

File I/O

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Writing to Text File

Program 1:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     FILE *fp;
4     fp = fopen("output.txt", "w");
5     if (fp == NULL) {
6         printf("Error opening file\n");
7         return 1;
8     }
9     fprintf(fp, "Hello, World!\n");
10    fprintf(fp, "Number: %d\n", 42);
11    fprintf(fp, "Float: %.2f\n", 3.14);
12    fclose(fp);
13    printf("File written successfully\n");
14    return 0;
15 }
```

Output:

File written successfully

output.txt:

Hello, World!
Number: 42
Float: 3.14

Note:

fopen with "w" creates/overwrites file. fprintf writes formatted data. Always check for NULL and close file with fclose.

Reading from Text File

Program 2:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     FILE *fp;
4     char line[100];
5     fp = fopen("output.txt", "r");
6     if (fp == NULL) {
7         printf("Error opening file\n");
8         return 1;
9     }
10    while (fgets(line, sizeof(line), fp)) {
11        printf("%s", line);
12    }
13    fclose(fp);
14    return 0;
15 }
```

Output:

```
Hello, World!
Number: 42
Float: 3.14
```

Note:

fopen with "r" opens for reading.
fgets reads one line at a time
including newline. Returns NULL
at end of file.

Appending to File

Program 3:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     FILE *fp;
4     fp = fopen("output.txt", "a");
5     if (fp == NULL) {
6         printf("Error opening file\n");
7         return 1;
8     }
9     fprintf(fp, "Appended line 1\n");
10    fprintf(fp, "Appended line 2\n");
11    fclose(fp);
12    printf("Data appended\n");
13    return 0;
14 }
```

Output:

Data appended

output.txt:

Hello, World!
Number: 42
Float: 3.14
Appended line 1
Appended line 2

Note:

Mode "a" appends to end of file.
Creates file if doesn't exist.
Existing content preserved.

Character I/O

Program 4:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     FILE *fp;
4     char ch;
5     fp = fopen("chars.txt", "w");
6     if (fp == NULL) return 1;
7     fputc('A', fp);
8     fputc('B', fp);
9     fputc('\n', fp);
10    fclose(fp);
11    fp = fopen("chars.txt", "r");
12    if (fp == NULL) return 1;
13    while ((ch = fgetc(fp)) != EOF) {
14        printf("%c", ch);
15    }
16    fclose(fp);
17    return 0;
18 }
```

Output:

AB

Note:

fputc writes single character.

fgetc reads single character.

Returns EOF at end of file.

Character-by-character processing.

String I/O

Program 5:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     FILE *fp;
4     char line[100];
5     fp = fopen("strings.txt", "w");
6     if (fp == NULL) return 1;
7     fputs("First line\n", fp);
8     fputs("Second line\n", fp);
9     fclose(fp);
10    fp = fopen("strings.txt", "r");
11    if (fp == NULL) return 1;
12    while (fgets(line, sizeof(line), fp)) {
13        fputs(line, stdout);
14    }
15    fclose(fp);
16    return 0;
17 }
```

Output:

```
First line
Second line
```

Note:

fputs writes string to file.
fgets reads line from file.
fputs to stdout prints to screen.
String-based I/O.

Formatted Input

Program 6:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     FILE *fp;
4     int num;
5     float fnum;
6     char str[50];
7     fp = fopen("data.txt", "w");
8     if (fp == NULL) return 1;
9     fprintf(fp, "100 3.14 Hello");
10    fclose(fp);
11    fp = fopen("data.txt", "r");
12    if (fp == NULL) return 1;
13    fscanf(fp, "%d %f %s", &num, &fnum, str);
14    printf("Int: %d\n", num);
15    printf("Float: %.2f\n", fnum);
16    printf("String: %s\n", str);
17    fclose(fp);
18    return 0;
19 }
```

Output:

```
Int: 100
Float: 3.14
String: Hello
```

Note:

fscanf reads formatted data from file like scanf from stdin. Parses according to format string. Returns number of items read.

Binary File Write

Program 7:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 struct Record {
3     int id;
4     float value;
5 };
6 int main() {
7     FILE *fp;
8     struct Record r1 = {101, 45.5};
9     struct Record r2 = {102, 67.8};
10    fp = fopen("data.bin", "wb");
11    if (fp == NULL) return 1;
12    fwrite(&r1, sizeof(struct Record), 1, fp);
13    fwrite(&r2, sizeof(struct Record), 1, fp);
14    fclose(fp);
15    printf("Binary data written\n");
16    return 0;
17 }
```

Output:

Binary data written

Note:

Mode "wb" opens binary file for writing. fwrite writes raw bytes. Parameters: pointer, size, count, file pointer. Efficient for structs.

Binary File Read

Program 8:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 struct Record {
3     int id;
4     float value;
5 };
6 int main() {
7     FILE *fp;
8     struct Record r;
9     fp = fopen("data.bin", "rb");
10    if (fp == NULL) return 1;
11    while (fread(&r, sizeof(struct Record),
12        1, fp) == 1) {
13        printf("ID: %d, Value: %.1f\n",
14            r.id, r.value);
15    }
16    fclose(fp);
17    return 0;
18 }
```

Output:

```
ID: 101, Value: 45.5
ID: 102, Value: 67.8
```

Note:

Mode "rb" opens binary file for reading. fread reads raw bytes. Returns number of items read. Returns 0 at end of file.

