
C programming

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File IO :

- File is collection of data and information on storage device.
- Each file have data (contents) and metadata (information).
- File IO can enable read/write file data.
- File Input Output
 - Low Level File IO
 - Explicit Buffer Management. Use File Handle.
 - High Level File IO
 - Auto Buffer Management. Use File Pointer.
 - Formatted (Text) IO
 - `fprintf()`, `fscanf()`
 - Unformatted (Text) IO
 - `fgetc()`, `fputc()`, `fgets()`, `fputs()`
 - Binary File IO
 - `fread()`, `fwrite()`



File IO :

- File I/O helps to read /write data to secondary to storage.
- Must open file first to set **file pointer**
- Must pass file pointer to file access functions
- Need to close file when done
- Functions
 - fopen, fclose, freopen
 - fseek , ftell
 - rewind
 - remove, rename
 - Fflush



File IO :

- File must be opened before read/write operation and closed after operation is completed.
- `FILE * fp = fopen("filepath", "mode");` – to open the file
 - File open modes:
 - `w`: open file for write. If exists truncate. If not exists create.
 - `r`: open file for read. If not exists, function fails.
 - `a`: open file for append (write at the end). If not exists create.
 - `w+`: Same as "`w`" + read operation.
 - `r+`: Same as "`r`" + write operation.
 - `a+`: Same as "`a`" + append (write at the end) operation.
 - File can be opened as text file (default or suffix "`t`") or binary (suffix "`b`").
 - Return `FILE*` when opened successfully, otherwise return `NULL`.
- `fclose(fp);`
 - Close file and release resources.



File Functions :

- Fopen() ---helps to load file in memory file can be loaded with different modes
- Fclose() ---helpsto unload file
- ftell() --provides current file pointer position
- fseek () --helps to reposition filepointer
- using three constants
 - 1. SEEK_SET 0
 - 2. SEEK_CUR 1
 - 3. SEEK_END 2

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Thank you!!

