

# **I/O Operations**

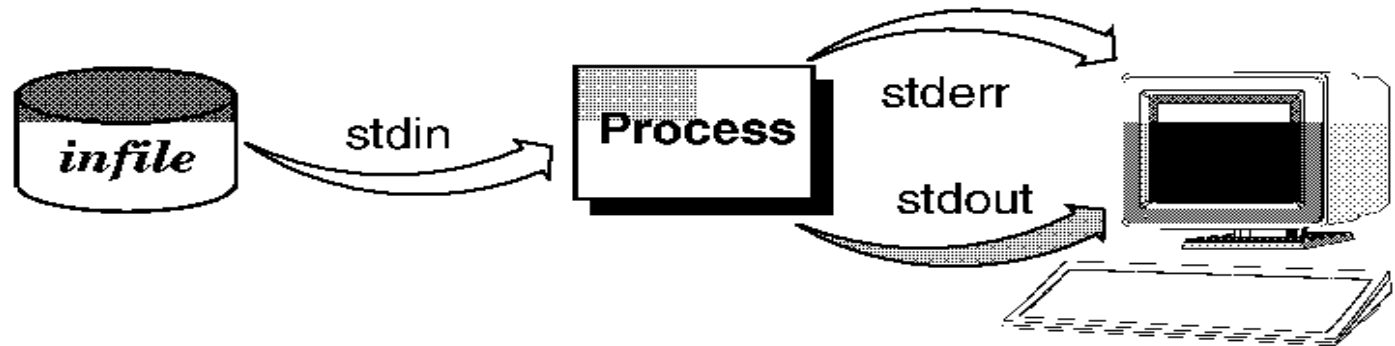
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## Unit 6 Objectives

- Overview of I/O Streams
- Data Sink and Processing Streams
- InputStream and OutputStream
- Readers and Writers
- File and File Streams
- Stream Chaining
- Filtered Streams
- DataInputStream and DataOutputStream
- PipedInputStream and PipedOutputStream
- StringReader and StringWriter
- Serialization & Object Streams

# Input / Output

- Often programs need to bring in information from an external source or send out information to an external destination.



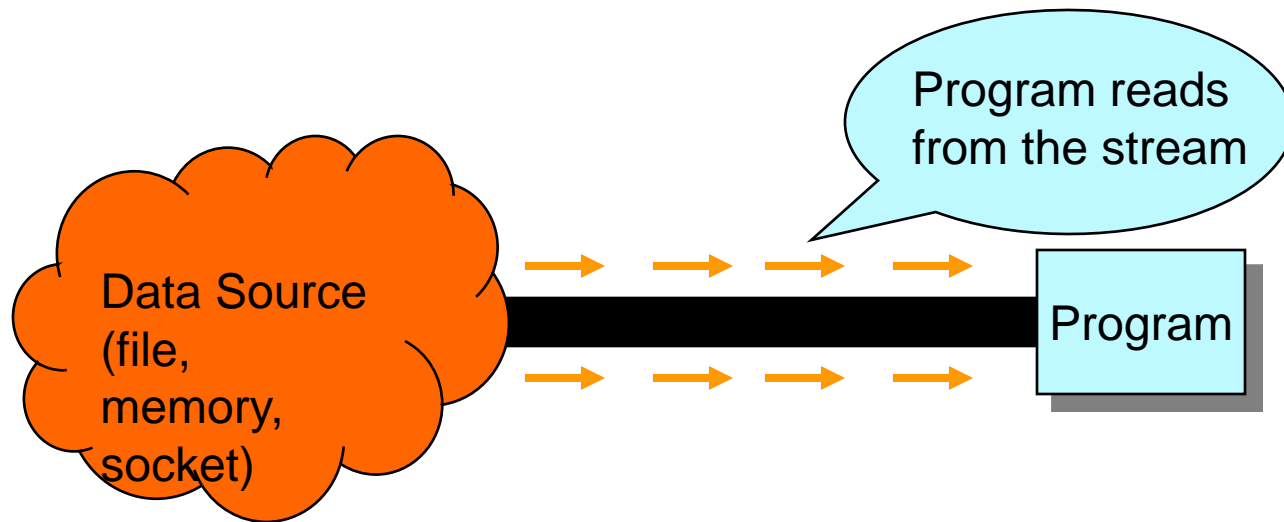
- Input and output, I/O for short, are fundamental to any computer operating system or programming language.
- The information can be anywhere: in a file, on disk, somewhere on the network, in memory, or in another program.
- **Java support for I/O is in the form of streams.**

# What is a Stream?

- A stream is an ordered sequence of bytes of indeterminate length.
- An I/O stream represents an input source or an output destination.
- Input streams move bytes of data into a Java program from some external source.
- Output streams move bytes of data from Java program to some external target.
- In some cases, streams can also move bytes from one part of Java program to another.

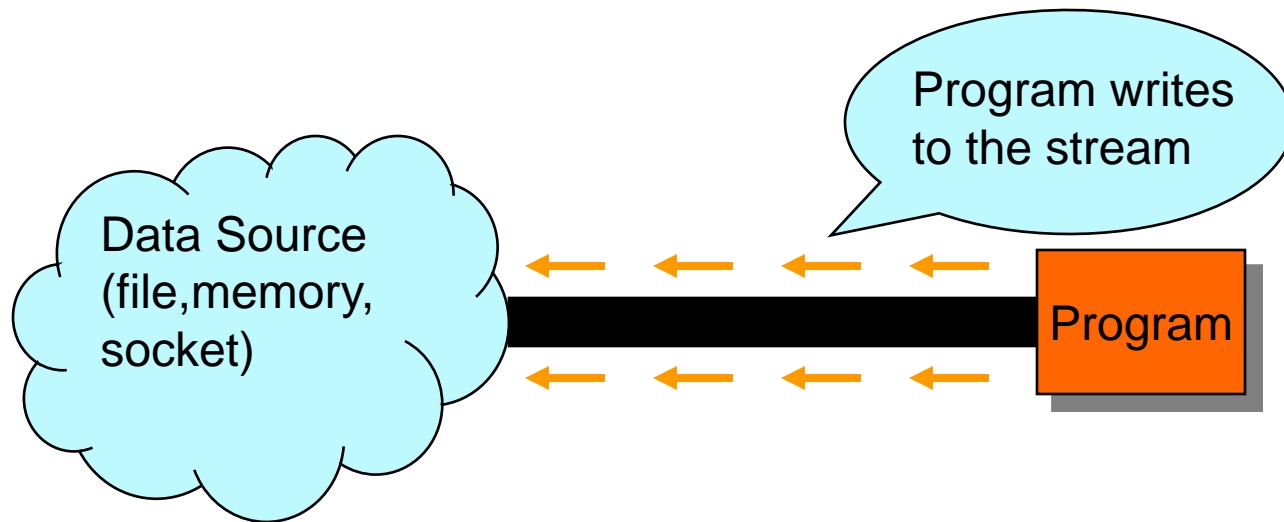
# Input Stream

- To bring in information, a program opens a input stream on an information source (a file, memory, a socket) and reads the information serially, like this:



# Output Stream

- Similarly, a program can send information to an external destination by opening a output stream to a destination and writing the information out serially, like this:



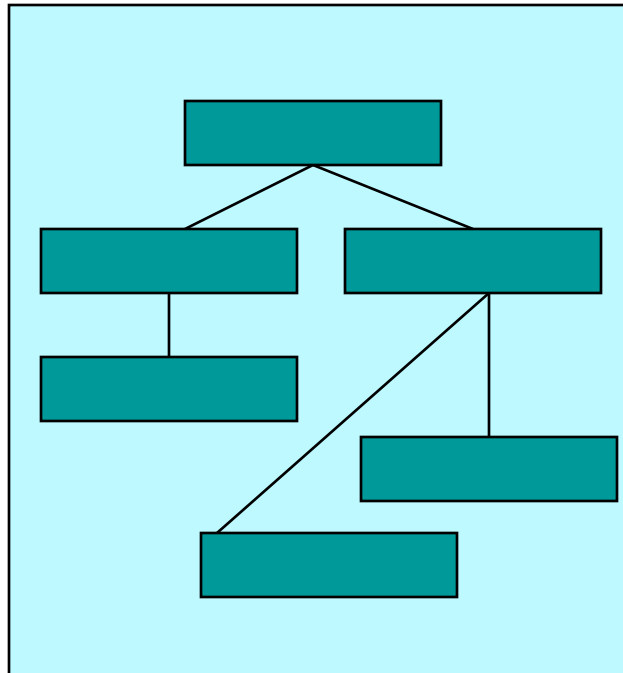
## Java.io Package

- Java has built-in classes to support I/O and the classes are defined in the *java.io* package.
- The *java.io* package contains-
  - A collection of stream classes that support algorithms for reading
  - A collection of stream classes that support algorithm for writing.

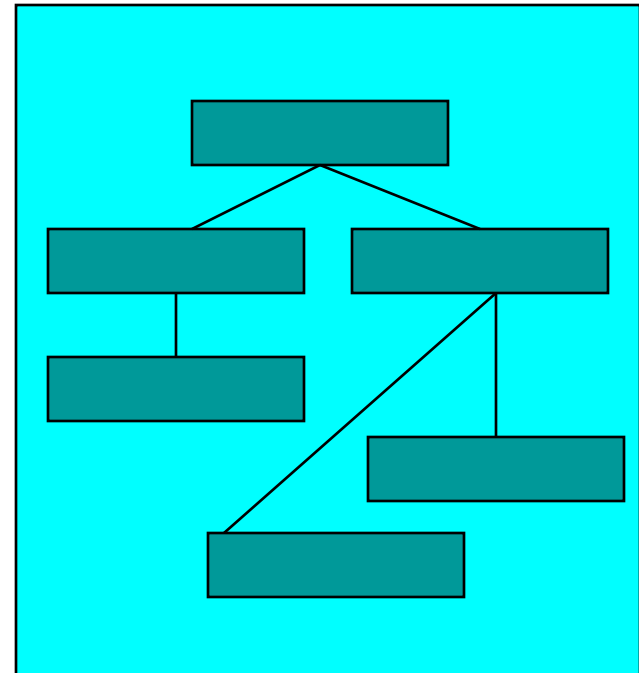
# Byte and Character Streams

- Stream classes are divided into two class hierarchies based on the data type on which they operate.
- Byte Streams**
  - Programs use byte streams to perform input and output of 8-bit bytes.
- Character Streams**
  - The Java platform stores character values using Unicode. Character stream I/O automatically translates this internal to and from the local character set.

Byte Streams



Character Streams



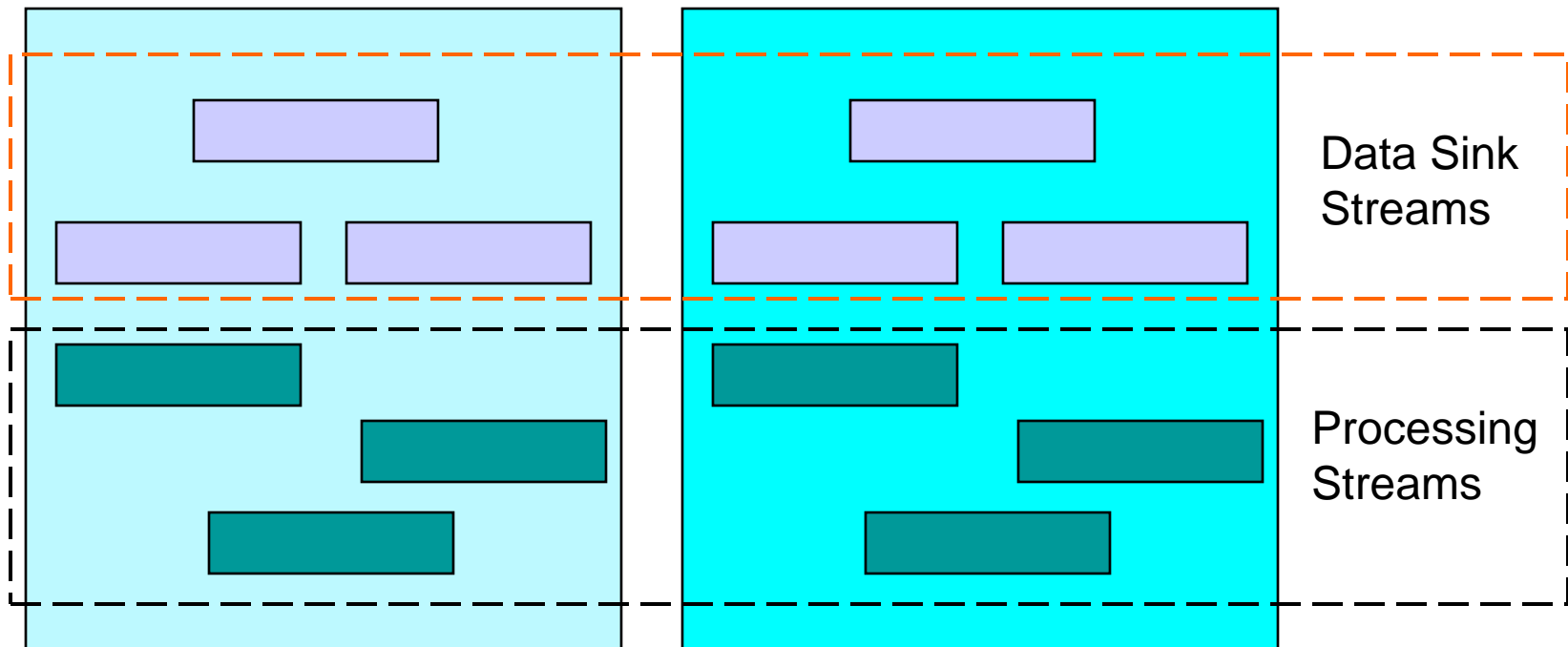


# Data Sink and Processing Streams

- Streams can be further classified based on their functionality.
- Streams which read from and write to data sources are called **data sink streams**.
- Streams which process the information as its being read or written are called **processing streams**.

