Some Theory

Types of data used for I/O:

- Text '12345' as a sequence of unicode chars
- Binary 12345 as a sequence of bytes of its binary equivalent

Hence there are 2 file types to deal with

- · Text files All program files are text files
- Binary Files Images, music, video, exe files

How File I/O is done in most programming languages

- · Open a file
- Read/Write data
- · Close the file

▼ Writing to a file

```
# case 1 - if the file is not present
f = open('sample.txt','w')
f.write('Hello world')
f.close()
# since file is closed hence this will not work
f.write('hello')
     ValueError
                                                Traceback (most recent call last)
     <ipython-input-1-d0dbc132c7dd> in <module>
           4 f.close()
           5 # since file is closed hence this will not work
     ----> 6 f.write('hello')
     ValueError: I/O operation on closed file.
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# write multiline strings
f = open('sample1.txt','w')
f.write('hello world')
f.write('\nhow are you?')
f.close()
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# case 2 - if the file is already present
f = open('sample.txt','w')
f.write('salman khan')
f.close()
# how exactly open() works?
# Problem with w mode
# introducing append mode
f = open('/content/sample1.txt', 'a')
f.write('\nI am fine')
f.close()
# write lines
L = ['hello\n','hi\n','how are you\n','I am fine']
f = open('/content/temp/sample.txt','w')
f.writelines(L)
f.close()
     FileNotFoundError
                                                Traceback (most recent call last)
     <ipython-input-6-8d0d71910ae8> in <module>
           2 L = ['hello\n','hi\n','how are you\n','I am fine']
     ----> 4 f = open('/content/temp/sample.txt','w')
           5 f.writelines(L)
           6 f.close()
     FileNotFoundError: [Errno 2] No such file or directory: '/content/temp/sample.txt'
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# reading from files
# -> using read()
f = open('/content/sample.txt','r')
s = f.read()
print(s)
f.close()
     salman khan
# reading upto n chars
f = open('/content/sample.txt','r')
s = f.read(10)
print(s)
f.close()
```

salman kha

```
# readline() -> to read line by line
f = open('/content/sample.txt','r')
print(f.readline(),end='')
print(f.readline(),end='')
f.close()
     salman khan
# reading entire using readline
f = open('/content/sample.txt','r')
while True:
  data = f.readline()
  if data == '':
    break
  else:
    print(data,end='')
f.close()
     salman khan
```

▼ Using Context Manager (With)

- It's a good idea to close a file after usage as it will free up the resources
- · If we dont close it, garbage collector would close it
- with keyword closes the file as soon as the usage is over

```
# try f.read() now
with open('/content/sample.txt','r') as f:
  print(f.readline())
     salman khan
# moving within a file -> 10 char then 10 char
with open('sample.txt','r') as f:
  print(f.read(10))
  print(f.read(10))
  print(f.read(10))
  print(f.read(10))
     salman kha
     n
# benefit? -> to load a big file in memory
big_L = ['hello world ' for i in range(1000)]
with open('big.txt','w') as f:
 f.writelines(big_L)
with open('big.txt','r') as f:
  chunk size = 10
 while len(f.read(chunk_size)) > 0:
    print(f.read(chunk_size),end='***')
    f.read(chunk_size)
     d hello wo***o world he***d hello wo***o world he***d hello wo**o world he***d hello wo
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# seek and tell function
with open('sample.txt','r') as f:
  f.seek(15)
  print(f.read(10))
  print(f.tell())
  print(f.read(10))
  print(f.tell())
     15
     15
```

```
# seek during write
with open('sample.txt','w') as f:
  f.write('Hello')
  f.seek(0)
  f.write('Xa')
```

Problems with working in text mode

- · can't work with binary files like images
- not good for other data types like int/float/list/tuples

```
# working with binary file
with open('screenshot1.png','r') as f:
 f.read()
     FileNotFoundError
                                               Traceback (most recent call last)
     <ipython-input-19-b662b4ad1a91> in <module>
           1 # working with binary file
     ----> 2 with open('screenshot1.png','r') as f:
           3 f.read()
     FileNotFoundError: [Errno 2] No such file or directory: 'screenshot1.png'
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# working with binary file
with open('screenshot1.png','rb') as f:
 with open('screenshot copy.png','wb') as wf:
   wf.write(f.read())
     FileNotFoundError
                                               Traceback (most recent call last)
     <ipython-input-20-4d31a5dad5ee> in <module>
           1 # working with binary file
     ----> 2 with open('screenshot1.png','rb') as f:
              with open('screenshot_copy.png','wb') as wf:
                 wf.write(f.read())
     FileNotFoundError: [Errno 2] No such file or directory: 'screenshot1.png'
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# working with a big binary file
# working with other data types
```

```
with open('sample.txt','w') as f:
  f.write(5)
                                                Traceback (most recent call last)
     TypeError
     <ipython-input-22-a8e7a73b1431> in <module>
           1 # working with other data types
           2 with open('sample.txt','w') as f:
     ----> 3 f.write(5)
     TypeError: write() argument must be str, not int
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with open('sample.txt','w') as f:
  f.write('5')
with open('sample.txt','r') as f:
  print(int(f.read()) + 5)
     10
# more complex data
d = {
    'name':'nitish',
     'age':33,
     'gender':'male'
}
with open('sample.txt','w') as f:
  f.write(str(d))
with open('sample.txt','r') as f:
  print(dict(f.read()))
                                                Traceback (most recent call last)
     <ipython-input-26-949b64f1fbe0> in <module>
           1 with open('sample.txt','r') as f:
     ---> 2 print(dict(f.read()))
     ValueError: dictionary update sequence element #0 has length 1; 2 is required
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```

Serialization and Deserialization

- Serialization process of converting python data types to JSON format
- Deserialization process of converting JSON to python data types

What is JSON?

```
1 - {
         "d": {
 2 +
              "results": [
 3 -
 4 +
                  {
 5 *
                        metadata": {
 6
                           "type": "EmployeeDetails.Employee"
 7
                       "UserID": "E12012",
8
9
                       "RoleCode": "35"
10
11
12
13
```

```
# serialization using json module
# list
import json
L = [1,2,3,4]
with open('demo.json','w') as f:
  json.dump(L,f)
# dict
d = {
    'name':'nitish',
     'age':33,
     'gender':'male'
}
with open('demo.json','w') as f:
  json.dump(d,f,indent=4)
# deserialization
import json
with open('demo.json','r') as f:
  d = json.load(f)
  print(d)
  print(type(d))
     {'name': 'nitish', 'age': 33, 'gender': 'male'}
```

```
# serialize and deserialize tuple
import json

t = (1,2,3,4,5)

with open('demo.json','w') as f:
    json.dump(t,f)

# serialize and deserialize a nested dict

d = {
    'student':'nitish',
    'marks':[23,14,34,45,56]
}

with open('demo.json','w') as f:
    json.dump(d,f)
```

Serializing and Deserializing custom objects

```
class Person:
  def __init__(self,fname,lname,age,gender):
    self.fname = fname
    self.lname = lname
    self.age = age
    self.gender = gender
# format to printed in
# -> Nitish Singh age -> 33 gender -> male
person = Person('Nitish','Singh',33,'male')
# As a string
import json
def show_object(person):
  if isinstance(person,Person):
    return "{} {} age -> {} gender -> {}".format(person.fname,person.lname,person.age,person.
with open('demo.json','w') as f:
  json.dump(person,f,default=show_object)
# As a dict
```

```
import json
def show_object(person):
  if isinstance(person, Person):
    return {'name':person.fname + ' ' + person.lname, 'age':person.age, 'gender':person.gender}
with open('demo.json','w') as f:
  json.dump(person,f,default=show_object,indent=4)
# indent arrtribute
# As a dict
# deserializing
import json
with open('demo.json','r') as f:
  d = json.load(f)
  print(d)
  print(type(d))
     {'name': 'Nitish Singh', 'age': 33, 'gender': 'male'}
     <class 'dict'>
```

▼ Pickling

Pickling is the process whereby a Python object hierarchy is converted into a byte stream, and unpickling is the inverse operation, whereby a byte stream (from a binary file or bytes-like object) is converted back into an object hierarchy.

```
class Person:

def __init__(self,name,age):
    self.name = name
    self.age = age

def display_info(self):
    print('Hi my name is',self.name,'and I am ',self.age,'years old')

p = Person('nitish',33)

# pickle dump
import pickle
with open('person.pkl','wb') as f:
    pickle.dump(p,f)
```

```
# pickle load
import pickle
with open('person.pkl','rb') as f:
   p = pickle.load(f)

p.display_info()

Hi my name is nitish and I am 33 years old
```

▼ Pickle Vs Json

• Pickle lets the user to store data in binary format. JSON lets the user store data in a humanreadable text format.

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