

BSF4ooRexx/Java: Apache POI

Cookbook with Nutshell Examples



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Introduction

- **Why using ooRexx?**

- Easy to learn und read for humans
- Learned it last semester in Business Programming 1 & 2

- **Apache POI-OpenXML4J**

- Java API for creating and manipulating Microsoft Office documents
- Components for Word (XWPF), PowerPoint (XSLF) and Excel (XSSF)



Software Components

- Open Object Rexx 5.0.0
- BSF4ooRexx850
- Azul Java Version Zulu 1.8
- Apache POI-OpenXML4J Java API binary version 5.2.3
- IntelliJ IDEA integrated development environment and ooRexx plugin



Open Object Rexx & BSF4ooRexx

- ooRexx download includes programming GUI
- Necessary to execute .rexx programs via the terminal

- BSF4ooRexx Bridge between ooRexx and Java
- Contains package to get access to Java classes and libraries





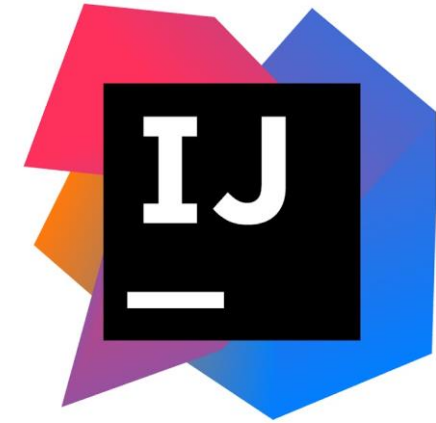
- Binary distributed version 5.2.3 was used to code the examples
- Java API contains all necessary .jar files to create Microsoft documents.
- Has to be connected with Java in the class path environment variable

Java



- Azul Zulu Java version 8.70.0.23 was used
- There are two restrictions when choosing a Java version:
 - Same bit rate as the used ooRexx version, 32- or 64-Bit version
 - To work correctly with Apache POI at least Java 8 is required

IntelliJ IDEA



- Additional not required software component
- Integrated development environment used for more convenient coding
- Requires an ooRexx plugin to create and execute .rexx programs

Microsoft Word

- Creating blank Word document
- Creating header and footer of a document
- Saving a created Word document
- Accessing existing Word document



Creating Blank Word Document

- Instancing main class
- Containing the most necessary methods and classes

```
15 document = .bsf~new("org.apache.poi.xwpf.usermodel.XWPFDocument")
```

Creating Header and Footer

- Requires additional class for headers and footers
- Creating default header and footer
- Setting individual text

```
16 .bsf~bsf.loadClass("org.apache.poi.wp.usermodel.HeaderFooterType", "HeaderFooterType")
17
18 -- Creating Header
19 header=document~createHeader(.HeaderFooterType~DEFAULT)
20 headerParagraph=header~createParagraph()
21 -- Add text to the header
22 headerText="This is the header of this document."
23 run=headerParagraph~createRun()
24 run~setText(headerText)
25
26 -- Creating Footer
27 footer=document~createFooter(.HeaderFooterType~DEFAULT)
28 footerParagraph=footer~createParagraph()
29 -- Add text to the footer
30 footerText="This is the footer of this document."
31 run1=footerParagraph~createRun()
32 run1~setText(footerText)
```

Saving Created Word Document

- Source of coded program is required
- Directory path is needed and concatenated with the created document

- Qualifying entire file
- Creating output document

```
49  -- Saving the output document
50  parse source . . a
51  call directory filespec('L', a)
52  filename=directory()"/First_Nutshell_Example.docx"
53  filename=qualify(filename)
54  output=.bsf~new("java.io.FileOutputStream", filename)
55  document~write(output)
```

Accessing Existing Word Document

- Source and directory of existing Word document is required
- Entire correct name has to be used to get access
- New file input stream for importing content
- Creating new document

```
15 parse source . . c
16 call directory filespec('L', c)
17 filename1=directory()"/First_Nutshell_Example.docx"
18 filename1=qualify(filename1)
19
20 olddocument=.bsf~new("java.io.FileInputStream", filename1)
21
22 -- Create a new XWPFDocument for the output
23 document=.bsf~new("org.apache.poi.xwpf.usermodel.XWPFDocument", olddocument)
```

Microsoft PowerPoint

- Creating blank PowerPoint slideshow
- Creating slides with standard layouts
- Embedding hyperlink in existing text
- Changing slideshow slide order



Creating Blank PowerPoint Slideshow

- PowerPoint presentations are called slide show in this context
- Instancing main class
- Containing the most necessary methods and classes

```
15 presentation=.bsf~new("org.apache.poi.xslf.usermodel.XMLSlideShow")
```