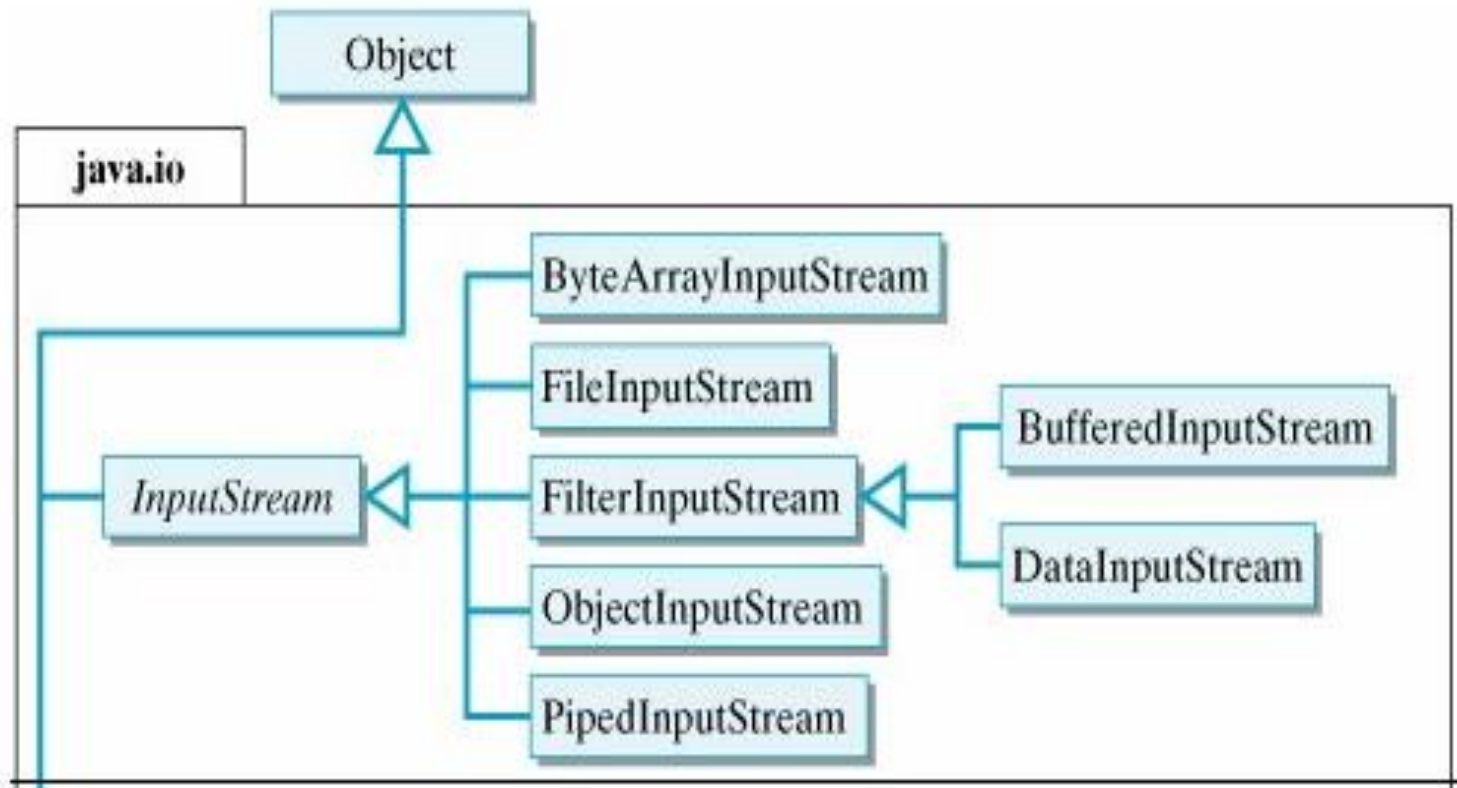
Character Streams

Byte Streams



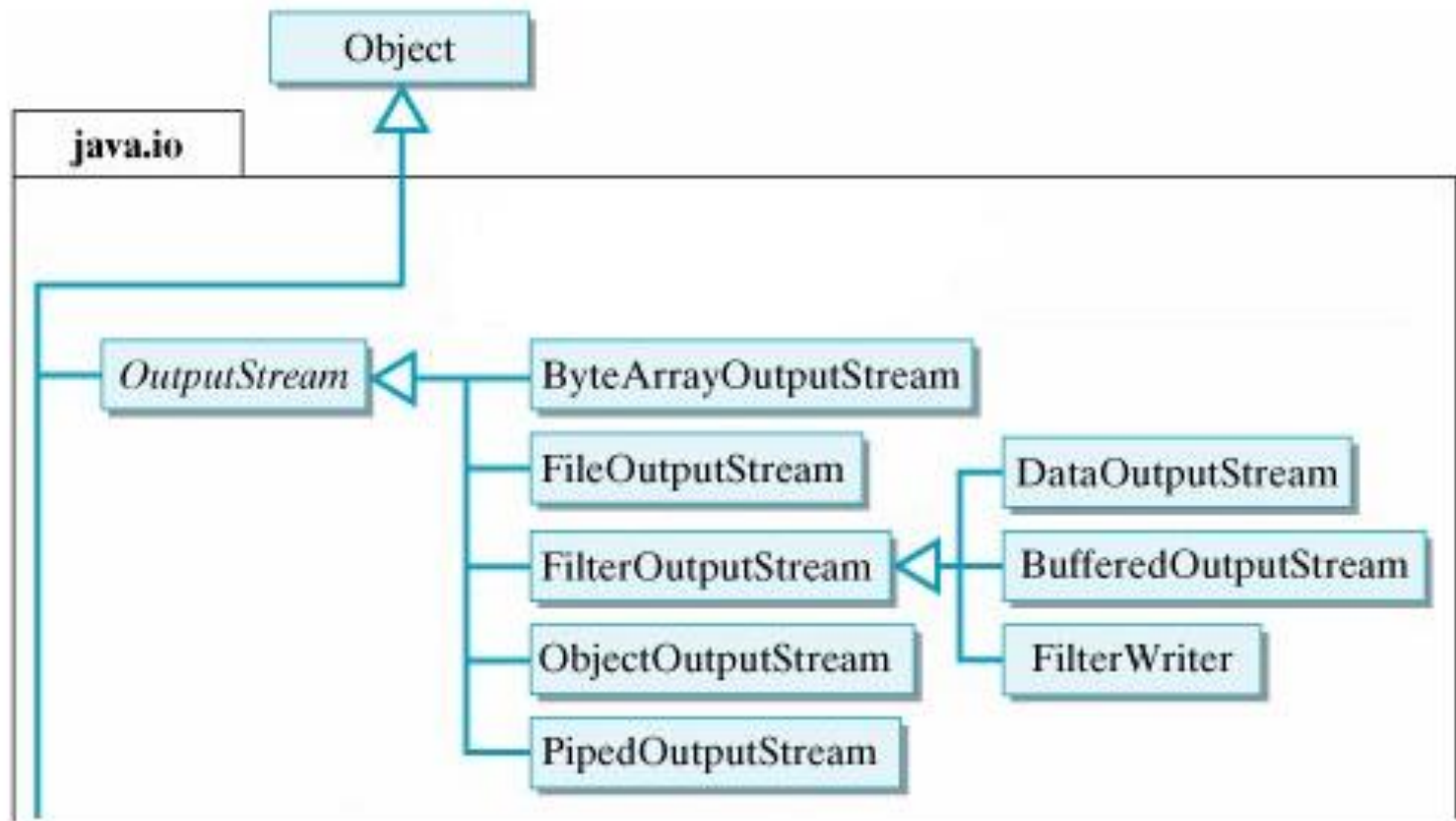
# Input Stream Classes

- Java's Input Stream hierarchy.
- ***InputStream*** is the abstract base class for all input stream classes.



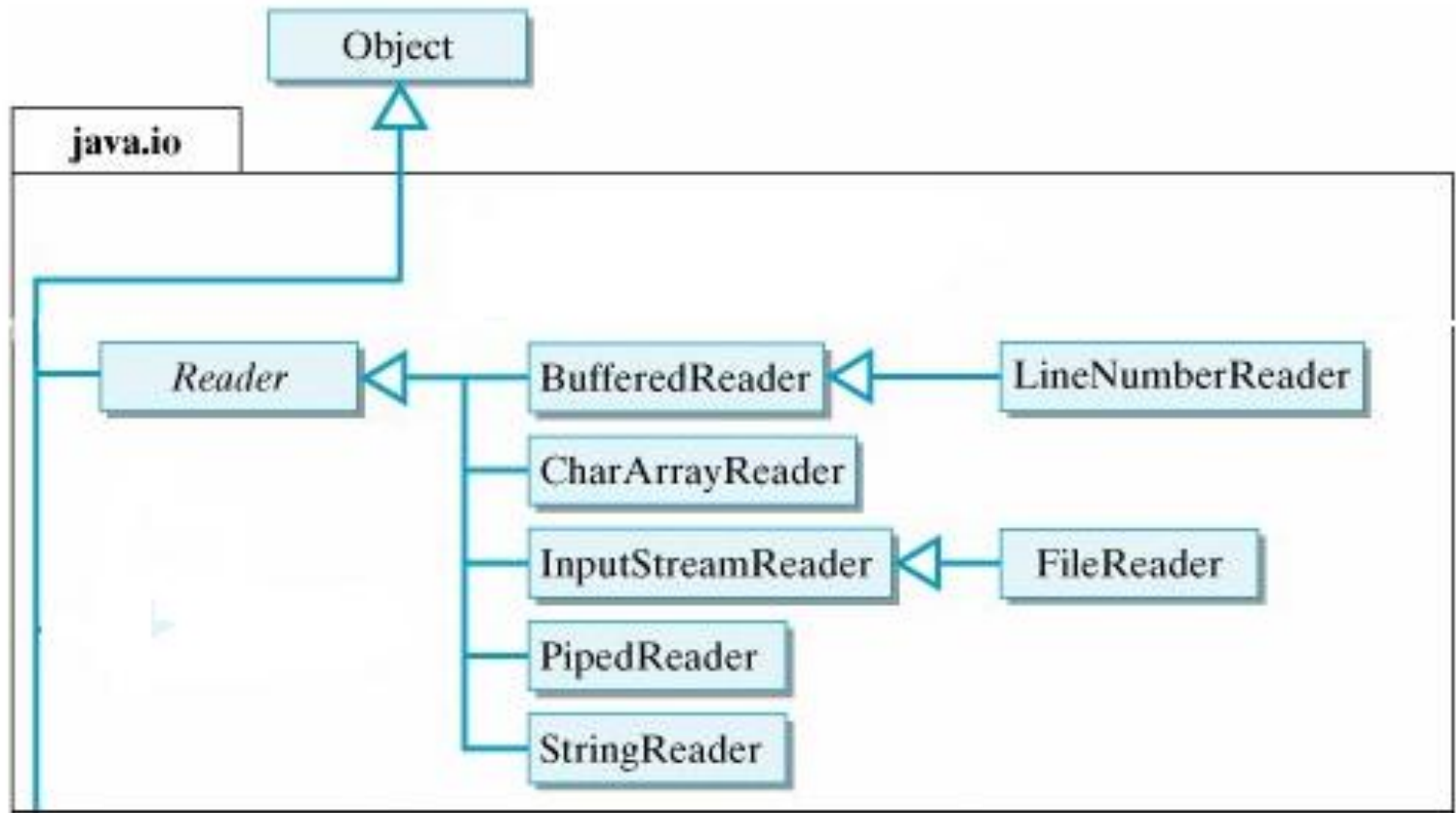
# Output Stream Classes

- Java's Output Stream hierarchy.
- **OutputStream** is the abstract base class for all output stream classes.



