

Programming 1

Lecture 10 – File Input/Output (2)

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The `System.out.format()` method

- Prints multiple arguments based on a *format string*.
- The *format string* consists of **static text** and **format specifiers**.
- Examples:

```
System.out.format("Square root of %d is %f.%n", 2, 1.41);
```

Output:

The square root of 2 is 1.41.

<code>%d</code>	an integer
<code>%f</code>	a double or float
<code>%n</code>	new line character

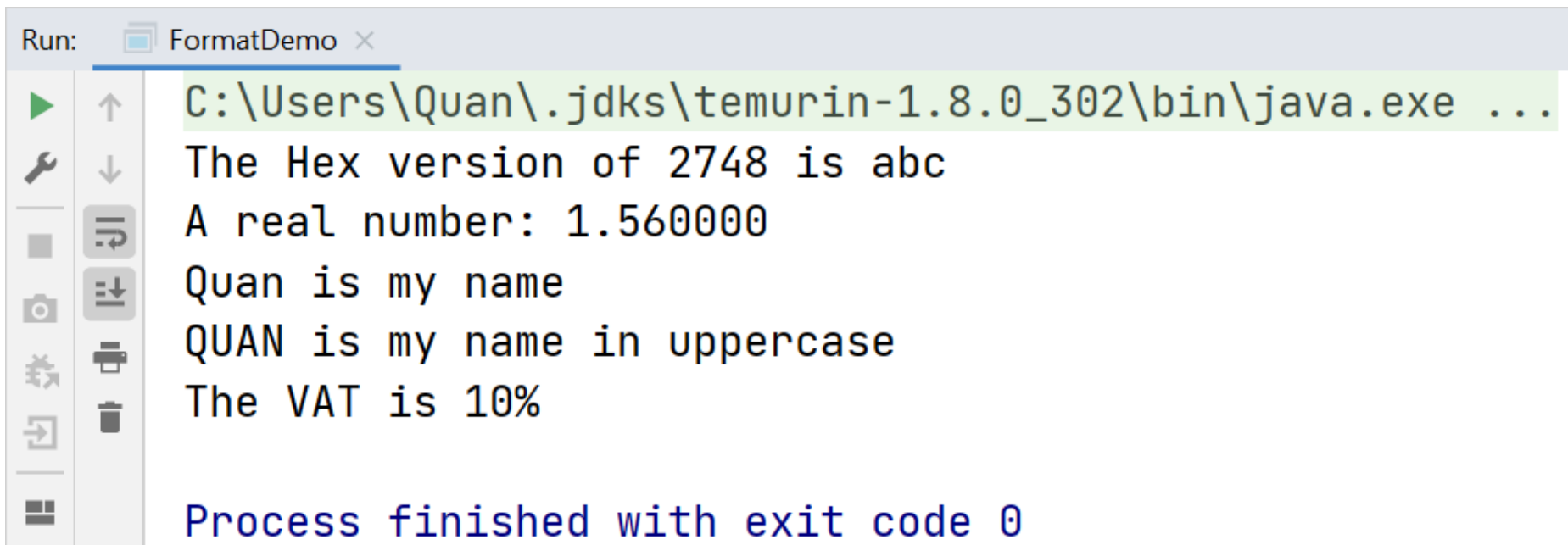
The `System.out.format()` method

- This statement is the same as `System.out.printf()`
- Basic `format specifiers`:

Format specifiers	Description
<code>%d</code>	An integer in decimal form
<code>%x</code>	An integer in hexadecimal form
<code>%f</code>	A floating point number (float, double)
<code>%s</code>	A String
<code>%S</code>	A String converted to UPPERCASE
<code>%n</code>	Platform-specific linebreak character
<code>%%</code>	The <code>%</code> character

Example: basic format specifiers

```
int n = 2748;
System.out.format("The Hex version of %d is %x%n", n, n);
System.out.format("A real number: %f%n", 1.56);
System.out.format("%s is my name%n", "Quan");
System.out.format("%S is my name in uppercase%n", "Quan");
System.out.format("The VAT is %d%%n", 10);
```



```
Run: FormatDemo x
C:\Users\Quan\.jdk\temurin-1.8.0_302\bin\java.exe ...
The Hex version of 2748 is abc
A real number: 1.560000
Quan is my name
QUAN is my name in uppercase
The VAT is 10%

Process finished with exit code 0
```

