Stepp\n
 - After nextInt(): 12\nMarty Stepp\n
 - After nextLine(): 12\nMarty Stepp\n

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Exercise: IMDB

- Consider the following Internet Movie Database (IMDB) Top-250 data

```
1 210,374 9.1 The Godfather (1972)
2 251,376 9.1 The Shawshank Redemption (1994)
3 119,306 8.9 The Godfather: Part II (1974)
```

- 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: part
Rank Votes Rating Title
3 119306 8.9 The Godfather: Part II (1974)
66 93470 8.3 The Departed (2006)
98 17710 8.2 The Apartment (1960)
179 26626 7.9 Spartacus (1960)
4 matches.
```

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Solution: IMDB

```
// This program reads a file of IMDB's Top 250 movies and
// displays information about movies that match a search
// string typed by the user.
import java.io.*;
import java.util.*;

public class Movies {
    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();
        return phrase.toLowerCase();
    }
}
```

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Solution: IMDB

```
// Breaks apart each line, looking for lines that match the search phrase.
// Prints information about each movie that matches the phrase.
//
// example line: "2 251.376 9.1 The Shawshank Redemption (1994)"
public static void search(Scanner input, String phrase) {
    System.out.println("Rank\tVotes\tRating\tTitle");

    int matches = 0;
    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
        String lcTitle = title.toLowerCase();

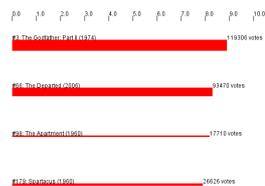
        if (lcTitle.indexOf(phrase) >= 0) {
            matches++;
            System.out.println(rank + "\t" + votes + "\t" + rating + title);
        }
    }
    System.out.println(matches + " matches.");
}
```

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Exercise: Graphical IMDB

- Consider making this a graphical program.

- Expected appearance:
 - top-left tick mark at (20, 20)
 - ticks 10px tall, 50px apart
 - first red bar top-left at (20, 70)
 - 100px apart vertically
 - 1px tall per 5000 votes
 - 50px wide per rating point



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Mixing graphical and text output

- First, tackle the text and file input/output
 - Write code to open the input file and print some of the file's data to make sure you're reading the file properly.
 - Process the input file and retrieve the record being searched for.
 - Produce the complete and exact text output.
- Then, do the graphical output
 - Draw any fixed items that do not depend on the user input or file results.
 - Draw the graphical output that depends on the search record from the file.

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Solution: Graphical IMDB

```
// This program reads a file of IMDB's Top 250 movies and
// displays information about movies that match a search
// string typed by the user.
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();
        return phrase.toLowerCase();
    }
}
```

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Solution: Graphical IMDB

```
// Breaks apart each line, looking for lines that match the search phrase.
// Prints information about each movie that matches the phrase.
//
// example line: "2 251.376 9.1 The Shawshank Redemption (1994)"
public static void search(Scanner input, String phrase) {
    Graphics g = createWindow();
    System.out.println("Rank\tVotes\tRating\tTitle");

    int matches = 0;
    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
        String lcTitle = title.toLowerCase();

        if (lcTitle.indexOf(phrase) >= 0) {
            matches++;
            System.out.println(rank + "\t" + votes + "\t" + rating + title);
            drawBar(g, line, matches);
        }
    }
    System.out.println(matches + " matches.");
}
```

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Solution: Graphical IMDB

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

    // draw tick marks
    for (int i = 0; i <= 10; i++) {
        // first tick mark's top-left corner is at (20, 20)
        // 100px tall, 50px apart
        int x = 20 + i * 50;
        g.drawLine(x, 20, x, 30);
        g.drawString(i + ".0", x, 20);
    }

    return g;
}
```

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Solution: Graphical IMDB

```
// Draws one red bar representing a movie's votes and ranking.
// The "matches" parameter determines the bar's y position.
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(); // all the rest

    // draw the red bar for that movie
    // first bar's top-left corner is at (20, 70)
    // 100px apart vertically
    // 1px tall for every 5000 votes earned
    // 50px wide for each ratings point
    int x = 20;
    int y = 70 + 100 * (matches - 1);
    int w = (int) (rating * 50);
    int h = votes / 5000;

    g.setColor(Color.RED);
    g.fillRect(x, y, w, h);

    g.setColor(Color.BLACK);
    g.drawString("#" + rank + ": " + title, x, y);
    g.drawString("votes = " + votes, x + w, y);
}
}
```

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Multi-line records

- The following data represents students' course information.

```
Erica Kane
3 2.8 4 3.9 3 3.1
Greenlee Smythe
3 3.9 3 4.0 4 3.9
Ryan Lavereee, Jr.
2 4.0 3 3.6 4 3.8 1 2.8
```

Each student's record has the following format:

- *Name*
 - *Credits Grade Credits Grade Credits Grade ...*
- How can we process one or all of these records?

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File output

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Outputting to files

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

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Setting up the PrintStream

- Setting up an output file, general syntax:

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

- Example:

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

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PrintStream properties

- **Caution:** Do not open a file for reading (`Scanner`) and writing (`PrintStream`) at the same time.
 - You could overwrite your input file by accident!

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Exercise

- Write a method named `copy` that takes two filenames and copies the contents from the first file into the second file.

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Solution

```
public static void copy(String name1, String name2)
    throws FileNotFoundException {
    Scanner input = new Scanner(new File(name1));
    PrintStream output = new PrintStream(new File(name2));

    while (input.hasNextLine()) {
        output.println(input.nextLine());
    }
}
```

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