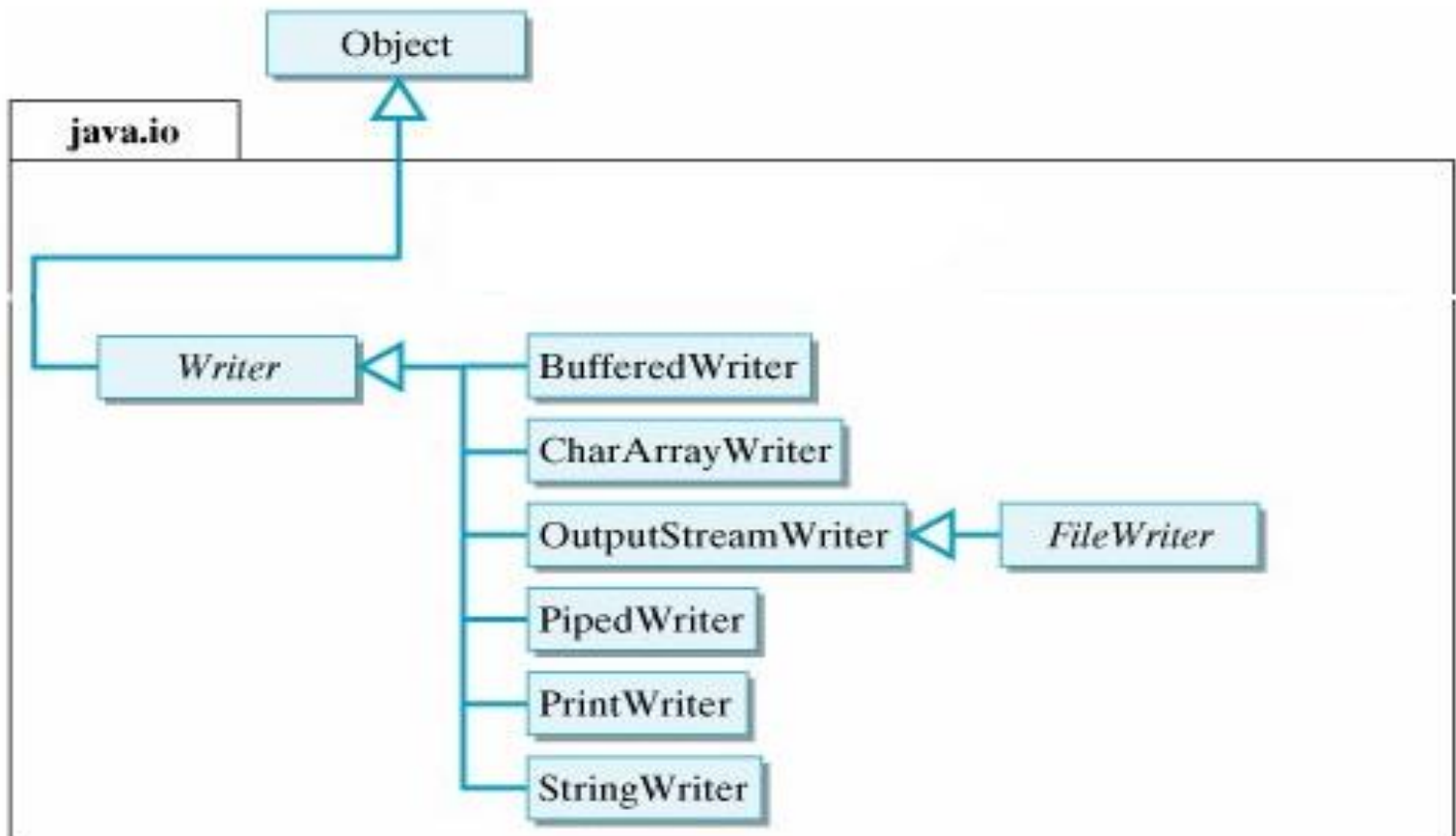
# Reader Classes

- Java's Reader class hierarchy.
- **Reader** is the abstract base class for all character stream reader classes.



# Writer Classes

- Java's Writer class hierarchy.
- **Writer** is the abstract base class for all character stream writer classes.



# InputStream Class

- InputStream is the abstract superclass for all input streams.
- It declares three basic methods needed to read bytes of data from a stream.
  - **abstract int read()**
  - **int read(byte[ ] b)**
  - **int read(byte[ ] b , int off , int len)**
- It also has methods for closing streams, checking how many bytes of data are available to be read etc...
  - **int available()**
  - **void close()**
  - **long skip(long n)**
  - **void mark(int readLimit)**

# OutputStream Class

- OutputStream is the abstract superclass for all output streams.
- It declares three basic methods needed to write bytes of data onto a stream.
  - **abstract void write(int data)**
  - **void write(byte[ ] data)**
  - **void write(byte[ ] data , int off , int len)**
- Subclasses provide implementation of the abstract write() method.
- It also has methods for closing and flushing streams.
  - **void flush()**
  - **long close()**

# Example

```
import java.io.*;
public class StreamPrinter {
    public static void main(String[ ] args) {
        try {
            while (true) {
                int data = System.in.read( );
                if (data == -1) break;
                System.out.write(data);
            }
        }
        catch (IOException ex) {
            System.out.println("Couldn't read from System.in!");
        }
    }
}
```



Using the  
InputStream  
to read



Using the  
OutputStream  
to write



# Need for Readers and Writers

Chiefly, learn to program effectively in the Java language.

Understand the Java software architecture, and the design decisions which make Java software portable, efficient, secure and robust.

Learn how to configure a simple Java development environment.

Know the grammar, data types and flow control constructs of the Java language for simple procedural programming.

Understand Java as a purely object-oriented language, and implement software as systems of classes.

Implement and use inheritance and polymorphism, including interfaces and abstract classes.

~~Design appropriate exception handling into Java methods, and use the logging~~

- To read or write to the above text file or any source or destination which requires characters, if a `InputStream` and `OutputStream` are used, **it reads and writes bytes of data.**
- Here we know that the data to be read or written is characters so dealing with bytes is inconvenient, since the bytes in turn needs to be converted to characters.
- For this purpose, we have Readers and Writers which read and write characters to a data source.

