



# **DASF004: Basic and Practice in Programming**

❖ Lab 11: File Input/Output



## In this lab ...

- ❖ Be familiar with various operations and functions in reading and writing file input/output
- ❖ What you need to submit in this lab (Lab #11):
  - » Lab Exercise #11 by Wednesday 11:59 pm
  - » Assignment #11 by Tuesday 11:59 pm



# Procedure for read from or writing to a file

## Four Step Procedure

### ❖ 1. Declare a file pointer

```
» FILE *fPtr;
```

### ❖ 2. Call fopen(), specify the filename, and the access permission

```
» fPtr = fopen("[filename]", "[permission]");
```

### ❖ 3. Do the read/write operation

```
» fprintf()  
» fscanf()  
» fread()  
» fwrite()  
» fseek()
```

### ❖ 4. Close the file

```
» fclose(fPtr);
```

# File Access

There are two kinds of file access

## 1. Sequential Access

- You have to read and write the file starting from the beginning, reading and writing byte by byte from the start of the file

## 2. Random Access

- You can read and write any byte in the file
- You control a file pointer to select the byte you want to read/write using `fseek()`

# Examples

```
Enter the account, name, and balance.  
Enter EOF to end input.  
? 100 Jones 24.98  
? 200 Doe 345.67  
? 300 White 0.00  
? 400 Stone -42.16  
? 500 Rich 224.62  
? ^Z
```



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100	Jones	24.98
200	Doe	345.67
300	White	0.00
400	Stone	-42.16
500	Rich	244.62

```

1 // Fig. 11.2: fig11_02.c
2 // Creating a sequential file
3 #include <stdio.h>
4
5 int main( void )
6 {
7     unsigned int account; // account number
8     char name[ 30 ]; // account name
9     double balance; // account balance
10
11     FILE *cfPtr; // cfPtr = clients.dat file pointer
12
13     // fopen opens file. Exit program if unable to create file
14     if ( ( cfPtr = fopen( "clients.dat", "w" ) ) == NULL ) {
15         puts( "File could not be opened" );
16     } // end if
17     else {
18         puts( "Enter the account, name, and balance." );
19         puts( "Enter EOF to end input." );
20         printf( "%s", "? " );
21         scanf( "%d%29s%lf", &account, name, &balance );
22
23         // write account, name and balance into file with fprintf
24         while ( !feof( stdin ) ) {
25             fprintf( cfPtr, "%d %s %.2f\n", account, name, balance );
26             printf( "%s", "? " );
27             scanf( "%d%29s%lf", &account, name, &balance );
28         } // end while
29
30         fclose( cfPtr ); // fclose closes file
31     } // end else
32 } // end main

```

Mode	Description
r	Open an existing file for reading.
w	Create a file for writing. If the file already exists, discard the current contents.
a	Append: open or create a file for writing at the end of the file.
r+	Open an existing file for update (reading and writing).
w+	Create a file for update. If the file already exists, discard the current contents.
a+	Append: open or create a file for update; writing is done at the end of the file.
rb	Open an existing file for reading in binary mode.
wb	Create a file for writing in binary mode. If the file already exists, discard the current contents.
ab	Append: open or create a file for writing at the end of the file in binary mode.
rb+	Open an existing file for update (reading and writing) in binary mode.
wb+	Create a file for update in binary mode. If the file already exists, discard the current contents.
ab+	Append: open or create a file for update in binary mode; writing is done at the end of the file.

# rewind() function

- The statement

- `rewind( fPtr );`

causes a program's **file position pointer**—which indicates the number of the next byte in the file to be read or written—to be repositioned to the *beginning* of the file (i.e., byte 0) pointed to by `fPtr`.



# rewind()

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main(void)
```

```
{ FILE *fPtr;
```

```
int x[9];
```

```
fPtr = fopen("numbers.txt", "r");
```

```
fscanf(fPtr, "%d %d %d %d", &x[0], &x[1], &x[2], &x[3]);
```

```
printf("1: %d %d %d %d\n", x[0], x[1], x[2], x[3]);
```

```
rewind(fPtr);
```

```
fscanf(fPtr, "%d %d %d %d %d %d", &x[0], &x[1], &x[2], &x[3], &x[4], &x[5]);
```

