

# HSSF Use Cases

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## 1. HSSF Use Cases

### 1.1. Use Case 1: Read existing HSSF

**Primary Actor:** HSSF client

**Scope:** HSSF

**Level:** Summary

**Stakeholders and Interests:**

- HSSF client- wants to read content of HSSF file
- HSSF - understands HSSF file
- POIFS - understands underlying POI file system

**Precondition:** None

**Minimal Guarantee:** None

**Main Success Guarantee:**

1. HSSF client requests HSSF to read a HSSF file, providing an InputStream containing HSSF file in question.
2. HSSF requests POIFS to read the HSSF file, passing the InputStream object to POIFS (POIFS use case 1, read existing file system)
3. HSSF reads the "Workbook" file (use case 4, read workbook entry)

**Extensions:**

- 2a. Exceptions thrown by POIFS will be passed on to the HSSF client.

### 1.2. Use Case 2: Write HSSF file

**Primary Actor:** HSSF client

**Scope:** HSSF

**Level:** Summary

**Stakeholders and Interests:**

- HSSF client- wants to write file out.
- HSSF - knows how to write file out.
- POIFS - knows how to write file system out.

**Precondition:**

- File has been read (use case 1, read existing HSSF file) and subsequently modified or file has been created (use case 3, create HSSF file)

**Minimal Guarantee:** None

**Main Success Guarantee:**

1. HSSF client provides an OutputStream to write the file to.
2. HSSF writes the "Workbook" to its associated POIFS file system (use case 5, write workbook entry)
3. HSSF requests POIFS to write its file system out, using the OutputStream obtained from the HSSF client (POIFS use case 2, write file system).

**Extensions:**

- 3a. Exceptions from POIFS are passed to the HSSF client.

### 1.3. Use Case 3: Create HSSF file

**Primary Actor:** HSSF client

**Scope:** HSSF

**Level:** Summary

**Stakeholders and Interests:**

- HSSF client- wants to create a new file.
- HSSF - knows how to create a new file.
- POIFS - knows how to create a new file system.

**Precondition:**

**Minimal Guarantee:** None

**Main Success Guarantee:**

1. HSSF requests POIFS to create a new file system (POIFS use case 3, create new file system)

**Extensions:** None

## **1.4. Use Case 4: Read workbook entry**

**Primary Actor:** HSSF

**Scope:** HSSF

**Level:** Summary

**Stakeholders and Interests:**

- HSSF - knows how to read the workbook entry
- POIFS - knows how to manage the file system.

**Precondition:**

- The file system has been read (use case 1, read existing HSSF file) or has been created and written to (use case 3, create HSSF file system; use case 5, write workbook entry).

**Minimal Guarantee:** None

**Main Success Guarantee:**

1. HSSF requests POIFS for the "Workbook" file
2. POIFS returns an InputStream for the file.
3. HSSF reads from the InputStream provided by POIFS
4. HSSF closes the InputStream provided by POIFS

**Extensions:**

3a. Exceptions thrown by POIFS will be passed on

## **1.5. Use Case 5: Write workbook entry**

**Primary Actor:** HSSF

**Scope:** HSSF

**Level:** Summary

**Stakeholders and Interests:**

- HSSF - knows how to manage the write the workbook entry.
- POIFS - knows how to manage the file system.

**Precondition:**

- Either an existing HSSF file has been read (use case 1, read existing HSSF file) or an HSSF file has been created (use case 3, create HSSF file).

**Minimal Guarantee:** None

**Main Success Guarantee:**

1. HSSF checks the POIFS file system directory for the "Workbook" file (POIFS use case 8, read file system directory)
2. If "Workbook" is in the directory, HSSF requests POIFS to replace it with the new workbook entry (POIFS use case 4, replace file in file system). Otherwise, HSSF requests POIFS to write the new workbook file, with the name "Workbook" (POIFS use case 6, write new file to file system)

**Extensions:**None