9.2 Concept of stream

➢ A stream can be defined as a sequence of data.

➢ The InputStream is used to read data from a source and the OutputStream is used for writing data to a destination. InputStream and OutputStream are the basic stream classes in Java.

➢ All the other streams just add capabilities to the basics, like the ability to read a whole chunk of data at once for performance reasons (BufferedInputStream) or convert from one kind of character set to Java's native unicode (Reader), or say where the data is coming from (FileInputStream, SocketInputStream and ByteArrayInputStream, etc.)