Objective

- 1. To understand the concept of input/output streams in C++.
- 2. To learn how to use standard I/O and file I/O streams.
- 3. To practice reading from and writing to files using streams.
- 4. To explore stream classes and their member functions.

Theory

C++ uses the **iostream** and **fstream** libraries for stream computation. Streams are sequences of bytes used for input or output operations.

Types of Streams:

• Standard Input/Output Streams

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o cin – Standard input stream (keyboard)
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- o cout Standard output stream (console)
- o cerr Standard error stream (unbuffered)
- o clog Standard log stream (buffered)

File Streams

- $\quad \text{o} \quad \text{ifstream} Input \ file \ stream \\$
- o ofstream Output file stream
- o fstream File stream for both input and output

Syntax

Header Files:

```
#include <iostream> // For cin, cout
#include <fstream> // For file stream classes
using namespace std;
```

Standard Input and Output:

Opening a File:

```
ifstream inFile;
ofstream outFile;
fstream file;

inFile.open("input.txt");  // For reading
outFile.open("output.txt");  // For writing
file.open("data.txt", ios::in | ios::out);  // For both
```

Reading and Writing to File: