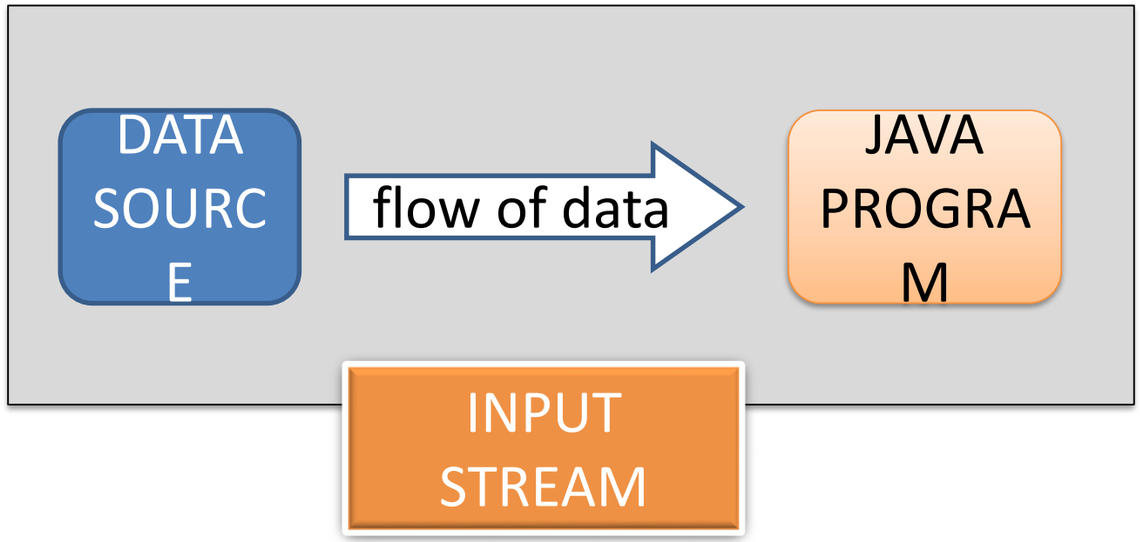
Input / Output Streams

What is a Stream?

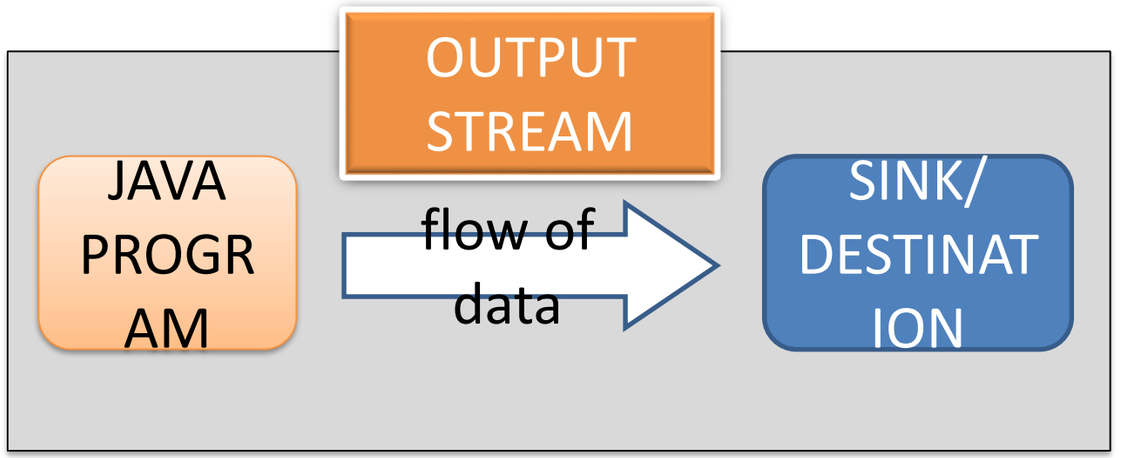
- Java programs perform I/O through streams
- A stream is
  - Flow of data from Source to Destination
  - an abstraction that either produces or consumes data
- Streams support different kinds of data – simple bytes and primitive data types.

Input and Output Streams

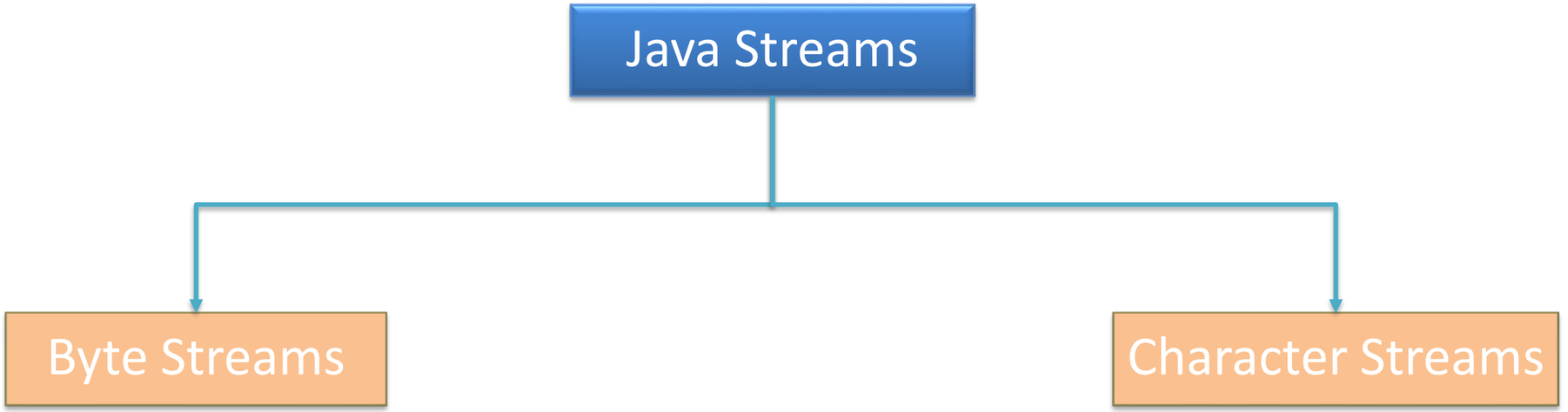


- **Input Stream depicts the flow of data from data source to the programs memory**
- **Java Programs use an input stream to read data from a data source**

- **Output Stream depicts the flow of data from program memory to the destination**
- **Java Programs uses a Output Stream to write data to a**



Types of Stream Classes



- Enables input and output of data in bytes
- Used for reading or writing binary data

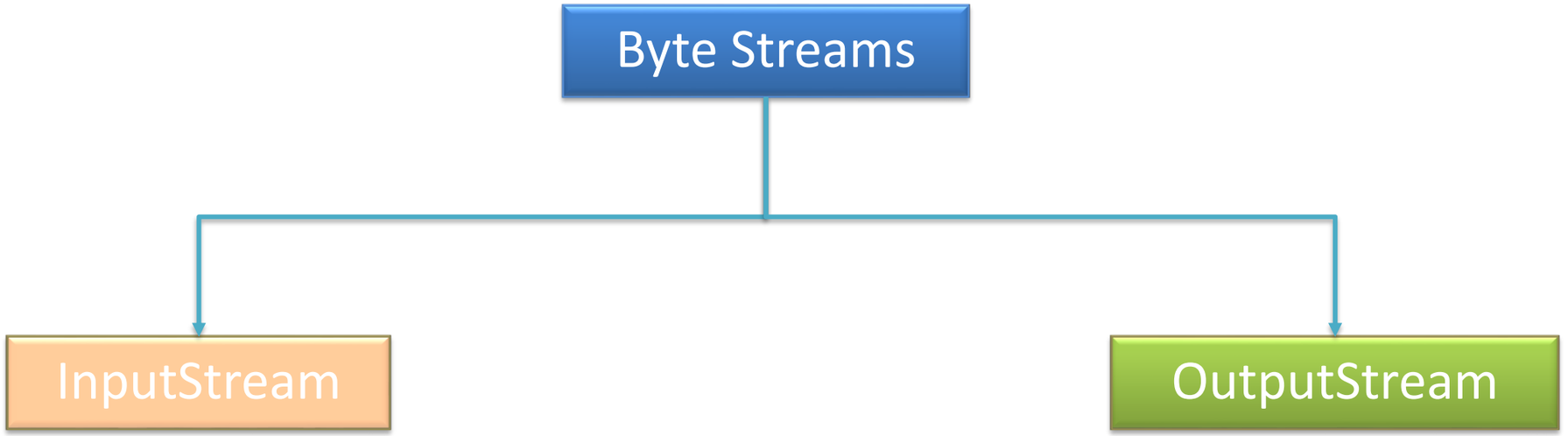
- Enables input and output of data in characters
- Used for reading and writing text
- Uses Unicode, and, therefore, can be internationalized

➢ **java.io package provides extensive set of classes for handling I/O to and from various devices**

Byte Streams

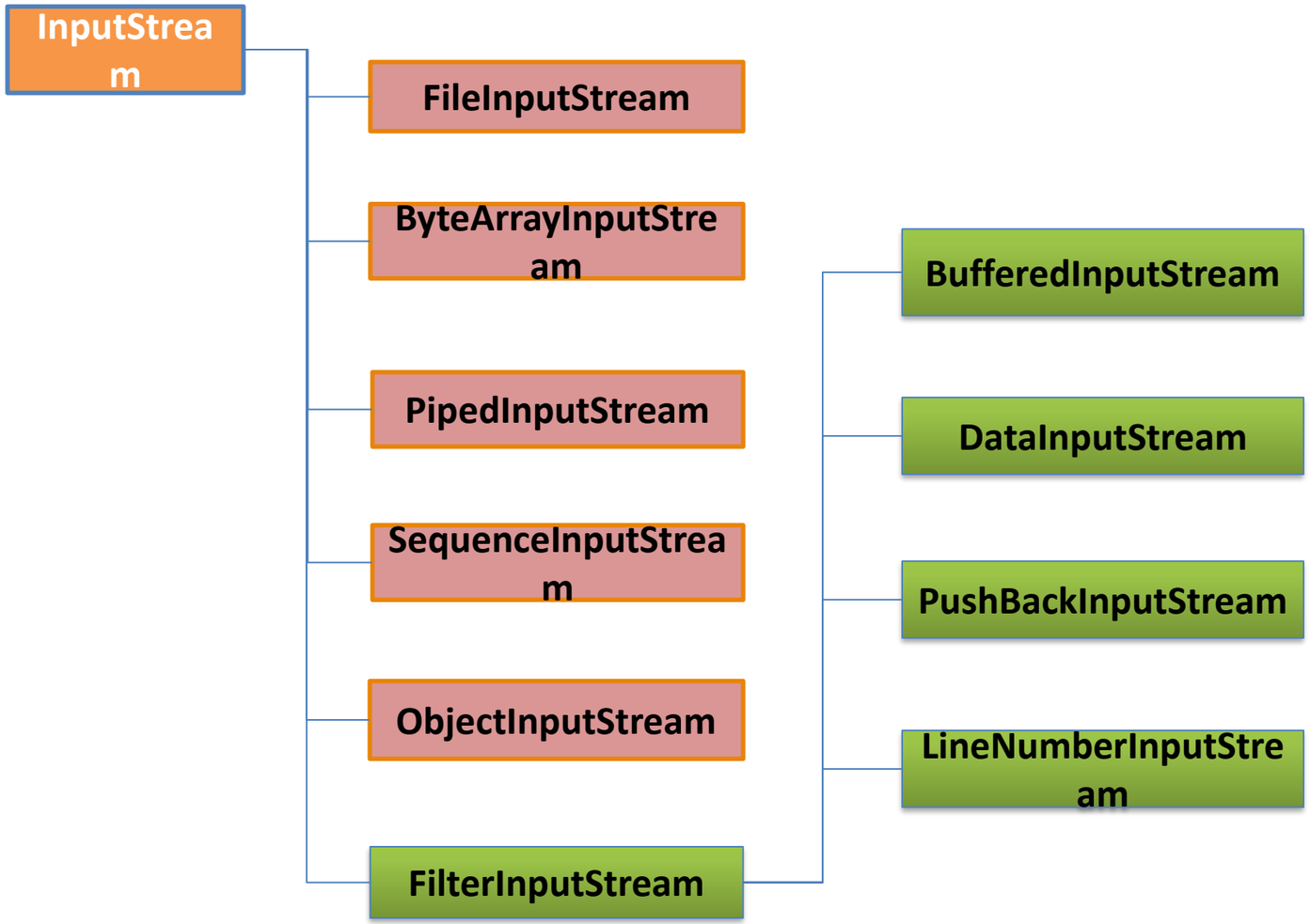
Byte Stream Classes

- Byte streams are defined by two **abstract** base classes called InputStream and OuputStream



- Contains several concrete classes for doing byte oriented reading and writing

InputStream Hierarchy



- InputStream class is an abstract class which serves as a base class for other Input stream classes
- InputStream class defines methods for reading streamed bytes of information
- Java Applications use InputStream to read data from a source which can be a file, array, device or network socket
- An InputStream is automatically opened once it is created.
- InputStream has to be closed after reading data to release any system resources held

Frequently used Methods of InputStream class

`available(): int`
Returns an estimate of the number of bytes that can be read (or skipped over) from this input stream

`read() : int`
Reads the next byte of data from InputStream. Returns -1 when the end of the stream is reached

`read(byte[] b): int`
Reads n number of bytes from the input stream and stores them into the buffer array b. Returns total number of bytes read into the buffer or -1 when the end of the stream is reached

`close(): void`
Closes the input stream and releases any system resources associated with the stream

`skip(long n): long`
Skips over and discards n bytes of data from this input stream

FileInputStream

- Used to create an InputStream to read bytes from a file in a file system
- Meant for reading streams of raw bytes such as image data
- Can be instantiated using the following constructors

```
• FileInputStream(String filepath)
• FileInputStream(File fileObj)
```

- Creating a FileInputStream for reading from a file named "input.txt"

```
FileInputStream input = new FileInputStream("c:\\input.txt");
```

- Reading from the File

```
int bytedata = input.read();
```

FileNotFoundException is thrown if the file being read is not found in the File system

BufferedInputStream

- FilterInputStream
  - Acts like a filter to transform the raw bytes of data to a desired form or to provide additional functionality
  - uses other input streams as its basic source of data

- BufferedInputStream
  - Is a FilterInputStream, which provides the ability of buffering the input, to another input stream
  - By default, the streams are not buffered. When a BufferedInputStream is created, an internal buffer array is created
  - When a read is done, BufferedInputStream reads multiple bytes in to the buffer using the original input stream
  - Improves performance significantly, as number of reads on the original input stream are reduced

```
Constructor:
BufferedInputStream(InputStream in)
```

```
FileInputStream input = new FileInputStream("input.txt");
BufferedInputStream bis = new BufferedInputStream(input);
```

Reading a file using Byte Streams

```
File inFile = new File("inputFile.txt");
FileInputStream fis = null; BufferedInputStream bis = null;
int data;
StringBuilder content = new StringBuilder();
// Reading from a File Using BufferedInputStream
try {
    fis = new FileInputStream(inFile);
    bis = new BufferedInputStream(fis);
    while ((data = bis.read()) != -1) {
        content.append((char) data);
    }
    System.out.println(content);
} catch (FileNotFoundException e) {
    System.out.println("File Not Found");
} catch (IOException e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
} finally {
    if (bis != null) {
        try {
            bis.close();
        } catch (IOException e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
}
```

Creating a BufferedInputStream for reading from inputFile.txt

-1 indicates end of File

Casting the byte read in to character

DataInputStream

- DataInputStream is a FilterInputstream that used to read primitive data types from an input stream in a machine-independent way
- It aggregates group of bytes in to primitive datatypes

```
Constructor:
DataInputStream(InputStream in)
```

```
FileInputStream input = new FileInputStream("input.txt");
DataInputStream dis = new DataInputStream(input);
```

- Methods

```
readInt()  : int (reads an input stream and returns an int)
readByte() : byte
readFloat() : float
readDouble() : double
readChar() : char
readBoolean() : boolean
```

ByteArrayInputStream

- Allows to read data from byte arrays as streams
- Closing a ByteArrayInputStream has no effect

Constructors:

- `ByteArrayInputStream(byte[] buf)`
- `ByteArrayInputStream(byte[] buf, int offset, int length)`

```
String inp = "test";
byte[] bytes = inp.getbytes();
InputStream input = new ByteArrayInputStream(bytes);
int data = input.read();
while(data != -1) {
        data = input.read();
}
```

Chaining of Streams

- Java allows multiple streams to be chained to obtain a desired functionality
- For ex.
  - To read primitive values stored in a file in filesystem using a buffer, we would need a the following streams
    - FileInputStream for reading bytes from file
    - BufferedInputStream for buffering the bytes
    - DataInputStream for transforming the bytes in to primitive data types

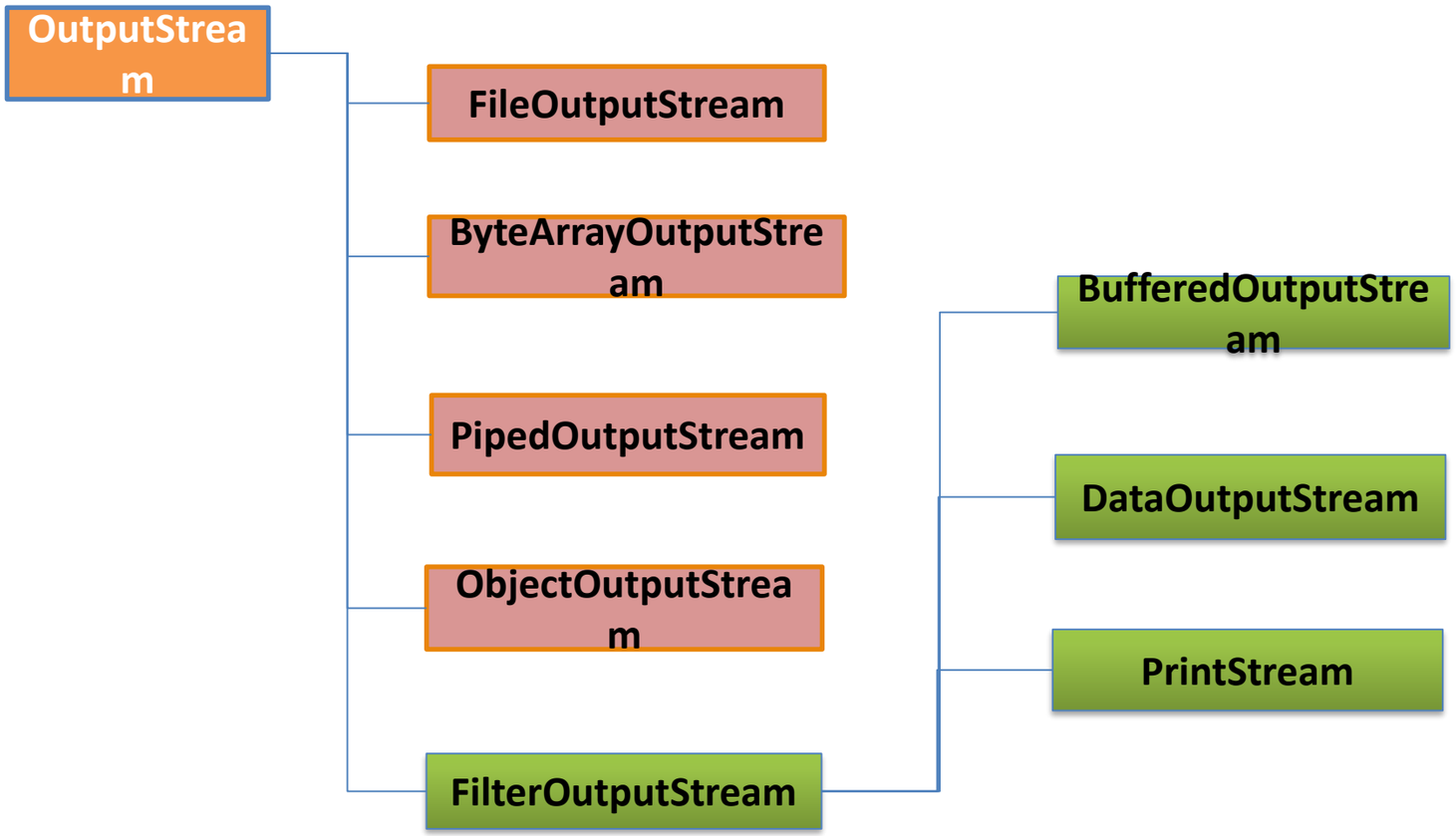
```
FileInputStream fis = new FileInputStream("input.txt");

BufferedInputStream bis = new BufferedInputStream(fis);

DataInputStream dis = new DataInputStream(bis);

int i = dis.readInt();
```

OutputStream Class Hierarchy



- OutputStream is an abstract super class of all classes representing an output stream of bytes
- Java Applications use OutputStream to write data to a destination which can be a file, array, device or network socket
- OutputStream class contains methods for writing bytes to the destination

Frequently used Methods of OutputStream class

`write(int b) : void`
Writes the specified byte to this output stream

`write(byte[] b): void`
Writes b.length bytes from the specified byte array to this output stream

`flush(): void`
Flushes the output stream and forces any buffered output bytes to be written out

`close(): void`
Closes the output stream and releases any system resources associated with the stream

FileOutputStream

- is an OutputStream used to write data to a file in bytes

Constructors

- `FileOutputStream(String filepath)`
- `FileOutputStream(File fileObj)`
- `FileOutputStream(String filepath, boolean append)`
  - if boolean arg is true, file is opened in append mode
- `FileOutputStream(File fileObj, boolean append)`

- Writing to a File using FileOutputStream

```
File outFile = new File("outFile.txt");
FileOutputStream fos = new FileOutputStream(outFile,true);
String text = "Hello";
byte[] textBytes = text.getBytes();
fos.write(textBytes);
```


Note: If the file denoted by the path does not exist, OutputStream's create a new File in the file system

FilterOutputStream

➢ BufferedOutputStream

- OutputStream which uses an internal buffer where the bytes are written, thus reducing the number of writes to the destination device

Constructors

- `BufferedOutputStream(OutputStream out)`
- `BufferedOutputStream(OutputStream out,int bufferSize)`

```
FileoutputStream fos = new FileOutputStream("output.txt");
BufferedOutputStream bis = new BufferedOutputStream(fos);
```

➢ DataOutputStream

- lets an application write primitive Java data types to an output stream in a portable way

```
FileoutputStream fos = new FileOutputStream("output");
DataOutputStream dos = new DataOutputStream(fos);
dos.writeFloat(12.0f);
```

