System.IO.FileStream Class

```
[ILASM]
.class public FileStream extends System.IO.Stream

[C#]
public class FileStream: Stream
```

Assembly Info:

- *Name:* mscorlib
- *Public Key:* [00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 04 00 00 00 00 00 00 00]
- *Version:* 1.0.x.x
- *Attributes:*
    - CLSCompliantAttribute(true)

Implements:

- **System.IDisposable**

Summary

Exposes a **System.IO.Stream** around a file, supporting both synchronous and asynchronous read and write operations.

Inherits From: System.IO.Stream

Library: BCL

Thread Safety: All public static members of this type are safe for multithreaded operations. No instance members are guaranteed to be thread safe.

Description

System.IO.FileStream is used for reading and writing files on a file system, as well as other file-related operating system handles such as pipes, standard input, standard output. **System.IO.FileStream** buffers input and output for better performance.

The **System.IO.FileStream** class can open a file in one of two modes, either synchronously or asynchronously, with significant performance consequences for the synchronous methods (**System.IO.FileStream.Read** and **System.IO.FileStream.Write**) and the asynchronous methods (**System.IO.FileStream.BeginRead** and **System.IO.FileStream.BeginWrite**). Both sets of methods will work in either mode; however, the mode will affect the performance of these methods. **System.IO.FileStream** defaults to opening files synchronously, but provides a constructor to open files asynchronously.

When accessing files, a security check is performed when the file is created or opened. The security check is typically not done again unless the file is closed and reopened. [*Note:* Checking permissions when the file is first accessed minimizes the impact of the security check on application performance (since opening a file happens once, while reading and writing can happen multiple times).] Note that if an opened file is passed to an untrusted caller, the security system can, but is not required to prevent the caller from accessing the file.

System.IO.FileStream objects support random access to files using the **System.IO.FileStream.Seek** method, and the **System.IO.Stream.CanSeek** properties of **System.IO.FileStream** instances encapsulating files are set to **true**. The **System.IO.FileStream.Seek** method allows the read/write position to be moved to any position within the file. This is done with byte offset reference point parameters. The byte offset is relative to the seek reference point, which can be the beginning, the current position, or the end of the underlying file, as represented by the three values of the **System.IO.SeekOrigin** enumeration.

If a **System.IO.FileStream** encapsulates a device that does not support seeking, its **System.IO.FileStream.CanSeek** property is **false**. [*Note:* For additional information, see **System.IO.Stream.CanSeek**.]

[*Note:* The **System.IO.File** class provides methods for the creation of **System.IO.FileStream** objects based on file paths. The **System.IO.MemoryStream** class creates a stream from a byte array and functions similarly to a **System.IO.FileStream**.]

Example

The following example demonstrates the use of a **System.IO.FileStream** object.

[C#]

```
using System;
using System.IO;

class Directory {
   public static void Main(String[] args) {
      FileStream fs = new FileStream("log.txt",
FileMode.OpenOrCreate, FileAccess.Write);
      StreamWriter w = new StreamWriter(fs);
      w.BaseStream.Seek(0, SeekOrigin.End);   // Set the
file pointer to the end.

      Log ("Test1", w);
      Log ("Test2", w);

      w.Close(); // Close the writer and underlying file.

      fs = new FileStream("log.txt", FileMode.OpenOrCreate,
FileAccess.Read);

      StreamReader r = new StreamReader(fs);
      r.BaseStream.Seek(0, SeekOrigin.Begin);
      DumpLog (r);
   }

   public static void Log (String logMessage, StreamWriter
w) {
      w.Write("Log Entry: ");
      w.WriteLine("{0} {1}",
DateTime.Now.ToLongTimeString(),
DateTime.Now.ToLongDateString());
      w.WriteLine(":");
      w.WriteLine(":{0}", logMessage);
      w.WriteLine ("-------------------------------");
      w.Flush();
   }

   public static void DumpLog (StreamReader r) {
      while (r.Peek() > -1) { // While not at the end of
the file, write to standard output.
        Console.WriteLine(r.ReadLine());
      }

      r.Close();
   }
}
```