File Positioning - fseek

Program 9:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     FILE *fp;
4     int arr[] = {10, 20, 30, 40, 50};
5     int val, i;
6     fp = fopen("nums.bin", "wb");
7     fwrite(arr, sizeof(int), 5, fp);
8     fclose(fp);
9     fp = fopen("nums.bin", "rb");
10    fseek(fp, 2 * sizeof(int), SEEK_SET);
11    fread(&val, sizeof(int), 1, fp);
12    printf("Value at index 2: %d\n", val);
13    fclose(fp);
14    return 0;
15 }
```

Output:

Value at index 2: 30

Note:

fseek moves file position.
SEEK_SET: from beginning
SEEK_CUR: from current position
SEEK_END: from end
Random access to file data.

File Positioning - ftell and rewind

Program 10:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     FILE *fp;
4     long pos;
5     fp = fopen("test.txt", "w");
6     fprintf(fp, "Hello");
7     pos = ftell(fp);
8     printf("Position: %ld\n", pos);
9     fprintf(fp, " World");
10    pos = ftell(fp);
11    printf("Position: %ld\n", pos);
12    rewind(fp);
13    pos = ftell(fp);
14    printf("After rewind: %ld\n", pos);
15    fclose(fp);
16    return 0;
17 }
```

Output:

```
Position: 5
Position: 11
After rewind: 0
```

Note:

ftell returns current file position in bytes. rewind moves position to beginning. Equivalent to fseek(fp, 0, SEEK_SET).

File Size

Program 11:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     FILE *fp;
4     long size;
5     fp = fopen("output.txt", "r");
6     if (fp == NULL) {
7         printf("Error opening file\n");
8         return 1;
9     }
10    fseek(fp, 0, SEEK_END);
11    size = ftell(fp);
12    rewind(fp);
13    printf("File size: %ld bytes\n", size);
14    fclose(fp);
15    return 0;
16 }
```

Output:

File size: 60 bytes

Note:

Seek to end, get position with
ftell to determine file size.
Then rewind to beginning.
Common idiom for file size.

Error Checking - ferror and feof

Program 12:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     FILE *fp;
4     int ch;
5     fp = fopen("output.txt", "r");
6     if (fp == NULL) return 1;
7     while ((ch = fgetc(fp)) != EOF) {
8         if (ferror(fp)) {
9             printf("Read error occurred\n");
10            break;
11        }
12    }
13    if (feof(fp)) {
14        printf("End of file reached\n");
15    }
16    fclose(fp);
17    return 0;
18 }
```

Output:

End of file reached

Note:

ferror checks for errors during I/O operations. feof checks if end of file reached. Distinguish EOF from actual errors.

File Copy

Program 13:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     FILE *src, *dst;
4     int ch;
5     src = fopen("output.txt", "r");
6     if (src == NULL) return 1;
7     dst = fopen("copy.txt", "w");
8     if (dst == NULL) {
9         fclose(src);
10        return 1;
11    }
12    while ((ch = fgetc(src)) != EOF) {
13        fputc(ch, dst);
14    }
15    fclose(src);
16    fclose(dst);
17    printf("File copied successfully\n");
18    return 0;
19 }
```

Output:

File copied successfully

Note:

Open source for reading, destination for writing. Read character by character and write to destination. Close both files when done.

Line Count

Program 14:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     FILE *fp;
4     int ch, lines = 0;
5     fp = fopen("output.txt", "r");
6     if (fp == NULL) {
7         printf("Error opening file\n");
8         return 1;
9     }
10    while ((ch = fgetc(fp)) != EOF) {
11        if (ch == '\n') {
12            lines++;
13        }
14    }
15    fclose(fp);
16    printf("Number of lines: %d\n", lines);
17    return 0;
18 }
```

Output:

Number of lines: 5

Note:

Read file character by character.
Count newline characters to
determine number of lines.
Simple text processing.

