

9.1 Introduction of I/O file

- When variables and arrays are used to store data in program, it has some problems like data is lost when variable goes out of its scope or when program terminates.
- The above problem can be solved by string data on secondary storage. Such as floppy disk or hard disk by using concept of files.
- Data stored on files is called *permanent or persistent* data.
- A file is a collection of related records placed in a particular area on the disk.
- A record is composed of several fields and a field as a group of characters.
- Characters in java are Unicode characters composed of two bytes each byte containing eight binary digits 1 or 0.
- Data storing and data management using files is called as file processing, includes task like creating file, updating files and manipulation of data.