Some example output is

```
Log Entry: 9:26:21 AM Friday, July 06, 2001


:


:Test1
```

```
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Log Entry: 9:26:21 AM Friday, July 06, 2001


:


:Test2


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```

FileStream(System.String, System.IO.FileMode) Constructor

[ILASM]
```
public rtspecialname specialname instance void .ctor(string
path, valuetype System.IO.FileMode mode)
```

[C#]
```
public FileStream(string path, FileMode mode)
```

Summary

Constructs and initializes a new instance of the **System.IO.FileStream** class with the specified path and creation mode.

Parameters

Parameter	Description
path	A **System.String** containing the relative or absolute path for the file that the current **System.IO.FileStream** object will encapsulate.
mode	A **System.IO.FileMode** value that determines how to open or create the file.

Description

This constructor sets **System.IO.FileAccess.ReadWrite** access to the file, and the **System.IO.Stream.CanRead** and **System.IO.Stream.CanWrite** properties of the current instance are set to **true**.

[*Note: path* is not required to be a file stored on disk; it can be any part of a system that supports access via streams. For example, depending on the system, this class may be able to access a physical device.]

System.IO.Stream.CanSeek is **true** for all **System.IO.FileStream** objects that encapsulate files. If *path* specifies a device that does not support seeking, the **System.IO.FileStream.CanSeek** property of the resulting **System.IO.FileStream** is required to be **false**. [*Note:* For additional information, see **System.IO.Stream.CanSeek**.]

Requests to open the file for writing by the current or another thread will fail until the **System.IO.FileStream** object has been closed. Read attempts will succeed.

Exceptions

Exception	Condition
System.ArgumentException	*path* is a zero-length string, contains only white space, or contains one or more implementation-defined invalid characters.
System.ArgumentNullException	*path* is **null**.
System.Security.SecurityException	The caller does not have the required permission.
System.IO.FileNotFoundException	*mode* is **System.IO.FileMode.Truncate** or **System.IO.FileMode.Open**, but the specified file cannot be found. If a different mode is specified and the file cannot be found, a new one is created.
System.IO.IOException	An I/O error occurred, such as specifying **System.IO.FileMode.CreateNew** when the file specified by *path* already exists.
System.IO.DirectoryNotFoundException	The directory information specified in *path* does not exist.
System.IO.PathTooLongException	The length of *path* or the absolute path information for *path* exceeds the system-defined maximum length.
System.ArgumentOutOfRangeException	*mode* contains an invalid value.

Permissions

Permission	Description
System.Security.Permissions.FileIOPermission	Requires permission to read, write, and append to files. Se **System.Security.Permissions.FileIOPermissionAcces** **Read**, **System.Security.Permissions.FileIOPermissionAcces** **Write**, and **System.Security.Permissions.FileIOPermissionAcces** **Append**.

FileStream(System.String, System.IO.FileMode, System.IO.FileAccess) Constructor

```
[ILASM]
public rtspecialname specialname instance void .ctor(string
path, valuetype System.IO.FileMode mode, valuetype
System.IO.FileAccess access)

[C#]
public FileStream(string path, FileMode mode, FileAccess
access)
```

Summary

Constructs and initializes a new instance of the **System.IO.FileStream** class with the specified path, creation mode, and access type.

Parameters

Parameter	Description
path	A **System.String** containing the relative or absolute path for the file that the current **System.IO.FileStream** object will encapsulate.
mode	A **System.IO.FileMode** value that determines how to open or create the file.
access	A **System.IO.FileAccess** value that determines how the file may be accessed by the **System.IO.FileStream** object. This parameter is used to specify the initial values of the **System.IO.FileStream.CanRead** and **System.IO.FileStream.CanWrite** properties.

Description

This constructor sets read/write access to the file. Requests to open the file for writing by the current or another thread will fail until the **System.IO.FileStream** object has been closed. Read attempts will succeed.

[*Note: path* is not required to be a file stored on disk; it can be any part of a system that supports access via streams. For example, depending on the system, this class may be able to access a physical device.]

System.IO.Stream.CanSeek is **true** for all **System.IO.FileStream** objects that encapsulate files. If *path* indicates a device that does not support seeking, the **System.IO.FileStream.CanSeek** property on the resulting **System.IO.FileStream** is required to be **false**. For additional information, see **System.IO.Stream.CanSeek**.

Exceptions

Exception	Condition
System.ArgumentNullException	*path* is **null**.
System.ArgumentException	*path* is a zero-length string, contains only white space, or contains one or more implementation-defined invalid characters.
System.IO.FileNotFoundException	*mode* is **System.IO.FileMode.Truncate** or **System.IO.FileMode.Open**, but the specified file was not found. If a different mode is specified and the file was not found, a new one is created.
System.IO.IOException	An I/O error occurred, such as specifying **System.IO.FileMode.CreateNew** when the file specified by *path* already exists.
System.Security.SecurityException	The caller does not have the required permission.
System.IO.DirectoryNotFoundException	The directory information specified by *path* does not exist.
System.UnauthorizedAccessException	The *access* requested is not permitted by the operating system for the specified *path*.
System.IO.PathTooLongException	The length of *path* or the absolute path information for *path* exceeds the system-defined maximum length.
System.ArgumentOutOfRangeException	*mode* or *access* contain an invalid value.

Permissions

Permission	Description
System.Security.Permissions.FileIOPermission	Requires permission to read, write, and append to files. Se **System.Security.Permissions.FileIOPermissionAcces Read**, **System.Security.Permissions.FileIOPermissionAcces Write**, and

	System.Security.Permissions.FileIOPermissionAcces **Append**.

FileStream(System.String, System.IO.FileMode, System.IO.FileAccess, System.IO.FileShare) Constructor

```
[ILASM]
public rtspecialname specialname instance void .ctor(string
path, valuetype System.IO.FileMode mode, valuetype
System.IO.FileAccess access, valuetype System.IO.FileShare
share)

[C#]
public FileStream(string path, FileMode mode, FileAccess
access, FileShare share)
```

Summary

Constructs and initializes a new instance of the **System.IO.FileStream** class with the specified path, creation mode, access type, and sharing permission.

Parameters

Parameter	Description
path	A **System.String** containing relative or absolute path for the file that the current **System.IO.FileStream** object will encapsulate.
mode	A **System.IO.FileMode** value that determines how to open or create the file.
access	A **System.IO.FileAccess** value that determines how the file may be accessed by the **System.IO.FileStream** object. This parameter is used to specify the initial values of the **System.IO.FileStream.CanRead** and **System.IO.FileStream.CanWrite** properties. For additional information, see **System.IO.Stream.CanRead** and **System.IO.Stream.CanWrite**.
share	A **System.IO.FileShare** value that determines how the file will be shared by processes.

Description

This constructor sets read/write access to the file. Requests to open the file for writing by the current or another process will fail until the **System.IO.FileStream** object has been closed. Read attempts will succeed.

[*Note: path* is not required to be a file stored on disk; it can be any part of a system that supports access via streams. For example, depending on the system, this class may be able to access a physical device.]

System.IO.Stream.CanSeek is **true** for all **System.IO.FileStream** objects that encapsulate files. If *path* indicates a device that does not support seeking, the **System.IO.FileStream.CanSeek** property on the resulting **System.IO.FileStream** is required to be **false**. For additional information, see **System.IO.Stream.CanSeek**.

Exceptions

Exception	Condition
System.ArgumentNullException	*path* is **null**.
System.ArgumentException	*path* is a zero-length string, contains only white space, or contains one or more implementation-defined invalid characters.
System.IO.FileNotFoundException	*mode* is **System.IO.FileMode.Truncate** or **System.IO.FileMode.Open**, but the specified file cannot be found. If a different mode is specified and the file cannot be found, a new one is created.
System.IO.IOException	An I/O error occurred, such as specifying **System.IO.FileMode.CreateNew** and the file specified by *path* already exists.
System.Security.SecurityException	The caller does not have the required permission.
System.IO.DirectoryNotFoundException	The directory information specified by *path* does not exist.
System.UnauthorizedAccessException	The *access* requested is not permitted by the operating system for the specified *path*.
System.IO.PathTooLongException	The length of *path* or the absolute path information for *path* exceeds the system-defined maximum length.
System.ArgumentOutOfRangeException	*mode*, *access*, or *share* contains an invalid value.

Permissions

Permission	Description

System.Security.Permissions.FileIOPermission	Requires permission to read, write, and append to files. Se **System.Security.Permissions.FileIOPermissionAcces** **Read**, **System.Security.Permissions.FileIOPermissionAcces** **Write**, and **System.Security.Permissions.FileIOPermissionAcces** **Append**.

FileStream(System.String, System.IO.FileMode, System.IO.FileAccess, System.IO.FileShare, System.Int32) Constructor

```
[ILASM]
public rtspecialname specialname instance void .ctor(string
path, valuetype System.IO.FileMode mode, valuetype
System.IO.FileAccess access, valuetype System.IO.FileShare
share, int32 bufferSize)