Creating Slides with Standard Layouts

- PowerPoint contains a slide master for standard layout slides
- Slide layout class is required
- Slide layouts are retrieved from slide master
- Creating slides with chosen layout

```
19  -- Creating slide layouts
20  template=presentation~getSlideMasters()~get(0) -- retrieves all master slides
21  layout=template~getLayout("title slide") -- Set Layout
22  layout1=template~getLayout("title only")
23  layout2=template~getLayout("title and content")
24
25  -- Creating title slide
26  titleslide=presentation~createSlide(layout)
```


Embedding Hyperlink in Existing Text

- Accessing placeholder by inserting index
- Clearing text before setting new one

- Creating hyperlink text

- Embedding link with URL

```
29 Textbox1=firstslide~getPlaceholder(1)
30 Textbox1~clearText()
31 textRun=Textbox1~addNewTextParagraph()~addNewTextRun()
32 textRun~setText("Apache POI Javadocs")
33 link=textRun~createHyperlink()
34 link~setAddress("https://poi.apache.org/apidocs/5.0/")
```

Changing Slideshow Slide Order

- PowerPoint memorizes how many slides are created and the order of the slides
- Individually addressing any slide by their index
- Changing slide order by setting new index

```
60 -- Changing slide order of the presentation
61 slides=presentation~getSlides()
62 selectedslide=slides~get(3)
63 presentation~setSlideOrder(selectedslide, 0)
```

Microsoft Excel

- Creating blank workbook and spreadsheet
- Setting individual cell format for dates
- Rotating cell content
- Creating cell content using formulars



Creating blank Workbook and Spreadsheet

- Instancing main class of workbooks
- Spreadsheet class is additionally required
- Allows to create spreadsheets with individual names

```
15 workbook=.bsf~new("org.apache.poi.xssf.usermodel.XSSFWorkbook")
16
17 spreadsheet=.bsf~new("org.apache.poi.xssf.usermodel.XSSFSheet")
18
19 -- Create a new sheet
20 spreadsheet=workbook~createSheet("Cell Types")
```

Setting Individual Cell Format for Dates

- Created cells are automatically standard cells
- Setting cell format individually
- Creating style with new cell format

- Setting format of the cell

```
62 row = spreadsheet~createRow(3)
63 cell=row~createCell(0)
64 cell~setCellValue("Set cell value DATE")
65 cell~setCellStyle(style1)
66 cell = row~createCell(1)
67 cell~setCellValue(Date())
68 style2=workbook~createCellStyle
69 helper=workbook~getCreationHelper()
70 style2~setDataFormat(helper~createDataFormat()~getFormat("m/d/yy"))
71 cell~setCellStyle(style2)
```

Rotating Cell Content

- Creating new style which contains rotation
- Any rotation angle from 0 to 360 degrees is possible

- Setting content to cells
- Applying the style to a cell

```
20  -- 90 degrees angle
21  myStyle=workbook~createCellStyle()
22  myStyle~setRotation(90)
23  row=spreadsheet~createRow(0)
24  cell=row~createCell(3)
25  cell~setCellValue("90 degrees Angle")
26  cell~setCellStyle(myStyle)
```

Creating Cell Content Using Formulas

- Possibility to create cell values via Excel built in formula rand between
- Creating 100 random numbers in column A from 0 to 1000
- Values created in cell A:3 to A:102 with a loop

```
30  -- Creating a formula to generate random numbers in column A
31  do i=3 to 102
32      row=spreadsheet.createRow(i - 1)
33      cell=row.createCell(0)
34      cell.setCellFormula("Randbetween(0, 1000)")
35  end
```

Evaluation Using Formulas

- Creation of Excel formula to sum up all created values
- Counting how many values are generated
- Counting cells with a specific value

```
37  -- Summing up the values in column A
38  row1=spreadsheet~createRow(1)
39  formulaCellSum=row1~createCell(1)
40  formulaCellSum~setCellFormula("Sum(A3:A102)")
41
42  -- Creating formula for counting non-empty cells in column A
43  formulaCellCount=row1~createCell(2)
44  formulaCellCount~setCellFormula("Count(A3:A102)")
45
46  -- Creating formula for counting values in column A at least 500
47  formulaCellCountAtLeast500=row1~createCell(3)
48  formulaCellCountAtLeast500~setCellFormula("Countif(A3:A102, ">=500")")
```




Conclusion

- Includes only a small part of what is possible with Apache POI
- Apache Software Foundation is constantly developing the API
- Source packages for Apache POI version 5.2.4 & 5.2.5 are currently available on the homepage