Customizing integer format specifier

Example	Description	Example
%5d	An integer which takes up at least 5 character spaces, padded with spaces	<pre>System.out.format("%5d", 15);</pre> Result: " 15" (3 spaces) <pre>System.out.format("%3d", 2457);</pre> Result: "2457" (0 space)
%05d	An integer which takes up at least 5 character spaces, zero-padded	<pre>System.out.format("%05d", 15);</pre> Result: "00015"
%-5d	An integer which takes up 5 character spaces, padded with spaces, left-aligned	<pre>System.out.format("%-5d", 15);</pre> Result: "15 " (3 spaces)

Customizing floating-point specifier

Example	Description	Example
%10f	A real number which takes up at least 10 spaces (width) and has 6 digits (precision) after the decimal point (6 is default)	<pre>System.out.format("%10f", 1.5);</pre> Result: " 1.500000" (2 spaces)
%10.1f	Width = 10, precision = 1	<pre>System.out.format("%10.1f", 1.5);</pre> Result: " 1.5" (7 spaces)
%-10.2f	Width = 10, precision = 2, left-aligned	<pre>System.out.format("%-10.2f", 1.5);</pre> Result: "1.50" (6 spaces)
%010.3f	Width = 10, precision = 3, zero-padded	<pre>System.out.format("%010.3f", 1.5);</pre> Result: "000001.500"
%.4f	Width = auto, precision = 4	<pre>System.out.format("%.4f", 1.5);</pre> Result: "1.5000"

Customizing String format specifier

Example	Description	Example
%9s	A String which takes up at least 9 spaces (width), right-aligned	<pre>System.out.format("%9s", "abc");</pre> Result: " abc" (6 spaces)
%9.2s	Width = 9, limited to 2 characters (right-truncated)	<pre>System.out.format("%9.2s", "abc");</pre> Result: " ab" (7 spaces)
%-9s	Width = 9, left-aligned	<pre>System.out.format("%-9s", "abc");</pre> Result: "abc " (6 spaces)
%.3s	Width = auto, limited to 3 characters (right-truncated)	<pre>System.out.format("%.3s", "abcd");</pre> Result: "abc" <pre>System.out.format("%.3s", "ab");</pre> Result: "ab"

The `System.out.format()` method

Syntax:

```
System.out.format(format_string, arg1, arg2...)
```

- Except for `%%` and `%n`, all format specifiers must match an argument.
- We can specify which **format specifier** to use with which **argument** by adding the argument index to the format specifier.

```
System.out.format("%2$s %1$s", "FIT", "HANU");
```

Output:

```
HANU FIT
```

The `String.format()` method

- It is similar to `System.out.format()` but returns a formatted `String` instead of printing it.
- Example:

```
String m = String.format("%d ÷ %d = %.2f", 5, 3, 1.6667);  
System.out.println(m);
```

Output (NetBeans):

run:

5 ÷ 3 = 1.67

BUILD SUCCESSFUL (total time: 0 seconds)

Example 1

- Print a data table of students with ID, name, class and scores.

```
public class Example1 {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int[] ids = {15, 151, 152};  
        String[] names = {"Alex", "Nguyen Van A", "Michael"};  
        String[] classes = {"1C18", "2C18", "3C18"};  
        double[] scores = {6.5, 7, 7.5};  
        System.out.println("-----");  
        for (int i = 0; i < ids.length; i++) {  
            System.out.format(  
                "| %05d | %-15s|5s |%4.1f |%n",  
                ids[i], names[i], classes[i], scores[i]  
            );  
        }  
        System.out.println("-----");  
        System.out.close();  
    }  
}
```

Example 1 (OOP)

```
public class Example100P {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Student[] students = {  
            new Student(15, "Alex", "1C18", 6.5),  
            new Student(151, "Nguyen Van A", "2C18", 7),  
            new Student(152, "Michael", "3C18", 7.5)  
        };  
        System.out.println("-----");  
        for (Student std : students) {  
            System.out.format(  
                "| %05d | %-15s| %5s | %4.1f | %n",  
                std.id, std.name, std.className, std.score  
            );  
        }  
        System.out.println("-----");  
        System.out.close();  
    }  
}
```

Example 2

Use PrintWriter to export the data table in the previous example to a text file.

```
import java.io.PrintWriter;
public class Example2 {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
        int[] ids = {15, 151, 152};
        String[] names = {"Alex", "Nguyen Van A", "Michael"};
        String[] classes = {"1C18", "2C18", "3C18"};
        double[] scores = {6.5, 7, 7.5};
        PrintWriter pw = new PrintWriter("data.txt");
        pw.println("-----");
        for (int i = 0; i < ids.length; i++) {
            pw.format(
                "| %05d | %-15s| %5s | %4.1f | %n",
                ids[i], names[i], classes[i], scores[i]
            );
        }
        pw.println("-----");
        pw.close();
    }
}
```

