Input / Output Exploring java.io

Java I/O Classes & Interfaces

I/O Classes

BufferedInputStream	BufferedOutputStream	BufferedReader
BufferedWriter	DataInputStream	DataOutputStream
File	FileInputStream	FileOutputStream
FileWriter	FileReader	InputStreamReader
OutputStreamWriter	PrintWriter	SequenceInputStream

I/O Interfaces

DataInput	DataOutput	FileFilter
ObjectInput	ObjectOutput	Serializable

File

- File does not operate on streams
- Deals with File & File System
- Describes properties of the files
- Can manipulate on file permissions, time, date, path etc

Different Forms of creating a File

- File(String directoryPath)
- File (String directoryPath, String filename)
- File(file dirObj, String filename)

Examples

- \triangleright File f1 = new File("/");
- File f2 = new File("/", "autoexec.bat");
- File f3 = new File(f1, "autoexec.bat");

File Methods

F1.getName()	F2.getPath()	F1.getAbsolutePath()
F1.getParent()	F1.exists()	F1.canWrite()
F1.canRead()	F1.isDirectory()	F1.isFile()
F1.lastModified()	F1.length()	F1.isDirectory()

The Byte Stream Classes

- Provide convenient means for handling input and output of bytes
- Used for reading and writing binary data
- Included in java 1.0
- Has two class Hierarchies
 - ✓ InputStream
 - ✓ OutputStream
- Can handle disk files, Network connections & buffers
- Two important function read() & write() & are abstract

The Character Stream Classes

- Provide convenient means for handling input and output of bytes.
- Used for reading and writing character data
- Included in java 1.1
- Has two class Hierarchies
 - ✓ Reader
 - ✓ Writer
- Can handle disk files, Network connections & buffers
- Two important function read() & write() & are abstract

Reading Console Input

- ➤ In Java Console input is done by System.in
- > Wrap System.in in a BufferedReader
- General form
 - BufferedReader (Reader inputReader)
- Reader is an abstract class
- User InputStreamReader object that is linked to System.in to read
 - InputStreamReader(InputStream inputStream)
- read() & readLine() to read characters from console

Writing to Console

- Accomplished with print & println
- Defined in PrintStream (type of System.out)
- Syntax
 - void write(int byteval)

PrintWriter

- Recommended method of writing to the console us through PrintWriter Stream
- One of the character-based classes
- Defines many constructors, the simples one is

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PrintWriter(OutputStrem os, boolean
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flushOnNewline)

- Support print() & println()
- Calls implicitly toString() and then prints

Reading & Writing Files

- Most commonly used stream classes are FileInputStream & FileOutputStream
- General Form
 FileInputStream(String fileName) throws FileNotFoundException

FileOutputStream(String fileName) throws FileNotFoundException

- If file does not exist, then FileNotFoundException is thrown
- Call close() to close the file
 - void close() throws IOException
- To read the content of the file
 - void read() throws IOException
- read() returns -1 at EOF