Writing to a File using Byte Stream

```
public class OutputStreamDemo {
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        File outFile = new File("OutFile.txt");
        FileOutputStream fos = null;
        BufferedOutputStream bos = null;
        String data = "Hello World";
        try {
            fos = new FileOutputStream(outFile);
            bos = new BufferedOutputStream(fos);
            bos.write(data.getBytes());
            bos.flush();
        } catch (IOException e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
        } finally {
            if (bos != null) {
                try {
                    bos.close();
                } catch (IOException e) {
                    e.printStackTrace();
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

If OutFile.txt does not exist on file system, a new file is created

Getting a byte array from a string

Flushes the data in the buffer and writes in to the destination

PrintStream

- Adds functionality to another output stream to print representations of various data values
- Enables other output streams to write **formatted data** to the destination
- Does not throw IOException in case of failure
- Need to use checkError() method to check failure

Constructors

- `PrintStream(File file)`
- `PrintStream(String fileName)`
- `PrintStream(OutputStream out)`

Methods

```
print(boolean b)
print(char c)
print(char[] s)
print(String s)
print(double d)
print(int i)
println(…)
…
format(String format, Object... args)
```

PrintStream

```
PrintStream output=new PrintStream("C:\\test.txt");
output.print("Employee ID : ");
output.println(101);
output.format("%1$10s : %2$,5.2f " ,"Salary",2000.0f);
output.flush();
```

Employee ID : 101
Salary : 2,000.00

Predefined streams

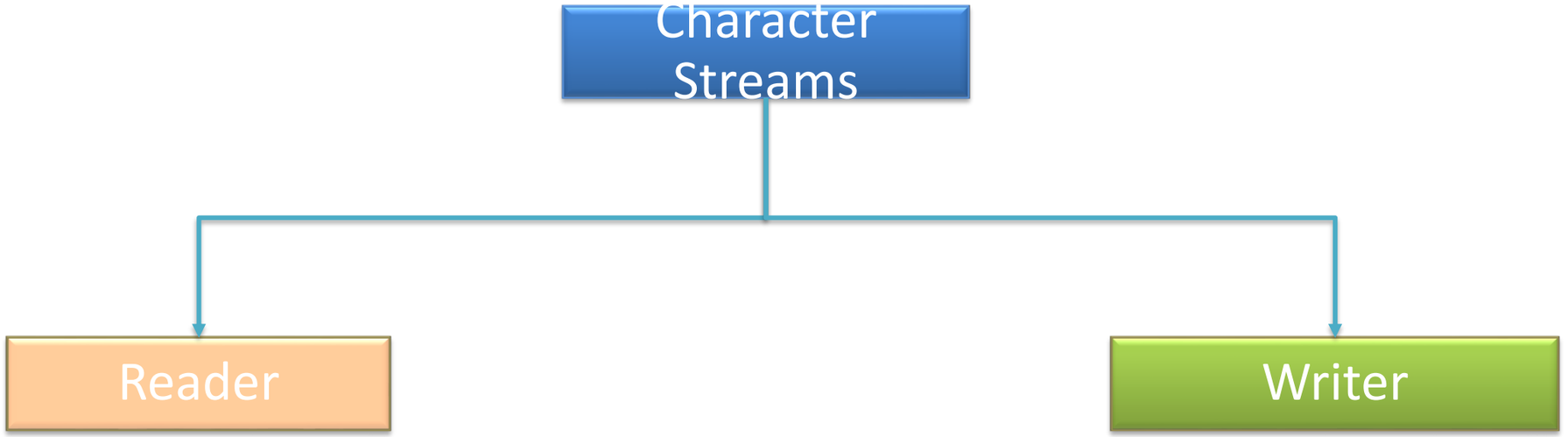
- System class of the java.lang package contains three predefined stream variables
  - in
  - out
  - err

- These variables are declared as public and static within System:
- System.out is a PrintStream object, whose destination is the console.
- System.in is a InputStream object, which reads from the the keyboard.
- System.err is a PrintStream object, whose destination is the console.

Character Streams

Character Stream Classes

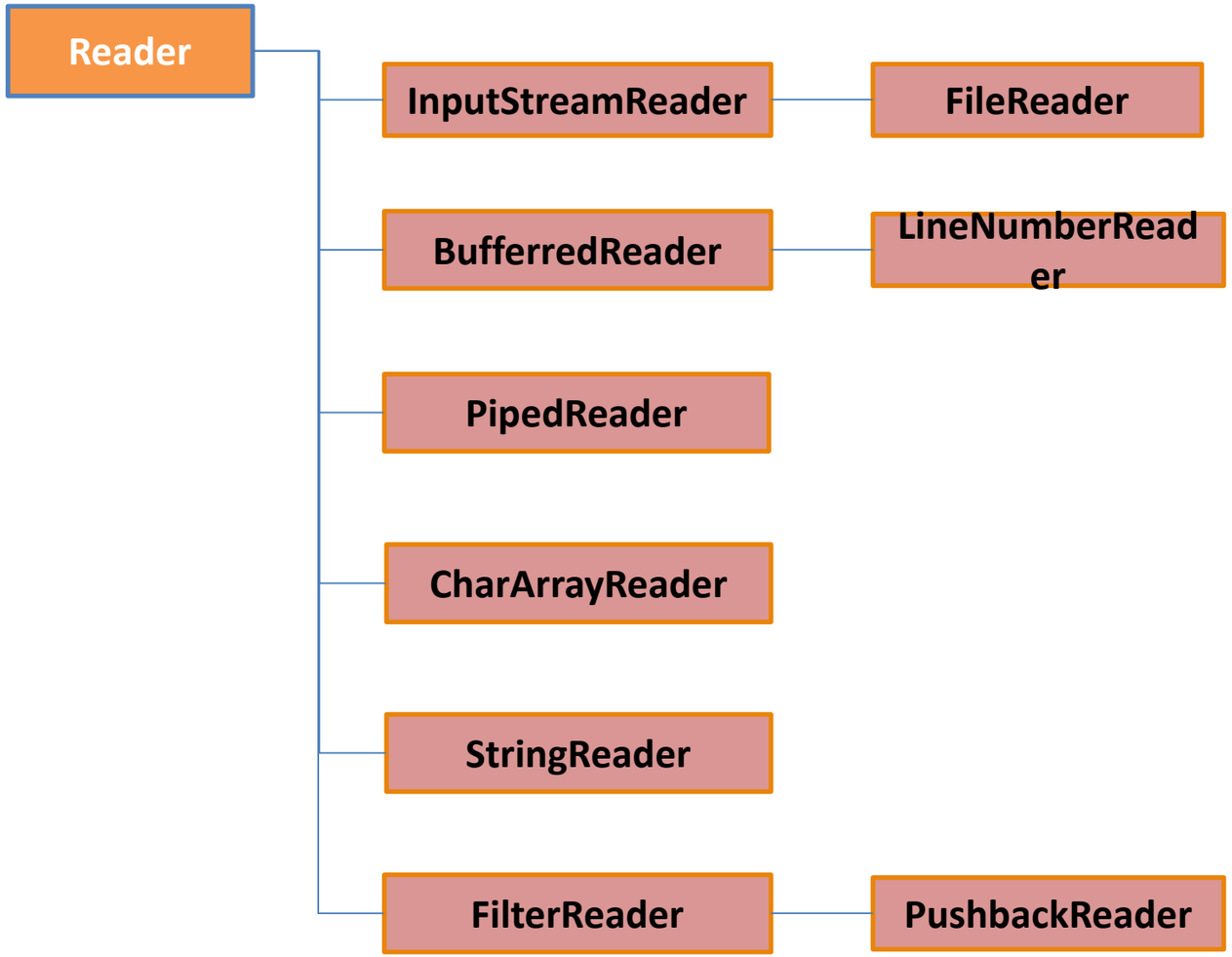
- **Character streams are defined by two abstract base classes called Reader and Writer**



- Contains several concrete classes for doing character oriented reading and writing
- Readers and Writers support same operations as InputStreams and OutputStreams

- Handles Unicode characters and hence easy to internationalize

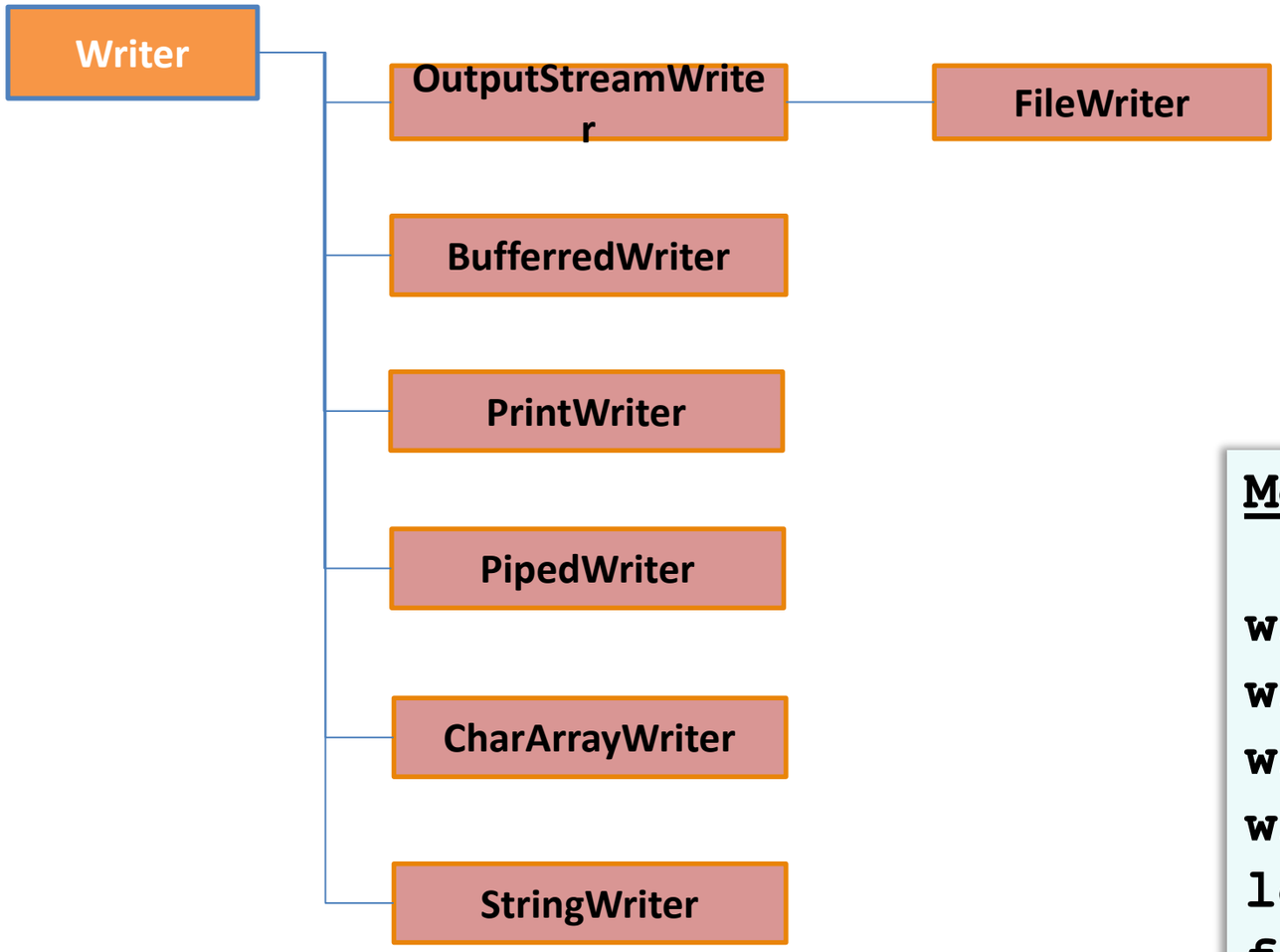
Reader Hierarchy



Methods of Reader class

