

Files

Every application required to store or save data permanently. The data can be saved permanently using 2 systems

1. File System
2. Database System

What is file?

File is collection of data or information.

File is named memory location on secondary storage device or hard disk.

Files are used for storing or saving data permanently.

Types of files

1. Text File
2. Binary File

In text file data is stored in text format (OR) text file allows only string data.

There are different types of text files

1. Txt
2. CSV (Comma Separated Values)
3. JSON (Java Script Object Notation)
4. XML (Extensible Markup Language)
5. HTML (Hyper Text Markup Language)

In Binary file data is stored in bytes format (OR) binary file allows only bytes data. There are different types of binary files

1. Images
2. Audio files
3. Video files
4. PDF
5. Document
6. PPT

Basic steps for working with files

1. Open File
2. Write/Read
3. Close File

How to open the file?

Python provides a predefined function called `open()`

This function opens the file and return corresponding file object.

Syntax: variable-name=open(filename,mode)

Filename → it is a string which represents file

Mode → it is a string which represents file opening mode

Modes	Description
w	Write – it opens the file in write mode. This mode creates new file. If any file exists with given filename, it truncates and creates new file.
r	Read – it opens the file in read mode. It allows reading data from existing file. If given filename does not exist, it raises FileNotFoundError
a	Append – it opens the file in append mode. If file exists it allows adding data to existing file. If file does not exist it creates new file and allows to add/append
x	Exclusive Creation, it opens the file in write mode. If given filename exists, it raises FileExistsError. If given filename does not exist it creates new file for writing data
w+r	Write and Read
r+w	Read and Write (Update)
t	Text (default) -- wt, rt, at, xt, w, r, a, x
b	Binary -- wb, rb, ab, xb, wb+rb

Text files

Text file is a collection of characters and text file allows only string data.

The following functions or methods are used for writing strings inside text file.

1. write
2. writeline
3. print

write(s)

This method allows writing string inside file and after writing it returns length of string (count of characters).

Syntax: file-object-name.write(string)

Example:

```
import sys
try:
    fobj=open("file1.txt","w")
    fobj.write("Python")
    fobj.write("Java")
    fobj.write("Oracle")
    fobj.write(str(12))
except:
    t=sys.exc_info()
    print(t[1])
finally:
    fobj.close()
```

Output

Output is saved inside file1.txt, which is created in current working directory

writelines(list)

This method allows writing multiple strings.

These strings are represented within list. In order to write in new file each string must suffix with \n

Syntax: file-object-name.writelines(list)

Example:

```
import sys
```

```
try:
```

```
    fobj=open("file2.txt","a")
    data=["101\n","naresh\n","python\n","5000\n"]
    fobj.writelines(data)
    print("data is saved inside file2.txt")
except:
    t=sys.exc_info()
    print(t[1])
finally:
    fobj.close()
```

Output

data is saved inside file2.txt

Example:

```
# Write a program to store student marks details
# into marks.txt
import sys
try:
    fobj=open("marks.txt","a")
    while True:
        rno=int(input("Rollno :"))
        name=input("Name :")
        sub1=int(input("Subject1Marks :"))
        sub2=int(input("Subject2Marks :"))
        print(rno,name,sub1,sub2,file=fobj)
        ans=input("Add another student?")
        if ans=="no":
            break
    print("student marks details are saved inside marks.txt")
except:
    t=sys.exc_info()
    print(t[1])
finally:
    fobj.close()
```

Output

```
Rollno :1
Name :naresh
Subject1Marks :60
Subject2Marks :70
Add another student?yes
Rollno :2
Name :suresh
Subject1Marks :90
Subject2Marks :60
Add another student?yes
Rollno :3
Name :kishore
Subject1Marks :60
Subject2Marks :30
Add another student?yes
```

```
Rollno :4
Name :kiran
Subject1Marks :80
Subject2Marks :90
Add another student?yes
Rollno :5
Name :ramesh
Subject1Marks :20
Subject2Marks :50
Add another student?no
student marks details are saved inside marks.txt
```

Reading data from text file

The data can read from text file using the following methods

1. `read()`
2. `readline()`

read()

This method read size of characters from file and returns in one string.
If there is no characters read, it returns empty string.

Syntax: `file-object.read(size=-1)`

If size is –ve or not given, it reads complete file/all characters and return as one string.

Example:

Write a program to read characters from file1.txt

try:

```
fobj=open("file1.txt","r")
ch1=fobj.read(1)
print(ch1)
ch2=fobj.read(1)
print(ch2)
s1=fobj.read(4)
print(s1)
s2=fobj.read()
print(s2)
```

```
except:  
    print("Error")  
finally:  
    fobj.close()
```

Output

```
P  
y  
thon  
JavaOracle12
```

Example:

```
# Write a program to find/count vowels in file1.txt
```

```
try:  
    fobj=open("file1.txt","r")  
    c=0  
    while True:  
        ch=fobj.read(1)  
        if ch==":":  
            break  
        if ch in "aeiouAEIOU":  
            c+=1  
    print(f'Count of Vowels {c}')  
except:  
    print("Error")  
finally:  
    fobj.close()
```

Output

```
Count of Vowels 6
```

readline()

This method read one line from file (OR) it read all the characters until it found newline character \n

Syntax: file-object.readline(size=-1)

Size represents size characters but not lines

Example:

```
# Write a program to content of file2.txt
```

```
try:  
    fobj=open("file2.txt","r")  
    while True:  
        s=fobj.readline()  
        if s=="":  
            break  
        print(s,end="")  
except:  
    print("Error")  
finally:  
    fobj.close()
```

Output

```
101  
naresh  
python  
5000
```

Example:

```
# Write a program to read marks details from marks.txt  
# calculate total,avg and result  
import sys  
try:  
    fobj=open("marks.txt","r")  
    while True:  
        stud=fobj.readline()  
        if stud=="":  
            break  
        rno,name,sub1,sub2=stud.split()  
        total=int(sub1)+int(sub2)  
        avg=total/2  
        result="PASS" if int(sub1)>=40 and int(sub2)>=40 else "FAIL"  
        print(f'{rno}\t{name}\t{sub1}\t{sub2}\t{total}\t{avg:.2f}\t{result}')  
except:  
    t=sys.exc_info()  
    print(t[1])  
finally:
```

```
fobj.close()
```

Output

1	naresh	60	70	130	65.00	PASS
2	suresh	90	60	150	75.00	PASS
3	kishore	60	30	90	45.00	FAIL
4	kiran	80	90	170	85.00	PASS
5	ramesh	20	50	70	35.00	FAIL