Introduction to Streams

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- Every application needs to read and write the data.
- To read the data, application requires some source and to write into, it requires some destination.

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- An application can read the data from several sources like File, Input Device, Socket and so on.
- Similarly it can write the data into some destination like File, Output Device, Socket and so on.

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- It is possible by having a connector in between the application and the source or the destination.
- This connector is known as a stream.

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- At the base, Java library provides two types of streams: `InputStream` and `OutputStream`.
- Java provides IO library support using a package `java.io`.

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- `InputStream` – This depicts the flow of bytes from data source to the program's memory.
- `OutputStream` – This depicts the flow of bytes from program's memory to the destination data store.

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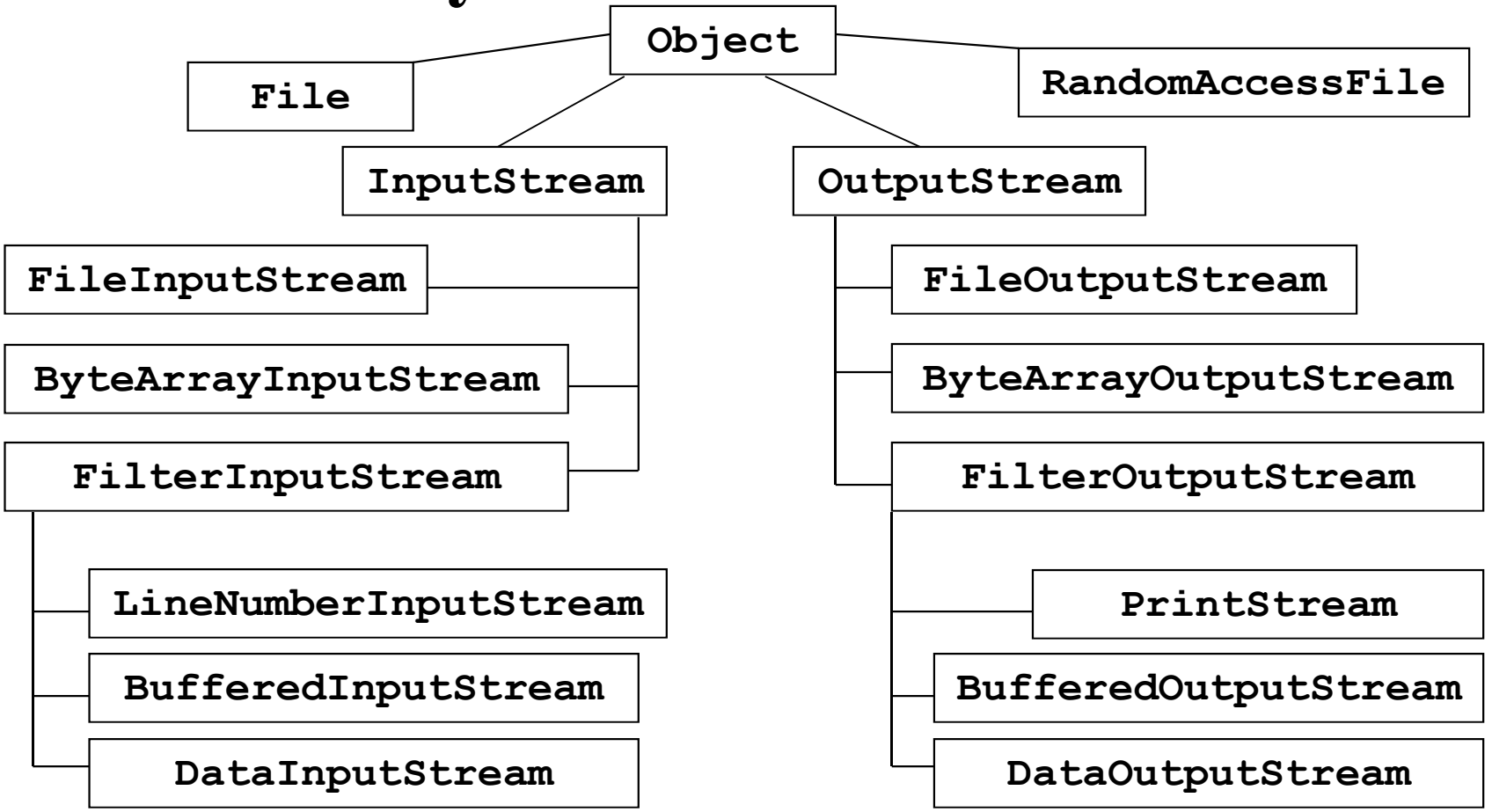

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- An abstract base class that defines methods for performing READ operations.
- Defines a basic interface for reading streamed bytes of information.

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- Used to read contents of a file.
- E.g.

```
FileInputStream fin;
String file = "message.txt";
fin = new FileInputStream(file);
```

try-with-resources

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- A feature introduced since Java 1.7.
- A `try` statement that declares one or more resources.

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- A resource is an object that must be closed after the program is finished with it.
- Any object that implements `java.lang.AutoCloseable` can be used as a resource.

try-with-resources

- E.g.

```
try (FileInputStream fin = …..){
        //Statements
}
catch(…..){
    //Statements
}
```

OutputStream

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- An abstract base class that defines methods for performing WRITE operations.
- Defines a basic interface for writing streamed bytes.

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FileOutputStream

- Used to write the contents to a file.
- E.g.

```
String file = "message.txt";
FileOutputStream fout;
fout = new FileOutputStream(file);
```

`FileOutputStream`

- Use 2 parameterized constructor with 2nd parameter as `boolean true` to open the file in `append` mode.

FilterInputStream

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- A base class for all other classes that act like a filter to transform the raw bytes to a desired form.
- Must be used through one of the sub classes.

`FilterInputStream` Subclasses

- `SequenceInputStream`
- `LineNumberInputStream`
- `BufferedInputStream`
- `DataInputStream`

`FilterInputStream` Subclasses

- `SequenceInputStream`
  - Used to represent a sequential input stream.
- `LineNumberInputStream`
  - Used to operate on the basis of line numbers.
- `BufferedInputStream`
  - Used to populate an input stream on the top of buffer.
  - Improves performance.
- `DataInputStream`
  - Used to read Java's basic primitive data types.