[C#]
public FileStream(string path, FileMode mode, FileAccess
access, FileShare share, int bufferSize)
```

Summary

Constructs and initializes a new instance of the **System.IO.FileStream** class.

Parameters

Parameter	Description
path	A **System.String** containing the relative or absolute path for the file that the current **System.IO.FileStream** object will encapsulate.
mode	A **System.IO.FileMode** constant that determines how to open or create the file.
access	A **System.IO.FileAccess** value that determines how the file may be accessed by the **System.IO.FileStream** object. This parameter is used to specify the initial values of the **System.IO.FileStream.CanRead** and **System.IO.FileStream.CanWrite** properties. For additional information, see **System.IO.Stream.CanRead** and **System.IO.Stream.CanWrite**.
share	A **System.IO.FileShare** constant that determines how the file will be shared by processes.
bufferSize	A **System.Int32** containing the desired buffer size in bytes.

Description

[*Note: path* is not required to be a file stored on disk; it can be any part of a system that supports access via streams. For example, depending on the system, this class may be able to access a physical device.]

System.IO.Stream.CanSeek is **true** for all **System.IO.FileStream** objects that encapsulate files. If *path* indicates a device that does not support seeking, the **System.IO.FileStream.CanSeek** property on the resulting **System.IO.FileStream** is required to be **false**. For additional information, see **System.IO.Stream.CanSeek**.

Exceptions

Exception	Condition
System.ArgumentNullException	The *path* parameter is **null**.
System.ArgumentException	*path* is a zero-length string, contains only white space, or contains one or more implementation-defined invalid characters.
System.ArgumentOutOfRangeException	*bufferSize* is less than or equal to zero. -or- *mode*, *access*, or *share* contain an invalid value.
System.IO.FileNotFoundException	*mode* is **System.IO.FileMode.Truncate** or **System.IO.FileMode.Open**, but the specified file cannot be found. If a different mode is specified and the file cannot be found, a new one is created.
System.IO.IOException	An I/O error occurred, such as specifying **System.IO.FileMode.CreateNew** and the file specified by *path* already exists.
System.Security.SecurityException	The caller does not have the required permission.
System.IO.DirectoryNotFoundException	The directory information specified in *path* does not exist.
System.UnauthorizedAccessException	The *access* requested is not permitted by the operating system for the specified *path*.
System.IO.PathTooLongException	The length of *path* or the absolute path information for *path* exceeds the system-defined maximum length.

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FileStream(System.String, System.IO.FileMode, System.IO.FileAccess, System.IO.FileShare, System.Int32, System.Boolean) Constructor

```
[ILASM]
public rtspecialname specialname instance void .ctor(string
path, valuetype System.IO.FileMode mode, valuetype
System.IO.FileAccess access, valuetype System.IO.FileShare
share, int32 bufferSize, bool useAsync)


[C#]
public FileStream(string path, FileMode mode, FileAccess
access, FileShare share, int bufferSize, bool useAsync)
```

Summary

Constructs and initializes a new instance of the **System.IO.FileStream** class.

Parameters

Parameter	Description
path	A **System.String** containing the relative or absolute path for the file that the new **System.IO.FileStream** object will encapsulate.
mode	A **System.IO.FileMode** value that determines how to open or create the file.
access	A **System.IO.FileAccess** value that determines how the file may be accessed by the **System.IO.FileStream** object. This parameter is used to specify the initial values of the **System.IO.FileStream.CanRead** and **System.IO.FileStream.CanWrite** properties.
share	A **System.IO.FileShare** value that determines how the file will be shared by processes.
bufferSize	A **System.Int32** containing the desired buffer size in bytes.
useAsync	A **System.Boolean** value that specifies whether to use asynchronous I/O or synchronous I/O. If the underlying operating system does not support asynchronous I/O, the **System.IO.FileStream** ignores this parameter and uses synchronous I/O.

Description

This constructor sets read/write access to the file. Requests to open the file for writing by this or another process will fail until the

System.IO.FileStream object has been closed. Read attempts will succeed.

[*Note: path* is not required to be a file stored on disk; it can be any part of a system that supports access via streams. For example, depending on the system, this class may be able to access a physical device.]

System.IO.Stream.CanSeek is **true** for all **System.IO.FileStream** objects that encapsulate files. If *path* indicates a device that does not support seeking, the **System.IO.FileStream.CanSeek** property on the resulting **System.IO.FileStream** is required to be **false**. For additional information, see **System.IO.Stream.CanSeek**.

Exceptions

Exception	Condition
System.ArgumentNullException	*path* is **null**.
System.ArgumentException	*path* is a zero-length string, contains only white space, or contains one or more implementation-defined invalid characters.
System.ArgumentOutOfRangeException	*bufferSize* is less than or equal to zero. -or- *mode*, *access*, or *share* contain an invalid value.
System.IO.FileNotFoundException	*mode* is **System.IO.FileMode.Truncate** or **System.IO.FileMode.Open**, but the specified file cannot be found. If a different mode is specified and the file cannot be found, a new one is created.
System.IO.IOException	An I/O error occurred, such as specifying **System.IO.FileMode.CreateNew** and the file specified by *path* already exists.
System.Security.SecurityException	The caller does not have the required permission.
System.IO.DirectoryNotFoundException	The directory information specified by *path* does not exist.
System.UnauthorizedAccessException	The *access* requested is not permitted by the operating system for the specified *path*.
System.IO.PathTooLongException	The length of *path* or the absolute path

	information for *path* exceeds the system-defined maximum length.

Permissions

Permission	Description
System.Security.Permissions.FileIOPermission	Requires permission to read, write, and append to files. Se **System.Security.Permissions.FileIOPermissionAcces** **Read**, **System.Security.Permissions.FileIOPermissionAcces** **Write**, and **System.Security.Permissions.FileIOPermissionAcces** **Append**.

FileStream.BeginRead(System.Byte[], System.Int32, System.Int32, System.AsyncCallback, System.Object) Method

[ILASM]