```
printf("2: %d %d %d %d %d %d\n", x[0], x[1], x[2], x[3], x[4], x[5]);
```

```
rewind(fPtr);
```

```
fscanf(fPtr, "%d %d", &x[0], &x[1]);
```

```
printf("3: %d %d\n", x[0], x[1]);
```

```
fclose(fPtr);
```

```
return 0;
```

```
}
```



numbers.txt - Notepad

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69 72 84 89 68 95 99 98 76



C:\Users\Arthur Tang\Documents\Untitled3.exe

1: 69 72 84 89

2: 69 72 84 89 68 95

3: 69 72

-----  
Process exited after 0.01863 seconds with return value 0  
Press any key to continue . . .

# Binary Records

- ASCII Records
  - Everything is represented as text
  - The number “10” is represented by the ASCII character “1”,”0”
    - 1: 00100001; 0: 00100000
- Binary Records
  - Records are in 1 and 0 only (i.e. not in text form)
  - Integers are represented in their binary value
    - Integer 10 is represented by 00000000 00000000 00000000 00001010
  - They cannot be viewed in notepad

# Binary Records Example

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(void)
{ int x[2] = {10,20};
  FILE *f1Ptr = fopen("ascii.dat", "w");
  FILE *f2Ptr = fopen("binary.dat", "wb");

  fprintf(f1Ptr, "%d %d", x[0], x[1]);
  fwrite(&x, sizeof(int), 2, f2Ptr);

  fclose(f1Ptr);
  fclose(f2Ptr);
  return 0;
}
```

Write the string "10 20"  
(the bit stream: 00100001 00100000 00100000  
00100010 00100000)

Write the binary of 10 and 20  
(the bit stream: 00000000 00000000 00000000  
00001010 00000000 00000000 00000000 00010100)

ascii.dat - Notepad

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10 20				

binary.dat - Notepad

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0				

## Lab Exercise #11:

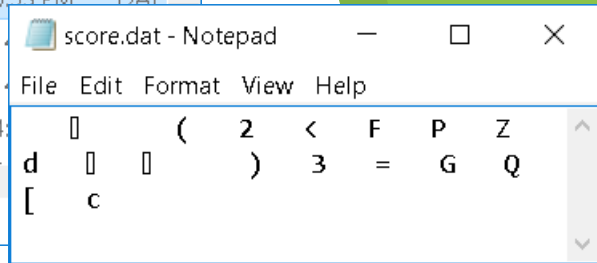
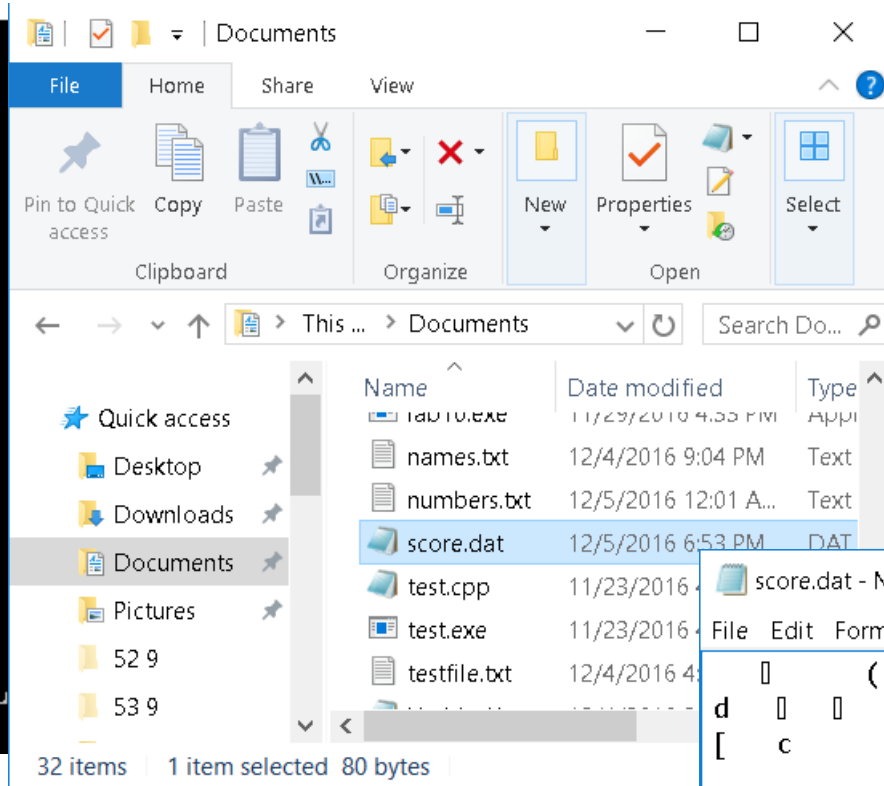
- Write a program ask for the user to enter the score (integer) for 20 students (student 1 to student 20).
- Your program will write these 20 integers in binary form into a file name "score.dat"