```
read()                  : int
read(char[] cbuf)       : int
ready()                 : boolean
close()                 : void
skip(long n)                  :
long
```

Writer Hierarchy



Methods of Writer class

```
write(int c)                    : void
write(char[] cbuf)   : void
write(String str)    : void
write(String str, int off, int
len):void
flush()                 : void
close()                 : void
```

FileReader and FileWriter

FileReader

- used to read character data from a file
- Can read an array of Characters

```
Constructors
FileReader(String path)
FileReader(File  f)
```

FileWriter

- Used to write character data to a File
- Has method to write a String to a File

```
Constructors
FileWriter(String path)
FileWriter(File f)

To Append data in a File
FileWriter(String path, boolean
apnd)
FileWriter(File f, boolean apnd)
```

BufferedReader and BufferedWriter

- BufferedReader
  - makes the reading of characters, arrays, Strings efficient by providing the functionality of buffering the characters
  - provides a method **readLine()** using which a line of text can be read

```
BufferedReader in = new BufferedReader(new
FileReader("input.txt"));
String line = in.readLine();
```

- BufferedWriter
  - Buffers characters to provide efficient writing of single characters, arrays, and strings.
  - Provide a method newline() for writing a line separator based on the platform

```
BufferedWriter out = new BufferedWriter(new
FileWriter("out.txt"));
out.write("Hello");
out.newline();
```

Copying a Text file

```
reader = new BufferedReader(new
FileReader("myFile.txt"));
writer = new BufferedWriter(new
FileWriter("myFile_Copy.txt"));
while((line = reader.readLine())!= nul
      writer.write(line);
      writer.newLine();
}
writer.flush();
```

null indicates the end of file

Reading from Console using InputStreamReader

- **InputStreamReader**
  - Bridge from byte streams to character streams
  - Reads bytes and decodes them into characters using a specified charset

```
InputStreamReader isr = new
InputStreamReader(System.in);
BufferedReader in = new BufferedReader(isr);
System.out.print("Enter name: ");
name = in.readLine();
System.out.print("Enter city: ");
city = in.readLine();
```