```
.method public hidebysig virtual class System.IAsyncResult
BeginRead(class System.Byte[] array, int32 offset, int32
numBytes, class System.AsyncCallback userCallback, object
stateObject)
```

[C#]

```
public override IAsyncResult BeginRead(byte[] array, int
offset, int numBytes, AsyncCallback userCallback, object
stateObject)
```

Summary

Begins an asynchronous read.

Parameters

Parameter	Description
array	A **System.Byte** array that specifies the buffer to read data into.
offset	A **System.Int32** containing the zero based byte offset in *array* at which to begin reading.
numBytes	A **System.Int32** containing the maximum number of bytes to read.
userCallback	A **System.AsyncCallback** delegate that references the method to be called when the asynchronous read operation is completed.
stateObject	An application defined object containing the status of the asynchronous read.

Return Value

A **System.IAsyncResult** that references the asynchronous read.

Description

To determine the number of bytes read, call **System.IO.Stream.EndRead** with the returned **System.IAsyncResult**.

Multiple simultaneous asynchronous requests render the request completion order uncertain.

[*Note:* Use the **System.IO.FileStream.CanRead** property to determine whether the current instance supports reading. For additional information, see **System.IO.Stream.CanRead**.

This method overrides **System.IO.Stream.BeginRead**.]

Exceptions

Exception	Condition
System.ArgumentException	The sum of *offset and numBytes* is greater than the length of *array*.
System.ArgumentNullException	*array* is **null**.
System.ArgumentOutOfRangeException	*offset* or *numBytes* is negative.
System.IO.IOException	The asynchronous read operation attempted to read past the end of the file.

FileStream.BeginWrite(System.Byte[], System.Int32, System.Int32, System.AsyncCallback, System.Object) Method

[ILASM]

```
.method public hidebysig virtual class System.IAsyncResult
BeginWrite(class System.Byte[] array, int32 offset, int32
numBytes, class System.AsyncCallback userCallback, object
stateObject)
```

[C#]

```
public override IAsyncResult BeginWrite(byte[] array, int
offset, int numBytes, AsyncCallback userCallback, object
stateObject)
```

Summary

Begins an asynchronous write operation.

Parameters

Parameter	Description
array	A **System.Byte** array buffer to write data to.
offset	A **System.Int32** containing the zero based byte offset in *array* at which to begin writing.
numBytes	A **System.Int32** containing the maximum number of bytes to write.
userCallback	A **System.AsyncCallback** delegate that references the method to be called when the asynchronous write operation is completed.
stateObject	An application defined object containing the status of the asynchronous read.

Return Value

A **System.IAsyncResult** that references the asynchronous write.

Description

Multiple simultaneous asynchronous requests render the request completion order uncertain.

[*Note:* Use the **System.IO.FileStream.CanWrite** property to determine whether the current instance supports writing. For additional information, see **System.IO.Stream.CanWrite**.

This method overrides **System.IO.Stream.BeginWrite**.]

Exceptions

Exception	Condition
System.ArgumentException	The sum of *offset and numBytes* is greater than the length of *array*.
System.ArgumentNullException	*array* is **null**.
System.ArgumentOutOfRangeException	*offset* or *numBytes* is negative.
System.IO.IOException	The stream does not support writing, or an I/O error occurred.

FileStream.Close() Method

[ILASM]

```
.method public hidebysig virtual void Close()
```

[C#]

```
public override void Close()
```

Summary

Closes the file and releases any resources associated with the current file stream.

Description

This method is equivalent to **System.IO.FileStream.Dispose**(**true**).

Any data previously written to the buffer is copied to the file before the file stream is closed, so it is not necessary to call **System.IO.FileStream.Flush** before invoking **Close**. Following a call to **Close**, any operations on the file stream might raise exceptions. Invoking this method on the same instance multiple times does not result in an exception.

Usage

The **System.IO.FileStream.Finalize** method invokes **Close** so that the file stream is closed before the garbage collector finalizes the object. However, objects writing to the **System.IO.FileStream**, such as a **System.IO.StreamWriter**, might not have flushed the data from their internal buffers to the **System.IO.FileStream** when the call to **Finalize** closes the stream. To prevent data loss, always call **Close** on the highest-level object.

[*Note:* This method overrides **System.IO.Stream.Close**.]

FileStream.Dispose(System.Boolean) Method

```
[ILASM]
.method family hidebysig virtual void Dispose(bool
disposing)

[C#]
protected virtual void Dispose(bool disposing)
```

Summary

Releases the unmanaged resources used by the **System.IO.FileStream** and optionally releases the managed resources.

Parameters

Parameter	Description
disposing	Specify **true** to release both managed and unmanaged resources, or specify **false** to release only unmanaged resources.

Description

When the *disposing* parameter is **true**, this method releases all resources held by any managed objects that this **System.IO.FileStream** references.

[*Note:* **System.IO.FileStream.Dispose** may be called multiple times by other objects. When overriding **System.IO.FileStream.Dispose**(**System.Boolean**), be careful not to reference objects that have been previously disposed in an earlier call to **System.IO.FileStream.Dispose**.]

Exceptions

Exception	Condition
System.IO.IOException	An I/O error occurred.

FileStream.EndRead(System.IAsyncResult) Method

[ILASM]

```
.method public hidebysig virtual int32 EndRead(class
System.IAsyncResult asyncResult)
```

[C#]

```
public override int EndRead(IAsyncResult asyncResult)
```

Summary

Ends a pending asynchronous read request, and blocks until the read request has completed.

Parameters

Parameter	Description
asyncResult	The **System.IAsyncResult** object for the pending asynchronous request.

Return Value

A **System.Int32** containing the number of bytes read from the stream. Returns 0 only if the end of the file has been reached, otherwise, this method blocks until at least one byte is available.

Description

EndRead will block until the I/O operation has completed.

[*Note:* This method overrides **System.IO.Stream.EndRead**.]

Exceptions

Exception	Condition
System.ArgumentNullException	*asyncResult* is **null**.
System.ArgumentException	*asyncResult* was not returned by a call to **System.IO.FileStream.BeginRead**.
System.InvalidOperationException	**System.IO.FileStream.EndRead** was called multiple times with *asyncResult*.

FileStream.EndWrite(System.IAsyncResult) Method

```
[ILASM]
.method public hidebysig virtual void EndWrite(class
System.IAsyncResult asyncResult)

[C#]
public override void EndWrite(IAsyncResult asyncResult)
```

Summary

Ends an asynchronous write, blocking until the I/O operation has completed.

Parameters

Parameter	Description
asyncResult	The **System.IAsyncResult** object for the pending asynchronous request.

Description

System.IO.FileStream.EndWrite will block until the I/O operation has completed.

[*Note:* This method overrides **System.IO.Stream.EndWrite**.]

Exceptions

Exception	Condition
System.ArgumentNullException	*asyncResult* is **null**.
System.ArgumentException	*asyncResult* was not returned by a call to **System.IO.FileStream.BeginWrite**.
System.InvalidOperationException	**System.IO.FileStream.EndWrite** was called multiple times with *asyncResult*.

FileStream.Finalize() Method

```
[ILASM]
.method family hidebysig virtual void Finalize()

[C#]
~FileStream()
```

Summary

Releases the resources held by the current instance.

Description

System.IO.FileStream.Finalize closes the **System.IO.FileStream**.

[*Note:* Application code does not call this method; it is automatically invoked by during garbage collection unless finalization by the garbage collector has been disabled. For more information, see **System.GC.SuppressFinalize**, and **System.Object.Finalize**.

This method overrides **System.Object.Finalize**.]

FileStream.Flush() Method

[ILASM]
```
.method public hidebysig virtual void Flush()
```

[C#]
```
public override void Flush()
```

Summary

Updates the underlying file with the current state of the buffer and subsequently clears the buffer.

Description

A **System.IO.FileStream** buffer can be used either for reading or writing. If data was copied to the buffer for writing, it is written to the file and the buffer is cleared.

If data was copied to the buffer for reading, and the **System.IO.Stream.CanSeek** property is **true**, the current position within the file is decremented by the number of unread bytes in the buffer. The buffer is then cleared.

[*Note:* This method overrides **System.IO.Stream.Flush**.]

Exceptions

Exception	Condition
System.IO.IOException	An I/O error occurred.
System.ObjectDisposedException	The current instance has already been closed.

FileStream.Read(System.Byte[], System.Int32, System.Int32) Method

```
[ILASM]
.method public hidebysig virtual int32 Read(class
System.Byte[] array, int32 offset, int32 count)

