

I/O & File Handling

Unit-3

- Streams, types,
 - System.in, Scanner, Buffered Reader.
 - System.out, printf(), PrintWriter
 - read(), ~~and~~ readline(), write()
 - Reading & Writing from file
 - File class
 - Working with directories - creating, deleting, size, path etc.
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Q) What r streams?

- A) Streams r abstraction b/w pg/program & device.
- All streams behave in same manner (i.e. use same fun)
 - So it becomes convenient to read/write using stream.
 - Stream can be created to handle I/O operations on keyboard, files etc.

Q) Types of streams?

A ① Byte stream

- reads byte from device
- No. of bytes read is same as # of bytes in dev.
- bytes r not converted to char, no translations occur.
- used for reading binary data.

eg

a, b, c, \, n → bytes read by
pgm.

byte stream

↑

a | b | c | \ | n → dev

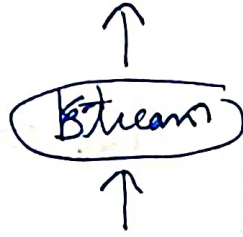
② Char stream

- reads char from dev.
- # of char read is less than # of bytes
due to translations
- bytes r converted to char, so translations occur

eg \ n = \n
 2 bytes 1 char.

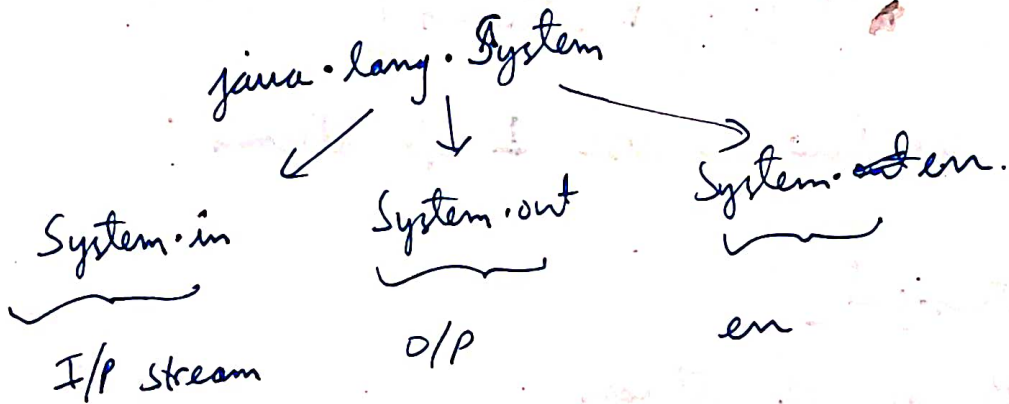
- Char stream preferred over byte.

'a', 'b', 'c', '\n' → Char read by
pgm.



Q) what r predefined streams in java

A)



• in is an obj
of ~~PrintStream~~
class

• out is an
obj of
PrintStream
class not
System class

• PrintStream obj

Stream Classes

java.io.*;

Buffered Input Stream
Buffered Output Stream
File Input Stream
" O/P "

Input Stream
Output Stream
PrintStream

} Byte Streams.

BufferedReader.

" Writer

FileReader

" Writer

InputStreamReader

" " Writer

PrintWriter

Char stream classes.

Output Streams

- Let's see how to use 2 o/p streams.

1) System.out

- It's an o/p stream.
- It provides `print()`, `println()`, `printf()`.
- `print()`, `println()` are used for unformatted o/p.

printf() :-

- Used for formatted o/p.
- formatted o/p means we can separately specify int, char, string part of the o/p.

~~eg - eg~~ ~~Print~~ `int a; string s;`

`System.out.printf("%d %s %n", a, s);`
 int string new line

- `printf()` ^{used} ~~works~~ in same way as in C
- ~~`printf()`~~
- Scanner is used for formatted input

Q) What is `PrintWriter`? Why is used? U2AP to demo?

A) • `PrintWriter` is ~~to~~ used to print o/p ~~to~~.
 • `System.out` is a byte based stream.
 If char based stream is needed then `PW` can be used.

eg C D }.

`psvm()`

`PrintWriter pw = new PrintWriter(System.out, true);`
 true means flush
 o/p on each line

// pw is linked to `System.out`
 // pw converts `S.out` to char based stream
 // use `print()`, `println()` to write.

`pw.println("Hello world");`

`pw.print("a" + 10);`

`pw.printf("%d %s", 75, "abc");`

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Input Streams

- 3 ways to create Input Streams
System.in, Scanner, BufferedReader.

1) System.in

- it's a predefined stream
- ~~char~~ byte based stream
- p/v (provides) 2 fun : read() & readLine()

read() :-

- reads "one" char & returns the ascii value
- throws IOException wh. is checked Exception
so it must be handled by using throws kw
- returns -1 if EOF ~~is~~ occurs.

readLine() :-

- reads a string
- throws IOException
- returns -1 if EOF found.

Q) WAP to read 10 char & 10 lines using System.in.

A) Class demo {

PSUM (String arr[]) throws IOException {

read() & readLine() throws checked Exception so it must be handled using throws kw.

