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# **I/O Streams**



# Objectives

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- Define streams
- Describe the InputStream and OutputStream classes
- Describe the I/O Byte array



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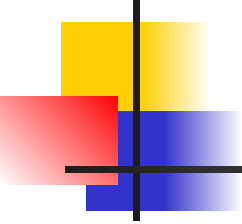
- Describe the File I/O Classes
- Filtered Input and Output Classes
- Buffered I/O Classes
- Reader and Writer Classes
- Character Array and String Input and Output Classes
- PrintWriter Class



# Objectives

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- Describe DataInput Interface
- Describe DataOutput Interface
- Describe RandomAccessFile Class
- Explain java.awt.print Package

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- <http://www.studytonight.com/java/java-io-stream.php>
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  - <http://www.javatpoint.com/java-io>



# Streams

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- Streams are pipelines for sending and receiving information in Java programs
- When a stream is read or written, the other threads are blocked
- If an error occurs while reading or writing a stream, an `IOException` is thrown
- Class `'java.lang.System'` defines the standard input and output streams



# I/O Stream classes

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- `System.out` class
- `System.in` class
- `System.err` class



# InputStream Class

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- Is an abstract class
- Defines how data is received
- Provides a number of methods for reading, and taking streams of data as input
- Methods:
  - **read()**
  - **available()**
  - **close()**
  - **mark()**
  - **markSupported()**
  - **reset()**
  - **skip()**





# OutputStream Class

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- Is abstract
- Defines how outputs are written to streams
- Provides a set of methods that help in creating, writing and processing output streams
- Methods
  - **write(int)**
  - **write(byte[ ])**
  - **write(byte[ ], int, int)**
  - **flush( )**
  - **close( )**



# Byte Array Input

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- Use memory buffers
- **ByteArrayInputStream** Class
  - Creates an input stream from the memory buffer which is an array of bytes
  - Does not support any new methods
  - Overrides methods of the class `InputStream`, such as `'read()'`, `'skip()'`, `'available()'` and `'reset()'`



# Byte Array Output

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- Use memory buffers
- **ByteArrayOutputStream** Class
  - Creates an output stream on a byte array
  - Provides additional capabilities for the output array to grow, to accommodate the new data that is written
  - Also provides methods to convert the stream to a byte array, or a String object



# Byte Array Output (Contd...)

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- Methods of **ByteArrayOutputStream** Class:
  - **reset( )**
  - **size( )**
  - **writeTo( )**



# File I/O classes

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- Classes that help Java to support file input and output operations:
  - File
  - FileDescriptor
  - FileInputStream
  - FileOutputStream
- File, FileDescriptor, and RandomAccessFile classes are used to support direct or random access input and output



# File Class

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- Is used to access file and directory objects
- The files are named according to the file-naming conventions of the host operating system
- This class provides constructors for creating files and directories
- All common file and directory operations are performed using the access methods and directory methods that the File class provides



# The FileDescriptor Class

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- Provides access to the file descriptors
- Does not provide any visibility to specific information that the operating system maintains
- Provides only one method, called 'valid( )'



# The FileInputStream Class

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- Allows the input to be read from a file in the form of a stream
- Objects are created using a filename String, File, or a FileDescriptor object, as an argument
- Overrides the methods of the InputStream class; it also provides the 'finalize( )' and 'getFD( )' methods





# The FileOutputStream Class

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- Allows output to be written to a file stream
- Objects are also created using a filename String, File, or a FileDescriptor object, as an argument
- This class overrides the methods of the OutputStream class, and provides the 'finalize( )' and 'getFD( )' methods



# Filtered Input and Output

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- A filter(s):
  - Is a type of stream that modifies the way an existing stream is handled
  - Are basically used to adapt streams to specific program needs
  - Sits between an input and an output stream
  - Performs some special processing on the bytes transferred from input to output
  - Can be combined to perform a sequence of filtering options



# Filtered Input and Output (Contd...)

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- The filtered input and output streams classes that Java provides help filter the I/O in a number of ways



# FilterInputStream Class

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- Is an abstract class
- Is the parent of all filtered input stream classes
- Provides the capability to create one stream from another
- One stream can be read and provided as the output to another stream
- Maintains a separate object of the class 'InputStream'
- Allows the creation of multiple chained filters



# FilterOutputStream Class

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- Is the supplement to the class 'FilterInputStream'
- Is the parent of all filtered output stream classes
- Maintains the object of the class 'OutputStream' as an 'out' variable
- Data written to this class can be modified to perform filtering operations, and then forwarded to the 'OutputStream' object



# Buffered I/O

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- A buffer:
  - Is a storage place for data
  - Can provide data instead of going back to the original source of the data
- Java uses buffered input and output to temporarily cache data that is read from, or written to, a stream
- While performing buffered input:
  - A large number of bytes are read at a time, and stored in an input buffer
  - When the program reads the input stream, the input bytes are read from the input buffer



## Buffered I/O (Contd...)

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- In case of output buffer, a program writes data to a stream
- Output data is stored in an output buffer
- Data is stored until the buffer becomes full, or the output stream is flushed
- Finally, the buffered output is forwarded to the destination of the output stream