[C#]
public override int Read(byte[] array, int offset, int
count)
```

Summary

Reads a block of bytes from the stream and returns the data in the specified buffer.

Parameters

Parameter	Description
array	A **System.Byte** array. When this method returns, the bytes between *offset* and *(offset + count - 1)* in *array* are replaced by the bytes read from the current stream.
offset	A **System.Int32** containing the byte offset in *array* at which to begin writing data read from the current stream.
count	A **System.Int32** containing maximum number of bytes to read.

Return Value

A **System.Int32** containing the total number of bytes read into the buffer, or zero if the end of the stream is reached.

Description

The **System.IO.FileStream.Read** method returns zero only after reaching the end of the stream. Otherwise, **System.IO.FileStream.Read** always reads at least one byte from the stream before returning. If no data is available from the stream, this method blocks until at least one byte of data can be returned.

If the read operation is successful, the current position of the stream is advanced by the number of bytes read. If an exception occurs, the current position of the stream is unchanged.

[*Note:* Use the **System.IO.FileStream.CanRead** property to determine whether the current instance supports reading. For additional information, see **System.IO.Stream.CanRead**.]

[*Note:* This method overrides **System.IO.Stream.Read**.]

Exceptions

Exception	**Condition**
System.ArgumentNullException	*array* is **null**.
System.ArgumentOutOfRangeException	*offset* or *count* is negative.
System.NotSupportedException	The current stream does not support reading.
System.IO.IOException	An I/O error occurred.
System.ArgumentException	*offset* + *count* is greater than the length of *array*.
System.ObjectDisposedException	The current stream is closed.

FileStream.ReadByte() Method

[ILASM]
```
.method public hidebysig virtual int32 ReadByte()
```

[C#]
```
public override int ReadByte()
```

Summary

Reads a byte from the file and advances the read position one byte.

Return Value

The byte cast to a **System.Int32**, or -1 if the end of the stream has been reached.

Description

[*Note:* Use the **System.IO.FileStream.CanRead** property to determine whether the current instance supports reading. For additional information, see **System.IO.Stream.CanRead**.

This method overrides **System.IO.Stream.ReadByte**.]

Exceptions

Exception	Condition
System.ObjectDisposedException	The current stream is closed.
System.NotSupportedException	The current stream does not support reading.

FileStream.Seek(System.Int64, System.IO.SeekOrigin) Method

[ILASM]

```
.method public hidebysig virtual int64 Seek(int64 offset,
valuetype System.IO.SeekOrigin origin)
```

[C#]

```
public override long Seek(long offset, SeekOrigin origin)
```

Summary

Sets the current position of the current stream to the specified value.

Parameters

Parameter	Description
offset	A **System.Int64** containing the position relative to *origin* from which to begin seeking.
origin	A **System.IO.SeekOrigin** value specifying the beginning, the end, or the current position as a reference point for *offset.*

Return Value

A **System.Int64** containing the new position in the stream.

Description

[*Note:* Use the **System.IO.FileStream.CanSeek** property to determine whether the current instance supports seeking. For additional information, see **System.IO.Stream.CanSeek**.]

Usage

In order to open a new file and write to it, set the position to one byte beyond the end of the stream. This allows you to append to the file. The position cannot be set to more than one byte beyond the end of the stream.

[*Note:* This method overrides **System.IO.Stream.Seek**.]

Exceptions

Exception	Condition

System.IO.IOException	An I/O error occurred.
System.NotSupportedException	The stream does not support seeking.
System.ArgumentException	Attempted seeking before the beginning of the stream or to more than one byte past the end of the stream.
System.ObjectDisposedException	The current stream is closed.

FileStream.SetLength(System.Int64) Method

[ILASM]
```
.method public hidebysig virtual void SetLength(int64
value)
```

[C#]
```
public override void SetLength(long value)
```

Summary

Sets the length of the current stream to the specified value.

Parameters

Parameter	Description
value	A **System.Int64** that specifies the new length of the stream.

Description

If *value* is less than the current length of the stream, the stream is truncated. If *value* is greater than the current length of the stream, the stream is expanded, and the contents of the stream between the old and the new length are undefined. A stream is required to support both writing and seeking to implement **System.IO.FileStream.SetLength**.

[*Note:* Use the **System.IO.FileStream.CanWrite** property to determine whether the current instance supports writing, and the **System.IO.FileStream.CanSeek** property to determine whether seeking is supported. For additional information, see **System.IO.Stream.CanWrite** and **System.IO.Stream.CanSeek**.

This method overrides **System.IO.Stream.SetLength**.]

Exceptions

Exception	Condition
System.IO.IOException	An I/O error occurred.
System.NotSupportedException	The current stream does not support writing and seeking.
System.ArgumentOutOfRangeException	*value* is less than zero.

FileStream.Write(System.Byte[], System.Int32, System.Int32) Method

```
[ILASM]
.method public hidebysig virtual void Write(class
System.Byte[] array, int32 offset, int32 count)