Example 2 (OOP)

```
import java.io.PrintWriter;
public class Example2b {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
        Student[] students = {
            new Student(15, "Alex", "1C18", 6.5),
            new Student(151, "Nguyen Van A", "2C18", 7),
            new Student(152, "Michael", "3C18", 7.5)
        };
        PrintWriter pw = new PrintWriter("data.txt");
        pw.println("-----");
        for (Student std : students) {
            pw.printf(
                "%-4d %-30s %-5s %4.1f%n",
                std.id, std.name, std.className, std.score
            );
        }
        pw.println("-----");
        pw.close();
    }
}
```

Read files with `BufferedReader`

- This example uses `StringBuilder` instead of ordinary `String`.

```
import java.io.FileReader;
import java.io.IOException;
import java.io.BufferedReader;
public class BufferedReading {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {
        BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader(new FileReader("text"));
        StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
        String line = "";
        while (line != null) {
            line = br.readLine();
            sb.append(line);
        }
        System.out.println(sb.toString());
    }
}
```

java.io.FileReader

- This class provides the necessary methods for reading characters from a file.
- Methods:
 - `int read()`: return the integer representation of the next character in the file.

```
import java.io.FileReader;
public class FileReaderDemo {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
        FileReader fr = new FileReader("file1");
        fr.read();
        int c = fr.read();
        System.out.println(c);
    }
}
```


java.io.BufferedReader

- This class provides the methods for reading text lines from a `FileReader` object.
- It performs better than `Scanner` for large files.
- Methods:
 - `String readLine()`: return the next line from the file as a String. Return `null` if it reaches the end of the file.

java.io.BufferedWriter

- Contains methods necessary to efficiently write simple Strings or char arrays to a file.
- Syntax to create a **BufferedWriter** object:

File name



```
FileWriter fw = new FileWriter("data.txt");  
BufferedWriter out = new BufferedWriter(fw);
```

- **Attention:** If the file exists, its content will be **erased**.
- The statement to create a **BufferedWriter** object may throw **IOException** and needs to be surrounded with **try...catch** (or declared to be thrown)

java.io.BufferedWriter

- Methods in the `BufferedWriter` class:
 - `void write()`: write a char, a char array or a String to the output file. Throws `IOException`.
 - `void newLine()`: write a newline character to the output file. Throws `IOException`.
 - `void flush()`: transfer the content from the buffer to the file. Throws `IOException`.
 - Without flushing, texts are not written to the file.
 - `void close()`: flush and close the connection to the file, as well as release any system resources being used by the `BufferedWriter` object.

```

import java.io.BufferedWriter;
import java.io.FileWriter;
import java.io.IOException;
import java.util.Scanner;

public class example3 {

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
        BufferedWriter out = null;
        try {
            FileWriter fw = new FileWriter("data.txt");
            out = new BufferedWriter(fw);
        } catch (IOException ex) {
            System.out.println("Error!");
            System.exit(1);
        }
        System.out.print("Please enter your name: ");
        String name = sc.nextLine();
        System.out.print("Please enter your age: ");
        int age = sc.nextInt();
        try {
            out.write("Name: " + name);
            out.newLine();
            out.write("Age: " + age);
            out.close();
        } catch (IOException ex) {
            System.out.println("Write error!");
            System.exit(2);
        }
    }
}

```

Example 2

Use `BufferedWriter` to create a text file containing the name and age entered by a user.

Problem: append content to a file

- How to open a text file for writing while not erasing the file's content?
- Solution with `FileWriter`:

```
FileWriter fw = new FileWriter("data.txt", true);  
fw.write("Hello!");
```

- Solution with `PrintWriter`:

```
FileWriter fw = new FileWriter("data.txt", true);  
PrintWriter pw = new PrintWriter(fw);  
pw.println("Hello");
```

Data serialization

- What is it?
 - **Serialization:** The conversion of an object into a sequence of `bytes`.
 - **De-serialization:** The conversion from a sequence of `bytes` to an object (opposite of Serialization).
- The sequence (array) of bytes can be saved to a file (to be loaded to the program later).

Data serialization

- Why?
 - Save program data to files.
 - Send data to other systems or through network without losing data or data integrity.
- The programmer does not have to manually handle how data are organized in the file.
 - It is convenient but it does not give the programmer full control of the data file.
 - Serialized data must be deserialized using the same programming language.

