

157. Read N Characters Given Read4 Premium

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Given a `file` and assume that you can only read the file using a given method `read4`, implement a method to read `n` characters.

Method read4:

The API `read4` reads **four consecutive characters** from `file`, then writes those characters into the buffer array `buf4`.

The return value is the number of actual characters read.

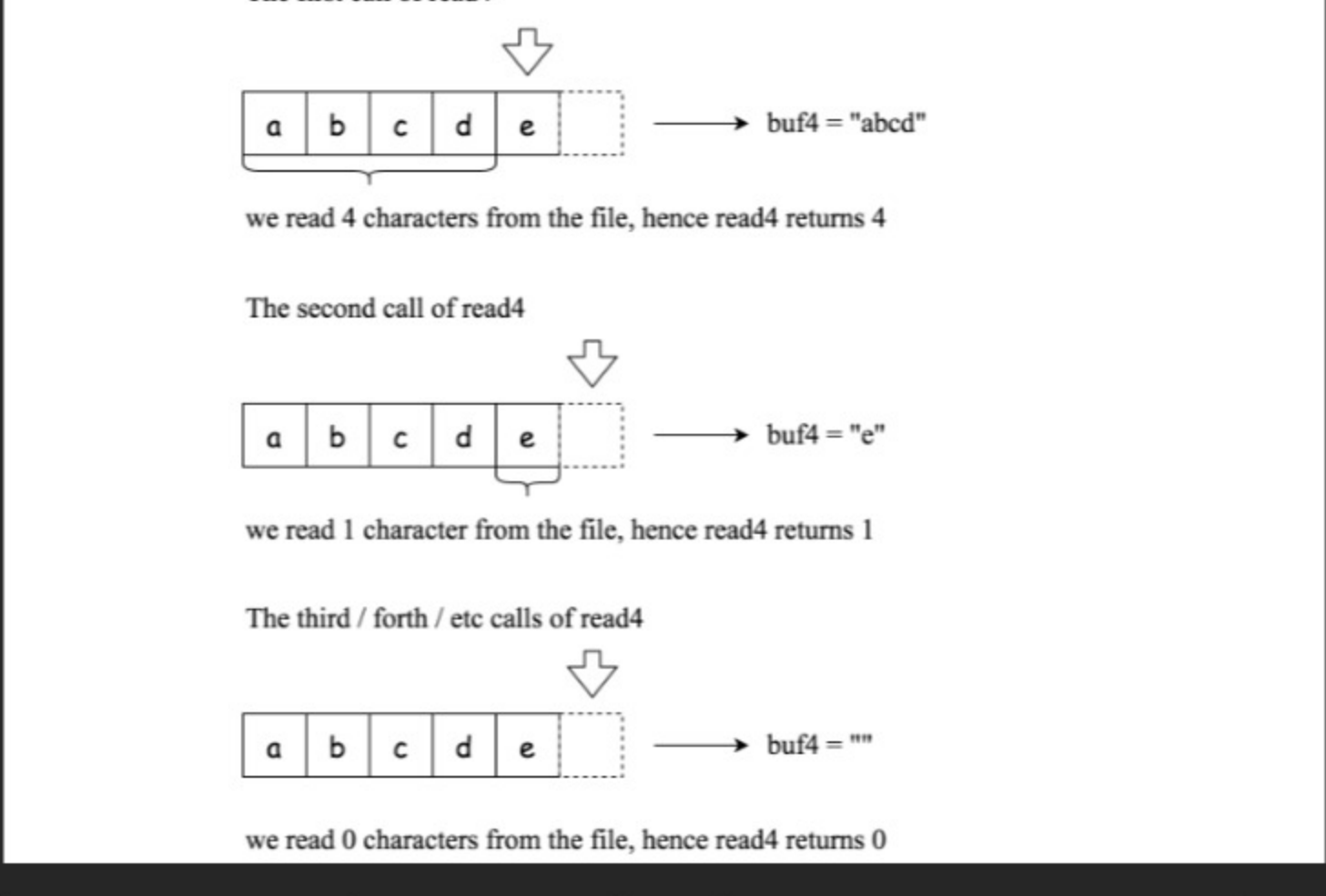
Note that `read4()` has its own file pointer, much like `FILE *fp` in C.

Definition of read4:

Parameter: `char[] buf4`
Returns: `int`

`buf4[]` is a destination, not a source. The results from `read4` will be copied to `buf4[]`.

Below is a high-level example of how `read4` works:



```
File file("abcde"); // File is "abcde", initially file pointer (fp)
points to 'a'
char[] buf4 = new char[4]; // Create buffer with enough space to store
characters
read4(buf4); // read4 returns 4. Now buf4 = "abcd", fp points to 'e'
read4(buf4); // read4 returns 1. Now buf4 = "e", fp points to end of file
read4(buf4); // read4 returns 0. Now buf4 = "", fp points to end of file
```

Method read:

By using the `read4` method, implement the method `read` that reads `n` characters from `file` and store it in the buffer array `buf`. Consider that you cannot manipulate `file` directly.

The return value is the number of actual characters read.

Definition of read:

Parameters: `char[] buf`, `int n`
Returns: `int`

`buf[]` is a destination, not a source. You will need to write the results to `buf[]`.

Note:

- Consider that you cannot manipulate the file directly. The file is only accessible for `read4` but not for `read`.
- The `read` function will only be called once for each test case.
- You may assume the destination buffer array, `buf`, is guaranteed to have enough space for storing `n` characters.

Example 1:

Input: `file = "abc"`, `n = 4`
Output: 3
Explanation: After calling your `read` method, `buf` should contain "abc". We read a total of 3 characters from the file, so return 3. Note that "abc" is the file's content, not `buf`. `buf` is the destination buffer that you will have to write the results to.

Example 2:

Input: `file = "abcde"`, `n = 5`
Output: 5
Explanation: After calling your `read` method, `buf` should contain "abcde". We read a total of 5 characters from the file, so return 5.

Example 3:

Input: `file = "abcdABCD1234"`, `n = 12`
Output: 12
Explanation: After calling your `read` method, `buf` should contain "abcdABCD1234". We read a total of 12 characters from the file, so return 12.

Constraints:

- `1 <= file.length <= 500`
- `file` consist of English letters and digits.
- `1 <= n <= 1000`

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