# Reader Class

- Reader is the abstract class for reading from character streams which forms the superclass for all character stream readers.
- It declares few basic methods needed to read character of data from a stream.
  - `int read()`
  - `int read(char[ ] c)`
  - `abstract int read(char[ ] c , int off , int len)`
- It also has methods for closing streams, checking if the stream is ready to use, reset etc..
  - `void close()`
  - `long skip(long n)`
  - `boolean ready()`
  - `void reset()`

# Writer Class

- Writer is the abstract class for writing to character streams which forms the superclass for all character stream writers.
- It declares few basic methods needed to write character of data to a stream.
  - **void write(int data)**
  - **void write(char[ ] data)**
  - **void write(char[ ] data , int off , int len)**
  - **void write(String str)**
  - **void write(String str , int off , int len)**
- It also has methods for closing and flushing streams.
  - **void flush()**
  - **long close()**

# Exercises

- Write a program to generate the ASCII table, and display the same on the console.
- Write a program to read a character from the console and display the same using the `System.out.println()`.

# Using the Data Sink Streams

Data sink streams read from or write to specialized data sinks such as memory, files, or pipes.

Sink Type	Character Streams	Byte Streams
<b>Memory</b>	CharArrayReader	ByteArrayInputStream,
	CharArrayWriter	ByteArrayOutputStream
	StringReader	StringBufferInputStream
	StringWriter	
<b>Pipe</b>	PipedReader	PipedInputStream
	PipedWriter	PipedOutputStream
<b>File</b>	FileReader	FileInputStream
	FileWriter	FileOutputStream

# File Class

- **File** class is used to write platform independent code to examine and manipulate files.
- File class instances represent file names (conceptualize files), not the physical files. The file corresponding to the file name might not even exist.
- If a file does not exist, it can be created by passing the File object to the constructor of some classes, such as FileWriter.
- If the file does exist, a program can examine its attributes and perform various operations on the file, such as renaming it, deleting it, or changing its permission.
- Has methods to
  - return a File object from a pathname string
  - test whether a file exists and its permission
  - test if it is a file or directory
  - delete the file
  - get File size, last modification date, etc.

# File Class

- Constructors
  - **File(String pathname)**

Creates a new File instance by converting the given pathname string into an abstract pathname.
- Methods
  - **boolean exists()**

Checks if the file or directory exists or not.
  - **boolean canRead()**

Checks whether the application can read the file.
  - **boolean canWrite()**

Checks whether the application can modify the file.
  - **boolean createNewFile()**

Creates a new, empty file if a file with this name does not exist.

# File Class

- **Methods**
  - **boolean delete()**

Deletes the file or directory.
  - **boolean isDirectory()**

Checks whether the file denoted is a directory.
  - **boolean isFile()**

Checks whether the file denoted is a normal file.
  - **String[ ] list()**

Returns an array of strings naming the files and directories in the directory.



# File Example

```
import java.io.*;

class FileDemo
{
    public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception
    {
        File file = new File("FileDemo.java");
        if(file.exists())
            System.out.println("The file exists...");
        else
        {
            System.out.println("The file does not exist, creating  
a new file...");
            file.createNewFile();
        }
        System.out.println("Absolute path of the file “  
+file.getAbsolutePath());
    }
}
```

# File Class

- File class has some useful methods for working with directories.
  - **boolean mkdir()**  
Creates the directory named by this abstract pathname.
  - **boolean mkdirs()**  
Creates the directory named by this abstract pathname, including any necessary but nonexistent parent.
  - **String[ ] list()**  
Returns an array of strings naming the files and directories in the directory denoted by this abstract pathname.
  - **File[ ] listFiles()**  
Returns an array of abstract pathnames denoting the files in the directory denoted by this abstract pathname.

See listing : **FileDemo1.java**

## Exercise

- Write a program which creates a directory and add a text file MyFile.txt to it and make the file read only.
- Write a program which lists all the directories and files under the C:\ drive.

# FileInputStream

- public class **FileInputStream** extends **InputStream**
  - A **FileInputStream** class is used by a program to read information from a file in bytes.
  - **FileInputStream** is meant for reading streams of raw bytes such as image data.
- Constructors
  - **FileInputStream(File file)**

Creates a **FileInputStream** by opening a connection to actual file named in the **File** object.
  - **FileInputStream(String name)**

Creates a **FileInputStream** by opening a connection to actual file named by the pathname.

# FileInputStream

- **Methods**
  - **int read()**

Reads a byte of data from this input stream.
  - **int read(byte[ ] b)**

Reads up to b.length bytes of data from this input stream into an array of bytes.
  - **void close()**

Closes this file input stream and releases any system resources associated with the stream.
  - **protected void finalize()**

Ensures that the close method of this file input stream is called when there are no more references to it.

# FileOutputStream

- public class **FileOutputStream** extends **OutputStream**
  - A **FileOutputStream** is an output stream for writing data to a **File**.
  - A **FileOutputStream** is meant for writing streams of raw bytes such as image data.
- Constructors
  - **FileOutputStream(File file)**
  - **FileOutputStream(File f, boolean append)**
  - **FileOutputStream(String name)**
  - **FileOutputStream(String name, boolean append)**

# FileOutputStream

- **Methods**
  - **void write(int i)**

Writes specified bytes to this FileOutputStream
  - **void write(byte[ ] b)**

Writes b.length bytes from the specified byte array to this FileOutputStream.
  - **void write(byte[ ] b, int off, int len)**

Writes len bytes from the specified byte array starting at offset off to this FileOutputStream.
  - **void close()**

Closes this FileOutputStream
  - **protected void finalize()**

Ensures that the close method of this FileOutputStream is called when there are no more references to it.

# Example

```
public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception
{
    File sourceFile = new File("MyText.txt");
    FileInputStream in = new FileInputStream(sourceFile);
    File targetFile = new File("NewText.txt");
    FileOutputStream out = new FileOutputStream(targetFile);
    for(int c = in.read() ; c != -1 ; c = in.read())
    {
        out.write(c);
    }
    in.close();
    out.close();
}
```



# FileReader

- public class **FileReader** extends `InputStreamReader`
  - Convenience class for reading character files.
  - `FileReader` is meant for reading streams of characters.
- Constructors
  - **`FileReader(File file)`**  
Creates a new `FileReader` for a given `File` to read from.
  - **`FileReader(String fileName)`**  
Creates a new `FileReader` for a given file name to read from.
- Methods
  - `FileReader` does not define any methods of its own, but inherits methods from `InputStreamReader` and `Reader` classes.