//read 10 char

char c;

for (int i=0; i<10; i++) {

c = (char) System.in.read();

returns an int value (ascii), so

convert it char using (char)

System.out.println(c);

}

//read 10 lines String p;

for (int i=0; i<10; i++) {

p = System.in.readLine();

System.out.println(p);

}

}

}

② Formatted i/p using Scanner :-

- Scanner is a formatter class
- Used to read formatted input
- formatted input means we can specify wh. part is int, char, string etc.
- for formatted input `printf()` is used as seen earlier.
- Scanner p/v these fun
 `nextInt()` → to read int
 `nextLine()` → to read line
 `next().charAt(0);` → to read char.

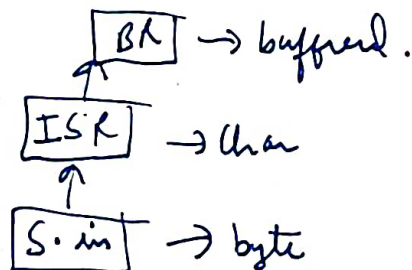
③ Buffered Reader ***

Q What is BR? Why is it used? Show demo?

- A
- BR is an input stream
 - It p/v buffered input, so advantage is it is faster than other streams.

How to use :-

- 1) Convert `System.in` to char based stream using `InputStreamReader`
- 2) link `InputStreamReader` to BR



BR also h/v 2 fun - read(), readLine()

WAP to use BR:-

CD d
psvm() throws IOException {

// read & readLine() throw this checked EX.

BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader (new InputStreamReader
(System.in));

// link System.in &
ISR.

char c;

for (i 1 to 10) {

c = (char) br.read();

↳ reads char in ascii form.

System.out.println(c);

}

String s;

for (i 1 to 10) {

s = br.readLine();

↳ reads line

System.out.println(s);

}

}

}

File Handling

- Reading/Writing from files

Reading/Writing involves 2 steps

1) open the file

2) R/W using read(), write()

① file is opened by creating a stream of file input stream, file output stream

- FileNotFoundException is thrown wh. is a checked ex. so it must be specified after main.

② write() fun is used to write to a file
it writes 1 char at a time

• read() fun is used to read from a file
- it reads 1 char at a time

Q WAP to write a text "This is line1 \n This is line2" to a file.
Then read this file & print the O/P ***.

A class demo {

psvm() throws IOException, FileNotFoundException {
by read() by stream.

```
String s = "This is line1 \n This is line2";
```

```
//Write this string char by char to the file
```

```
//create o/p stream to write to the file
```

```
FileOutputStream fout = new FileOutputStream("test.txt");  
//FileNotFoundException can be thrown.
```

```
for (i=0; i<s.length(); i++) {
```

```
    fout.write(s.charAt(i)); //write s[i] to file.
```

```
}
```

```
    fout.close();
```

```
//create i/p stream to read from a file
```

```
FileInputStream fin = new FileInputStream("test.txt");
```

```
    int c;
```

```
    while ( (c = fin.read() ) != -1 ) {
```

```
        //returns -1 when eof reached.
```

```
        System.out.println((char)c);
```

c is int, contains ascii value, so convert to char.

```
}
```

```
// This is line1
```

```
// " " line2
```


File class

Q) What is the purpose of File class?

A) File class doesn't operate on streams.

- deals directly with files & file system.
- used to describe properties like size, directory, path etc.
- not used for read/write to a file.

• Creating an obj of File :-

```
File f = new File("C://users/Burhatab/myfolder");
```

complete path

```
File("myfolder");
```

relative path - i.e. myfolder in current folder.

File p/v these fun :-

f.getPath(); // find the path of given input

f.getParent();

f.length(); // size of file or folder.

f.delete(); // folder must be empty to delete.

f.isDirectory(); // check whether folder or not.

f.list(); // to list all files/folders in a dir.

Q) WAP to list all files/folders in a directory & specify print size? *

A) import java.io.*;
CD {
 psvm() {

// open "myfolder" in current folder.

`File` f = new File("myfolder");

// if it is a dir, then obtain a list of files/folder in the dir

// list returns arr of string

if (f.`isDirectory()`) {

String ~~arr~~^{arr}[] = f.`list()`;

// open each file/folder in list using f

for (int i=0; i < ~~arr~~^{arr}.length; i++) {

`File` f1 = new File(~~arr~~^{arr}[i]);

~~if~~ if (f1.`isDirectory()`) {

// print name, size

System.out.println(arr[i] + " is a dir");

System.out.println("size is " + f1.`length()`);

}

```
if (f1.is  
else {
```

```
println("arr[i] + " is a file"); // Print name,  
println("Size is " + f1.length()); // size.
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

Q WAP to demonstrate creation / deletion of folder.
- create folder 1 & folder 2, then delete folder 1

A CD {
 psvm () {

File f1 = new File("folder 1");

File f2 = new File("folder 2");

f1.mkdir();

f2.mkdir();

f2.delete();

```
}
```

```
}
```