# BufferedInputStream Class

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- Automatically creates and maintains a buffer to support input buffering
- As the class 'BufferedInputStream' is a filter, it can be applied to certain objects of the class 'InputStream'
- Can also be combined with other input files
- Uses several variables to implement input buffering



# BufferedInputStream Class

## (Contd...)

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- Defines two constructors:
  - One allows the size of an input buffer to be specified
  - Other does not
- Both constructors take an object of the class 'InputStream' as an argument
- Overrides the access methods that the InputStream provides, and does not introduce any new methods



# BufferedOutputStream Class

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- Performs output buffering in a manner that corresponds to the class 'BufferedInputStream'.
- Defines two constructors. It allows us to specify the size of the output buffer in a constructor, as well as provide a default buffer size
- Overrides all the methods of the 'OutputStream' class, and does not introduce any methods.



# Reader and Writer Classes

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- Are abstract classes
- Are at the top of the class hierarchy that supports the reading and writing of unicode character streams



# Reader Class

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- Supports the following methods:
  - **read( )**
  - **reset( )**
  - **skip( )**
  - **mark( )**
  - **markSupported( )**
  - **close( )**
  - **ready( )**



# Writer Class

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- Supports the following methods:
  - **write( )**
  - **flush( )**
  - **close( )**



# Character Array Input and Output classes

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- Supports input and output from memory buffers
- Support 8-bit character input and output
- 'CharArrayReader' does not add any new methods to the ones that the class 'Reader' provides



# Character Array Input and Output classes

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- `'CharArrayWriter'` class adds the following methods to the ones that the class `'Writer'` provides:
  - `reset()`
  - `size()`
  - `toCharArray()`
  - `toString()`
  - `writeTo()`



# Character String Input and Output classes

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- The class 'StringReader' helps read the character input from a string
- It does not add any methods to those that the class Reader provides
- The class 'StringWriter' helps to write character output to a 'StringBuffer' object
- This class adds the following methods:
  - **getBuffer()**
  - **toString()**





# PrintWriter Class

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- Implements an output
- Has additional methods, which help print the basic types of data
- The `PrintWriter` is a character-oriented version of the `'PrintStream'`
- Is an improvement upon the `'PrintStream'` class; this class uses a platform-dependent line separator to print lines, instead of the `'\n'` character
- Provides better support than `PrintStream` for Unicode characters
- Methods:
  - **`checkError()`**
  - **`setError()`**



# Summary

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- File I/O classes
- Buffered I/O classes
- Reader and Writer classes
- Character Array and String I/O classes
- PrintWriter class



# DataInput Interface

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- Is used to read bytes from a binary stream, and reconstruct data in any of the Java primitive types
- Allows us to convert data from the Java modified UTF-8 format to the String form
- Defines a number of methods, including methods for reading Java primitive data types



# DataInput Interface Methods

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- **boolean readBoolean( )**
- **byte readByte( )**
- **char readChar( )**
- **short readShort( )**
- **long readLong( )**
- **float readFloat( )**
- **int readInt( )**
- **double readDouble( )**
- **String readUTF( )**
- **String readLine( )**



# DataOutput Interface

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- Is used to reconstruct the data in any of the Java primitive types into a series of bytes
- Writes these bytes onto a binary stream
- Allows us to convert a String into the Java modified UTF-8 format, and write it into a stream
- Defines a number of methods and all methods throw an IOException in case of an error



# DataOutput Interface Methods

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- **void writeBoolean(boolean b)**
- **void writeByte( int value)**
- **void writeChar(int value)**
- **void writeShort(int value)**
- **void writeLong(long value)**
- **void writeFloat(float value)**
- **void writeInt(int value)**
- **void writeDouble(double value)**
- **void writeUTF(String value)**



# RandomAccessFile Class

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- Provides the capability to perform I/O to specific locations within a file
- Data can be read or written to random locations within a file, instead of a continuous storage of information
- 'seek( )' method supports random access
- Implements both data input and output
- Supports basic file read/write permissions
- Inherits methods from the 'DataInput' and 'DataOutput' classes



# RandomAccessFile Class Methods

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- **seek( )**
- **getFilePointer( )**
- **length( )**





# java.awt.print Package

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- Consists of the following interfaces
  - Pageable:
    - Defines the methods used for objects representing the pages to be printed
    - Specifies the number of pages to be printed, and whether the current page, or a range of pages is to be printed
  - Printable:
    - Specifies the 'print( )' method used for printing a page on a 'Graphics' object
  - PrinterGraphics:
    - Provides access to the 'PrinterJob' object



# java.awt.print Package (Contd...)

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- 'PrinterGraphics' interface provides the following classes:
  - Paper
  - Book
  - PageFormat
  - PrinterJob
- 'java.awt.print' package throws the following exceptions:
  - PrinterException
  - PrinterIOException
  - PrinterAbortException



# Summary

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- DataInput and DataOutput interfaces
- RandomAccessFile class
- 'java.awt.print' package