# FileWriter

- public class **FileWriter** extends OutputStreamWriter
  - Convenience class for writing character files.
  - FileWriter is meant for writing streams of characters.
- Constructors
  - **FileWriter(File file)**  
Creates a new FileWriter for a given File to read from.
  - **FileWriter(String fileName)**  
Creates a new FileReader for a given file name to read from.
  - **FileWriter(File file , boolean append)**
  - **FileWriter(String fileName , boolean append)**
- Methods
  - FileWriter does not define any methods of its own, but inherits methods from OutputStreamReader and Writer classes.

# FileReader Example

```
import java.io.*;
public class Copy {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws
        IOException {
        File inputFile = new
            File("farrago.txt");    //existing file
        File outputFile = new File("outagain.txt");
        FileReader in = new FileReader(inputFile);
        FileWriter out = new FileWriter(outputFile);
        int c;
        while ((c = in.read()) != -1)
            out.write(c);
        in.close();
        out.close();
    }
}
```

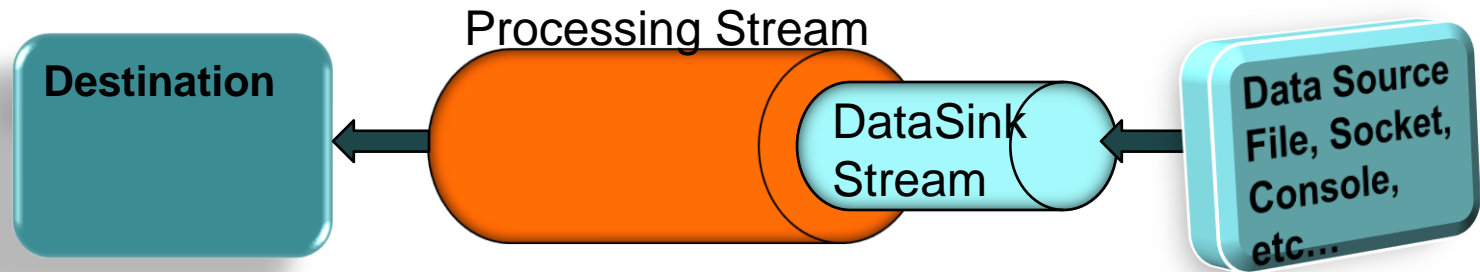
# Exercises

- Write a program to create a new file and write the ASCII table to the file and save it.
- Write a program to make a copy of a image file.

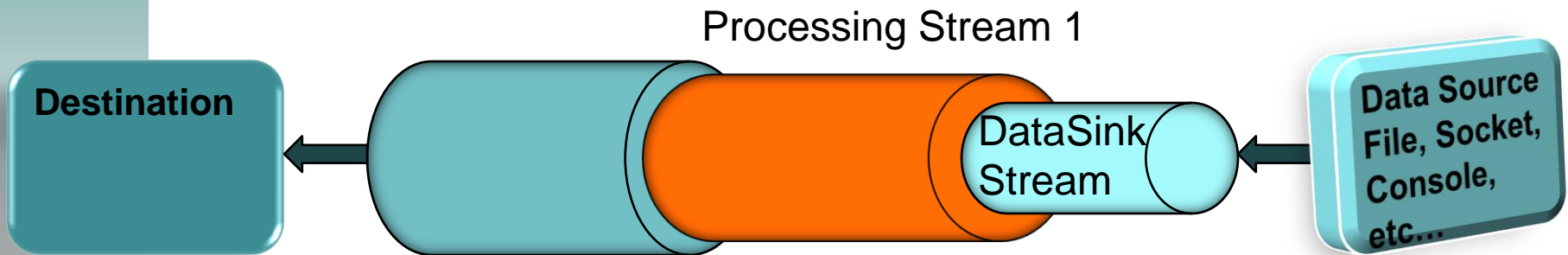
## Stream Chaining

- Processing streams do not have the ability to directly read or write from any data source.
- They depend on an underlying stream to supply it with bytes/characters.
- They are always used by attaching them on top of another stream.
- This process of attaching one stream over another is called Stream Chaining.

# Stream Chaining



Processing Stream 2



# Using the Processing Streams

- Processing streams perform some sort of operation, such as buffering or data conversion, as they read and write.

Process	CharacterStreams	Byte Streams
Buffering	BufferedReader	BufferedInputStream
	BufferedWriter	BufferedOutputStream
Filtering	FilterReader	FilterInputStream
	FilterWriter	FilterOutputStream
Peeking Ahead	PushbackReader	PushbackInputStream
Printing	PrintWriter	PrintStream

# FilterInputStream

- public class **FilterInputStream** extends InputStream
  - FilterInputStream is a concrete superclass for all input stream subclasses which somehow modify or manipulate data of an underlying stream.
  - A FilterInputStream contains some other input stream, which it uses to as its basic source of data, possibly to transform the data or for providing additional functionality.
  - The class FilterInputStream itself overrides all methods of InputStream class.
  - Some of the subclasses are,
    - **BufferedInputStream**
    - **CheckedInputStream**
    - **DataInputStream**
    - **PushbackInputStream**



# FilterOutputStream

- public class **FilterOutputStream** extends OutputStream
  - FilterOutputStream is a concrete superclass for all output stream subclasses which somehow modify or manipulate data of an underlying stream.
  - A FilterOutputStream sits on top of an already existing output stream, which it uses to as its basic source of data, possibly to transform the data or for providing additional functionality.
  - The class FilterOutputStream itself overrides all methods of OutputStream class.
  - Some of the subclasses are,
    - **BufferedOutputStream**
    - **CheckedOutputStream**
    - **DataOutputStream**
    - **PushbackOutputStream**

## Using Buffered Streams

- In unbuffered I/O, each read or write request is handled by the underlying OS. This operation is relatively expensive.
- To reduce the overhead, Java platform implements buffered I/O streams.
- Buffered input streams read data from a memory area known as buffer, the native input API is called only when the buffer is empty.
- Buffered output streams write data to buffer, and the native API is called when the buffer is full.

# BufferedInputStream

- `public class BufferedInputStream extends FilterInputStream`
  - A `BufferedInputStream` adds functionality to another input stream—namely, the ability to buffer the input and to support the *mark* and *reset* methods.
  - When the `BufferedInputStream` is created, an internal buffer array is created, as bytes from the stream are read or skipped, the internal buffer is refilled as necessary from the contained input stream, many bytes at a time.
  - The *mark* operation remembers a point in the input stream and the *reset* operation causes all the bytes read since the most recent mark operation to be reread before new bytes are taken from the contained input stream.

