File Streams Exercises

Stream Types

• Explain the similarities and differences between iostream and fstream

How to Open a File for Reading

- Describe how to open a file for reading (i.e., receiving input from the file)
- How can we tell whether the file was successfully opened?

Reading from a File

- Write a program which
 - Opens a file
 - Reads its contents using the >> operator
 - Prints out each word as it is read
- The file should be in the same directory that the program runs in
 - For an IDE, this can usually be done by creating a new file in the project
- Are there any disadvantages to reading it this way?

Reading from a File Contd

- Write a program which
 - Opens a file
 - Reads its contents using the getline() function
 - Prints out each line as it is read
- Are there any advantages to reading it this way?

How to Open a File for Writing

- Write a program which opens a file and writes some text to it
- Verify that the output file has been created and contains the correct text.
 - The file will usually be in the same directory that the program runs in
 - If you are using an IDE, you may need to check the project settings to find where this is

fstream destructor

• What happens when fstream's destructor is called?