Read/Write Mode

Program 15:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     FILE *fp;
4     char data[50];
5     fp = fopen("rw.txt", "w+");
6     if (fp == NULL) return 1;
7     fprintf(fp, "Hello");
8     rewind(fp);
9     fgets(data, sizeof(data), fp);
10    printf("Read: %s\n", data);
11    fprintf(fp, " World");
12    fclose(fp);
13    return 0;
14 }
```

Output:

Read: Hello

rw.txt:

Hello World

Note:

Mode "w+" allows both reading and writing. Creates new file. "r+" requires existing file. "a+" appends and allows reading.

Binary Array I/O

Program 16:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     FILE *fp;
4     int write_arr[5] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
5     int read_arr[5];
6     int i;
7     fp = fopen("array.bin", "wb");
8     fwrite(write_arr, sizeof(int), 5, fp);
9     fclose(fp);
10    fp = fopen("array.bin", "rb");
11    fread(read_arr, sizeof(int), 5, fp);
12    fclose(fp);
13    for (i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
14        printf("%d ", read_arr[i]);
15    }
16    printf("\n");
17    return 0;
18 }
```

Output:

```
1 2 3 4 5
```

Note:

Write entire array with single fwrite. Read entire array with single fread. Efficient for large arrays. Binary format.

Struct Array I/O

Program 17:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <string.h>
3 struct Student {
4     int id;
5     char name[20];
6     float grade;
7 };
8 int main() {
9     FILE *fp;
10    struct Student s[2] = {
11        {1, "Alice", 85.5},
12        {2, "Bob", 90.0}
13    };
14    struct Student read_s[2];
15    int i;
16    fp = fopen("students.bin", "wb");
17    fwrite(s, sizeof(struct Student), 2, fp);
18    fclose(fp);
19    fp = fopen("students.bin", "rb");
20    fread(read_s, sizeof(struct Student),
21          2, fp);
22    fclose(fp);
23    for (i = 0; i < 2; i++) {
24        printf("%d %s %.1f\n", read_s[i].id,
25              read_s[i].name, read_s[i].grade);
26    }
27    return 0;
28 }
```

Output:

```
1 Alice 85.5
2 Bob 90.0
```

Note:

Write array of structs to binary file. Read back into array. All data preserved exactly including strings and floats.

Random Access Update

Program 18:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 struct Record {
3     int id;
4     int value;
5 };
6 int main() {
7     FILE *fp;
8     struct Record r;
9     fp = fopen("records.bin", "r+b");
10    if (fp == NULL) return 1;
11    fseek(fp, 1 * sizeof(struct Record),
12          SEEK_SET);
13    fread(&r, sizeof(struct Record), 1, fp);
14    printf("Old: ID=%d, Val=%d\n",
15          r.id, r.value);
16    r.value = 999;
17    fseek(fp, 1 * sizeof(struct Record),
18          SEEK_SET);
19    fwrite(&r, sizeof(struct Record), 1, fp);
20    fclose(fp);
21    printf("Updated record 1\n");
22    return 0;
23 }
```

Output:

```
Old: ID=102, Val=67
Updated record 1
```

Note:

Mode "r+b" opens for reading and writing. Seek to specific record, read it, modify, seek back, write. Random access database simulation.

Text File Processing

Program 19:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <ctype.h>
3 int main() {
4     FILE *in, *out;
5     int ch;
6     in = fopen("input.txt", "r");
7     if (in == NULL) return 1;
8     out = fopen("upper.txt", "w");
9     if (out == NULL) {
10         fclose(in);
11         return 1;
12     }
13     while ((ch = fgetc(in)) != EOF) {
14         fputc(toupper(ch), out);
15     }
16     fclose(in);
17     fclose(out);
18     printf("File converted to uppercase\n");
19     return 0;
20 }
```

Output:

File converted to uppercase

If input.txt has:

hello world

upper.txt has:

HELLO WORLD

Note:

Read from input file, transform each character, write to output. Text processing pipeline.

CSV File Handling

Program 20:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     FILE *fp;
4     int id, age;
5     char name[30];
6     float salary;
7     fp = fopen("data.csv", "w");
8     fprintf(fp, "ID,Name,Age,Salary\n");
9     fprintf(fp, "1,Alice,25,50000.5\n");
10    fprintf(fp, "2,Bob,30,60000.0\n");
11    fclose(fp);
12    fp = fopen("data.csv", "r");
13    fscanf(fp, "ID,Name,Age,Salary\n");
14    while (fscanf(fp, "%d,%[^,],%d,%f\n",
15        &id, name, &age, &salary) == 4) {
16        printf("ID:%d Name:%s Age:%d Sal:%.1f\n",
17            id, name, age, salary);
18    }
19    fclose(fp);
20    return 0;
21 }
```

Output:

```
ID:1 Name:Alice Age:25 Sal:50000.5
ID:2 Name:Bob Age:30 Sal:60000.0
```

Note:

CSV (Comma-Separated Values) format.
Write with fprintf using commas.
Read with fscanf using format
%[^,] to read until comma.