

Assignment No. 8

- 8) Discuss the following methods associated with File Object a) read() b) readline() c) readlines() d) tell() e) seek() f) write()

File Objects in python -

A file object allows us to use, access and manipulate all the user accessible files. one can read and write any such files.

When a file operation fails for an I/O related reason, the exception `IOError` is raised.

This includes situation where the operation is not defined for some reason like `seek()` on device or writing a file opened for reading.

a) read() :-

Reads the file content.

Syntax:- `file-object.read(size)`

- 1) The size represents the number of bytes to read from a file. It returns file content in string object.
- 2) The size is not specified it reads all the content from a file.

Source codes:-

```
with open ('E:\pynative\files\test.txt', 'r') as fp:
    print (fp.read(14))
    print (fp.read())
```

output:

My first line

My second line

My third line.

b) readline()

- 1) Read one line from a file at a time. It returns the line in string format.
- 2) If the size is given it reads the number of bytes from a file.

Syntax:-

file-object.readline(size)

Source code:-

```
with open('r' E:\pynative\files\test.txt', 'r') as fp:  
    print (fp.readline())  
    print (fp.readline())
```

output:-

My first line

My second line.

c) readlines():-

- 1) Read all lines from a file and return them in the form of a list object.
- 2) If the size hint argument is present instead of the entire file, whole lines totaling approximately sizehint bytes are read.

Source code:-

```
with open('E:\pynative\files\test.txt', 'r') as fp:
    print(fp.readlines())
```

output:-

```
['My firstline\n', 'My secondline\n', 'My Third line']
```

d) seek() and tell() method:-

The seek() function sets the position of file pointer and tell() function returns the current pointer of file pointer.

source code:-

```
f = open("demofile.txt", "r")
f.seek(4)
print(f.readline())
```

output:-

```
C:\users\My Name>python demo.file_seek.py
0! Welcome to demofile.txt.
```

Source code:-

```
f = open("demofile.txt", "r")
print(f.readline())
print(f.tell())
```

output:-

C:\Users\MyName>python demo.file_tell2.py

Hello! welcome to demofile.txt.

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f) write() :-

writes the specified string to the file.

Source code-

```
f = open("demoFile2.txt", "a")
```

f. write ("see you soon!")

f. close()

```
f = open("demoFile2.txt", "r")
```

```
print (f.read())
```

Output:-

C:\users\MyName>python demo.file-write.py
Hello! welcome to demofiles!

Hello! welcome to demofile2.txt.
This file is a

This file is for testing purposes
Goodluck! see you

Goodluck! see you soon!