

(Transcript)

Java Output

Introduction

Java programs perform I/O through streams. I/O stands for Input Output. You know how we print to the console using `System.out.println`. That's part of Java's I/O system to produce information. We can also use the I/O system to consume information.

There are 3 streams defined in the `java.io` package to read data or write data. The streams are Byte, Character, and Predefined.

1. Byte is defined by 2 class hierarchies: `InputStream` and `OutputStream`
2. Character is also defined by 2 class hierarchies but those classes are `Reader` and `Writer`. `Reader` is used for input and `Writer` is used for output.

This is a list of the Byte Streams and Character Streams. The original Java version only included the Byte Stream. However, the Character Stream was created to parallel the corresponding Byte stream. This list came from Oracle's site.

3. Number 3 is the Predefined Stream containing the `System` class with 3 fields: `in`, `out`, and `err`. `System.in` refers to the standard input which defaults to the keyboard. `System.out` refers to the standard output which defaults to the console. `System.err` refers to the standard error which also defaults to the console just like `System.in`.

We are going to focus on the Character Streams that was designed to handle input and output of characters.

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This session will cover Java's Output. For starters, let's print the current path directory. `String pathDirectory = System.getProperty("user.dir");`

`sysout(pathDirectory + "\n")` and Run. We see the directory in the Console. `System.out` is an object of type `PrintStream` which contains `print()` and `println()` that contain aspects of the run-time environment.

Now, it's time to // Write To A File. `PrintWriter` is a class that allows us to print on the file, object `write = new PrintWriter()`. We see some constructors. File is the one we need. Which file are we printing to file? "Write File Test.txt". This will be the filename. Add a throws declaration of `IOException`.

`System.out` is very similar to `PrintWriter`. Look what happens when I type `write.pri`. Do you see the print statements? Select `println(“”)`. The difference is `System.out` prints to the console and `PrintWriter` prints to a file. First line is "Joe Doe". Second Line ("Software Engineer"), and last will be ("10 Years Experience"). We must always close at the end `write.close()`.

```
public class WriteFile {  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {  
  
        String pathDirectory = System.getProperty("user.dir");  
  
        // Write To A File  
        PrintWriter write = new PrintWriter("Write File Test.txt");  
        write.println("Joe Doe");  
        write.println("Software Tester");  
        write.println("10 Years Experience");  
        write.close();  
    }  
}
```

Close releases the file for other system resources in the Operating System. Open Package Explorer and Run. We see Write File Test in the Package Explorer. Open the file and the information is correct. The purpose of this video was to give you an example of how to handle output characters in Java. Next, I will show you how to handle input characters.