[C#]
public override void Write(byte[] array, int offset, int
count)
```

Summary

Writes a block of bytes from a specified byte array to the current stream.

Parameters

Parameter	Description
array	The **System.Byte** array to read.
offset	A **System.Int32** that specifies the byte offset in *array* at which to begin reading.
count	A **System.Int32** that specifies the maximum number of bytes to write to the current stream.

Description

If the write operation is successful, the current position of the stream is advanced by the number of bytes written. If an exception occurs, the current position of the stream is unchanged.

[*Note:* Use the **System.IO.FileStream.CanWrite** property to determine whether the current instance supports writing. For additional information, see **System.IO.Stream.CanWrite**.

This method overrides **System.IO.Stream.Write**.]

Exceptions

Exception	Condition
System.ArgumentNullException	*array* is **null**.
System.ArgumentException	*offset* + *count* is greater than the length of *array*.
System.ArgumentOutOfRangeException	*offset* or *count* is negative.

System.IO.IOException	An I/O error occurred.
System.NotSupportedException	The current stream does not support writing.

FileStream.WriteByte(System.Byte) Method

[ILASM]
```
.method public hidebysig virtual void WriteByte(unsigned
int8 value)
```

[C#]
```
public override void WriteByte(byte value)
```

Summary

Writes a byte to the current position in the file stream.

Parameters

Parameter	Description
value	A **System.Byte** to write to the stream.

Description

Usage

Use **System.IO.FileStream.WriteByte** method to write a byte to a **System.IO.FileStream** efficiently.

[*Note:* Use the **System.IO.FileStream.CanWrite** property to determine whether the current instance supports writing. For additional information, see **System.IO.Stream.CanWrite**.

This method overrides **System.IO.Stream.WriteByte**.]

Exceptions

Exception	Condition
System.IO.IOException	The current stream is closed.
System.NotSupportedException	The current stream does not support writing.

FileStream.CanRead Property

[ILASM]

```
.property bool CanRead { public hidebysig virtual
specialname bool get_CanRead() }
```

[C#]

```
public override bool CanRead { get; }
```

Summary

Gets a **System.Boolean** value indicating whether the current stream supports reading.

Property Value

true if the stream supports reading; **false** if the stream is closed or was opened with write-only access.

Description

This property is read-only.

[*Note:* This property overrides **System.IO.Stream.CanRead**.

If a class derived from **System.IO.Stream** does not support reading, the **Read** and **Peek** methods throw a **System.NotSupportedException**.]

FileStream.CanSeek Property

[ILASM]

```
.property bool CanSeek { public hidebysig virtual
specialname bool get_CanSeek() }
```

[C#]

```
public override bool CanSeek { get; }
```

Summary

Gets a **System.Boolean** value indicating whether the current stream supports seeking.

Property Value

true if the stream supports seeking; **false** if the stream is closed or if the **System.IO.FileStream** was constructed from an operating-system handle such as a pipe or output to the console.

Description

[*Note:* If a class derived from **System.IO.Stream** does not support seeking, a call to **System.IO.FileStream.Length** (both **get** and **set**), **System.IO.FileStream.Position**, or **System.IO.FileStream.Seek** throws a **System.NotSupportedException**.

This property overrides **System.IO.Stream.CanSeek**.]

FileStream.CanWrite Property

[ILASM]
```
.property bool CanWrite { public hidebysig virtual
specialname bool get_CanWrite() }
```

[C#]
```
public override bool CanWrite { get; }
```

Summary

Gets a **System.Boolean** value indicating whether the current stream supports writing.

Property Value

true if the stream supports writing; **false** if the stream is closed or was opened with read-only access.

Description

If a class derived from **System.IO.Stream** does not support writing, a call to **System.IO.FileStream.Write**, **System.IO.FileStream.BeginWrite**, or **System.IO.FileStream.EndWrite** will throw a **System.NotSupportedException**.

[*Note:* This property overrides **System.IO.Stream.CanWrite**.]

FileStream.IsAsync Property

[ILASM]

```
.property bool IsAsync { public hidebysig virtual
specialname bool get_IsAsync() }
```

[C#]

```
public virtual bool IsAsync { get; }
```

Summary

Gets a **System.Boolean** value indicating whether the current instance was opened asynchronously or synchronously.

Property Value

true if the current **System.IO.FileStream** was opened asynchronously; otherwise, **false**.

Behaviors

This property is read-only.

FileStream.Length Property

[ILASM]

```
.property int64 Length { public hidebysig virtual
specialname int64 get_Length() }
```

[C#]

```
public override long Length { get; }
```

Summary

Gets the length in bytes of the stream.

Property Value

A **System.Int64** value containing the length of the stream in bytes.

Description

This property is read-only.

Exceptions

Exception	Condition
System.NotSupportedException	**System.IO.FileStream.CanSeek** for this stream is **false**.
System.IO.IOException	An I/O error occurred, such as the file being closed.

FileStream.Position Property

[ILASM]

```
.property int64 Position { public hidebysig virtual
specialname int64 get_Position() public hidebysig virtual
specialname void set_Position(int64 value) }
```

[C#]

```
public override long Position { get; set; }
```

Summary

Gets or sets the current position of this stream.

Property Value

A **System.Int64** containing the current position of this stream.

Description

In order to open a new file and write to it, set the position to one byte beyond the end of the stream. This allows you to append to the file. The position cannot be set to more than one byte beyond the end of the stream.

Exceptions

Exception	Condition
System.NotSupportedException	The current stream does not support seeking.
System.IO.IOException	An I/O error occurred.
System.IO.EndOfStreamException	Attempted seeking past the end of a stream that does not support this.
System.ArgumentOutOfRangeException	The value specified for a set operation is negative.