# Sample Output

C:\Users\Arthur Tang\Documents\Untitled4.exe

```
Enter the score for student 1: 10
Enter the score for student 2: 20
Enter the score for student 3: 30
Enter the score for student 4: 40
Enter the score for student 5: 50
Enter the score for student 6: 60
Enter the score for student 7: 70
Enter the score for student 8: 80
Enter the score for student 9: 90
Enter the score for student 10: 100
Enter the score for student 11: 11
Enter the score for student 12: 21
Enter the score for student 13: 31
Enter the score for student 14: 41
Enter the score for student 15: 51
Enter the score for student 16: 61
Enter the score for student 17: 71
Enter the score for student 18: 81
Enter the score for student 19: 91
Enter the score for student 20: 99

-----
Process exited after 20.05 seconds with return code 0
Press any key to continue . . .
```



# The fread() function

```
fread(&myrec, sizeof(int), 6, fPtr);
```

Size of each block is size of int (i.e. 4 byte)

Read 6 blocks (i.e. 24 byte)

Read from the current location of the file pointer pointed to by  
fPtr

The block read is stored to the memory address &myrec.

# The `fwrite()` function

```
fwrite(&myrec, sizeof(int), 6, fPtr);
```

Size of each block is size of `int` (i.e. 4 byte)

Write 6 blocks (i.e. 24 byte)

Write to the **current location** of the file pointer pointed to by `fPtr`.

The block written is from the memory address `&myrec`.

# What is the current location???

Initially, the current location is the first byte of the file

The location pointer moves everytime you do a `fread()` or `fwrite()`

- The pointer is moved to the byte after the last byte you read/write

For example:

```
fwrite(&myrec, sizeof(int), 6, fPtr);
```

The pointer is at the beginning of the file first.

`fwrite()` writes 6 block of `sizeof(int)` at the pointer (24 byte)

After the write, pointer's current location is at 25<sup>th</sup> byte of the file



# Lab Assignment #11:

- Your program will read the file “score.dat” you generated in Lab Exercise #11. Note that the file is in **binary form**.
- Your program will then prompt the user for 3 options:
  1. Display all the numbers in the file “score.dat”.
  2. Multiply all the numbers in the file by 2.
  3. Quit
- Option 1 will read and display all numbers saved in “score.dat”.
- If the user enter option 2, your program will read each number from “score.dat”, multiply each number by 2, and **write the number back to “score.dat”**
- Note that all modifications are written to the score.dat file. So if you restart your program, all the changes in the previous run will remind in the file.

D:\PortableApp\Dev-Cpp32\ConsolePauser.exe

```
1. Read and display all data from "score.dat".
2. Multiply all the numbers in "score.dat" by 2.
3. Quit.
Enter your option:1
11 22 33 44 55 66 77 88 99 100 12 23 34 45 56 67 78 89 90 100
1. Read and display all data from "score.dat".
2. Multiply all the numbers in "score.dat" by 2.
3. Quit.
Enter your option:2
1. Read and display all data from "score.dat".
2. Multiply all the numbers in "score.dat" by 2.
3. Quit.
Enter your option:1
22 44 66 88 110 132 154 176 198 200 24 46 68 90 112 134 156 178 180 200
1. Read and display all data from "score.dat".
2. Multiply all the numbers in "score.dat" by 2.
3. Quit.
Enter your option:2
1. Read and display all data from "score.dat".
2. Multiply all the numbers in "score.dat" by 2.
3. Quit.
Enter your option:1
44 88 132 176 220 264 308 352 396 400 48 92 136 180 224 268 312 356 360 400
1. Read and display all data from "score.dat".
2. Multiply all the numbers in "score.dat" by 2.
3. Quit.
Enter your option:3

Process exited normally.
Press any key to continue . . .
```

# Sample output

D:\PortableApp\Dev-Cpp32\ConsolePauser.exe

```
1. Read and display all data from "score.dat".
2. Multiply all the numbers in "score.dat" by 2.
3. Quit.
Enter your option:1
44 88 132 176 220 264 308 352 396 400 48 92 136 180 224 268 312 356 360 400
1. Read and display all data from "score.dat".
2. Multiply all the numbers in "score.dat" by 2.
3. Quit.
Enter your option:3

Process exited normally.
Press any key to continue . . .
```

# Lab Assignment #11

Submit your source code on iCampus before Tuesday 11:59 pm