Data serialization

- The `FileOutputStream` class:
 - Contains the necessary methods to write single bytes or `byte` arrays to a `File`.
- Methods:
 - `void write()`: writes one byte or a byte array to the output file.
 - `void close()`: ends connection to the file and releases system resources.

```
File f = new File("data.bin");  
FileOutputStream os = new FileOutputStream (f);
```


Data serialization

- The `ObjectOutputStream` class:
 - Contains the necessary methods to serialize and write Java primitive values and objects to an output stream (e.g. `FileOutputStream`).
- Methods:
 - `void writeObject()`: serializes and writes an object (including arrays) to the output stream.
 - `void writeChars()`: serializes and writes a String as a `char` array to the output stream.
 - `void writeInt()`: serializes and writes a 32-bit `int` to the output stream.

Data serialization

- Methods:
 - `void write()`: writes a `byte` to the output.
 - `void writeFloat()`: serializes and writes a 32-bit `float` to the output stream.
 - `void writeDouble()`: serializes and writes a 64-bit `double` to the output stream.
 - `void writeLong()`: serializes and writes a 64-bit `long` to the output stream.
 - `void writeBoolean()`: serializes and writes a `boolean` value to the output stream.

```

import java.io.File;
import java.io.FileOutputStream;
import java.io.ObjectOutputStream;
import java.util.Scanner;

public class example4 {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
        String[] names = new String[3];
        double[] prices = new double[3];
        Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
        while (true) {
            System.out.println("1. Add products\n2. Display products");
            System.out.println("3. Save products\n4. Load products");
            System.out.print("5. Quit\nYour choice:");
            int n = sc.nextInt();
            if (n == 1) {
                names = new String[]{"Dell", "HP", "Lenovo"};
                prices = new double[]{305.1, 402, 292.2};
            } else if (n == 2) {
                for (int i = 0; i < names.length; i++) {
                    System.out.format("%20s | %10.2f |%n", names[i], prices[i]);
                }
            } else if (n == 3) {
                File f = new File("data.bin");
                FileOutputStream fos = new FileOutputStream(f);
                ObjectOutputStream oos = new ObjectOutputStream(fos);
                oos.writeObject(names);
                oos.writeObject(prices);
                oos.close();
            } else if (n == 5) {
                System.out.println("Goodbye!");
                break;
            } else {
                System.out.println("Invalid choice!");
            }
        }
    }
}

```

Example 3

Saving products
data in a menu-
driven program
to a file.

Data de-serialization

- The `FileInputStream` class:
 - Contains the necessary methods to read bytes from a file.
- Methods:
 - `void read()`: reads one byte or a byte array from the input file.
 - `void skip(n)`: discards `n` bytes of data.
 - `void close()`: ends connection to the file...

```
FileInputStream os = new FileInputStream("data.bin");
```

- **Attention:** the statement to create this object may throw a `FileNotFoundException`.

Data de-serialization

- The `ObjectInputStream` class:
 - Contains the necessary methods to read and de-serialize primitive values and objects from an input stream (e.g. `FileInputStream`).
- Methods:
 - `Object readObject()`: reads and de-serializes an object (including arrays) from the input stream.
 - `int read()`: reads one `byte` or a `byte` array.
 - `int readInt()`: reads a 32-bit integer.

Data de-serialization

- Methods:
 - `float readFloat()`: reads a 32-bit `float` from the input stream.
 - `double readDouble()`: reads a 64-bit `double` from the input stream.
 - `long readLong()`: reads a 64-bit `long` from the input stream.
 - `boolean readBoolean()`: reads a `boolean` value from the input stream.
 - `void close()`: closes the file and release system resources.

```

import java.io.File;
import java.io.FileInputStream;
import java.io.ObjectInputStream;
import java.util.Scanner;

public class example5 {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
        String[] names = new String[3];
        double[] prices = new double[3];
        Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
        while (true) {
            System.out.println("1. Add products\n2. Display products");
            System.out.println("3. Save products\n4. Load products");
            System.out.print("5. Quit\nYour choice:");
            int n = sc.nextInt();
            if (n == 1) {
                names = new String[]{"Dell", "HP", "Lenovo"};
                prices = new double[]{305.1, 402, 292.2};
            } else if (n == 2) {
                for (int i = 0; i < names.length; i++) {
                    System.out.format("%20s | %10.2f |%n", names[i], prices[i]);
                }
            } else if (n == 4) {
                File f = new File("data.bin");
                FileInputStream fis = new FileInputStream(f);
                ObjectInputStream ois = new ObjectInputStream(fis);
                names = (String[]) ois.readObject();
                prices = (double[]) ois.readObject();
                ois.close();
            } else if (n == 5) {
                System.out.println("Goodbye!");
                break;
            } else {
                System.out.println("Invalid choice!");
            }
        }
    }
}

```

Example 4

Loading
products data
from file.