# BufferedInputStream

- Constructors
  - **BufferedInputStream(InputStream in)**
  - **BufferedInputStream(InputStream in , int size)**  
Creates a BufferedInputStream with specified buffer size.
- Some important methods
  - **int read()**  
Reads the next byte of data from the input stream.
  - **int read(byte[ ] b , int off , int len)**  
Reads bytes from this byte-input stream into the specified byte array, starting at the given offset.
  - **void reset()**  
Repositions this stream to the position at the time the mark method was last called on this input stream.
  - **void mark(int readLimit)**  
Marks the current position in this input stream.
  - **void close()**  
Closes this input stream and releases any system resources associated with the stream.

# BufferedOutputStream

- public class **BufferedOutputStream** extends **FilterOutputStream**
  - When the **BufferedOutputStream** is created, an internal buffer array is created, buffered output streams store data in an internal byte array until the buffer is full or the stream is flushed; then the data is written out to the underlying output stream in one swoop.
- Constructors
  - **BufferedOutputStream(OutputStream out)**
  - **BufferedOutputStream(OutputStream out, int size)**

Creates a **BufferedOutputStream** with specified buffer size.

# BufferedOutputStream

- Some important methods
  - **void write(int b)**

Writes the specified byte to this buffered output stream.
  - **void write(byte[] b , int off , int len)**

Writes len bytes from the specified byte array starting at offset off to this buffered output stream.
  - **void flush()**

Flushes this buffered output stream.

# Example

```
import java.io.*;
class BufferedStreamDemo {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
        int c = 0;
        File file1 = new File("Dream.jpg");
        File file2 = new File("MyDream.jpg");
        BufferedInputStream in = new BufferedInputStream(
                                new FileInputStream(file1));
        BufferedOutputStream out = new BufferedOutputStream(
                                new FileOutputStream(file2));

        while(c != -1)
        {
            c = in.read();
            out.write(c);
        }
        in.close();
        out.close();
    }
}
```

## Converting Streams

- A `InputStream` or `OutputStream` cannot be directly chained to a `Reader` or `Writer`, since Streams deal with bytes and `Reader/Writers` deal with characters.
- In order to chain a Stream to a `Reader` or `Writer`, a bridge from bytes streams to character streams is required.
- `InputStreamReader` or `OutputStreamWriter` act as bridge between byte streams and character streams.
- `InputStreamReader` extends from `Reader` and connects to a underlying `InputStream`
- `OutputStreamWriter` extends from `Writer` and connects to a underlying `OutputStream`



# Example

```
import java.io.*;

class InputStreamReaderDemo
{
    public static void main(String[ ] args) throws Exception
    {
        String str = null;
        BufferedReader reader = new BufferedReader(
                                new InputStreamReader(System.in));
        str = reader.readLine();
        System.out.println(str);
    }
}
```

## Exercise

- Write a program to copy a image file using File streams and Buffered streams , calculate the time taken in both the cases for the copy and display the same.
- Write a program to read a line from the console and send it to an output file.

# DataInputStream

- public class **DataStream** extends FilterInputStream implements DataInput
  - DataInputStream is a subclass of FilterInputStream and implements the DataInput interface.
  - The real purpose of DataInputStream is not the read raw bytes using the standard input stream methods, but to read and interpret multibyte data like ints, floats, doubles, and chars written using DataOutputStream.
- Constructors
  - DataStream(InputStream in)**  
Creates a DataInputStream that uses the specified underlying InputStream.

# DataInputStream

- Some important methods
  - **int read(byte[ ] b)**

Reads some number of bytes from the contained input stream and stores them into the buffer array b.
  - **boolean readBoolean()**

Reads one input byte and returns true if that byte is nonzero, false if that byte is zero.
  - **byte readByte()**

Reads and returns one input byte.
  - **char readChar()**

Reads an input char and returns the char value.
  - **double readDouble()**

Reads eight input bytes and returns a double value.
  - **int readInt()**

Reads four input bytes and returns an int value.
  - **String readLine()**

Reads the next line of text from the input stream.

# DataOutputStream

- public class **DataOutputStream** extends **FilterOutputStream** implements **DataOutput**
  - **DataOutputStream** is a subclass of **FilterOutputStream** and implements the **DataOutput** interface.
  - The real purpose of **DataOutputStream** is not to write raw bytes using the standard output stream methods, but a data output stream lets an application write primitive Java data types to an output stream in a portable way.
- **Constructors**
  - DataInputStream(InputStream in)**  
Creates a **DataInputStream** that uses the specified underlying **InputStream**.

# DataOutputStream

- Some important methods
  - **void write(int b)**  
Writes the specified byte to the underlying output stream.
  - **void writeBoolean(boolean v)**  
Writes a boolean to the underlying output stream as a 1-byte value.
  - **void writeByte(int v)**  
Writes out a byte to the underlying output stream as a 1-byte value.
  - **void writeChar(int v)**  
Writes a char to the underlying output stream as a 2-byte value, high byte first.
  - **void writeInt(int v)**  
Writes an int to the underlying output stream as four bytes, high byte first.
  - **void writeChars(String s)**  
Writes a string to the underlying output stream as a sequence of characters.

See listing : **DataStreamsDemo.java**

# StringReader

- public class **StringReader** extends Reader
  - StringReader is a subclass of Reader, it is a character stream whose source is a string.
  - A StringReader uses the methods of the Reader class to get characters from a string.
  - Since String objects are immutable, the data in the string may not be changed after the StringReader is constructed.
- Constructor
  - **StringReader(String s)**

# StringReader

- Some important methods
  - **void close()**  
Close the stream.
  - **void mark(int readAheadLimit)**  
Mark the present position in the stream.
  - **int read()**  
Read a single character.
  - **int read(char[ ] cbuf , int off , int len)**  
Read characters into a portion of an array.
  - **void reset()**  
Reset the stream to the most recent mark, or to the beginning of the string if it has never been marked.
  - **long skip(long ns)**  
Skips the specified number of characters in the stream.



# String Writer

- public class **StringWriter** extends Writer
  - StringWriter extends from the Writer class.
  - A StringWriter maintains an internal StringBuffer to which it appends characters.
  - This buffer can easily be converted to a string as necessary.
- Constructors
  - **StringWriter()**
  - **StringWriter(int intialSize)**
    - Create a new string writer, using the specified initial string-buffer size.

# String Writer

- Some important methods
  - `StringWriter append(char ch)`  
Appends the specified character to this writer.
  - `StringBuffer getBuffer()`  
Returns the internally used string buffer.
  - `String toString()`  
Return the buffer's current value as a string.
  - `void write(int c)`  
Write a single character.
  - `void write(String str)`  
Write a string.

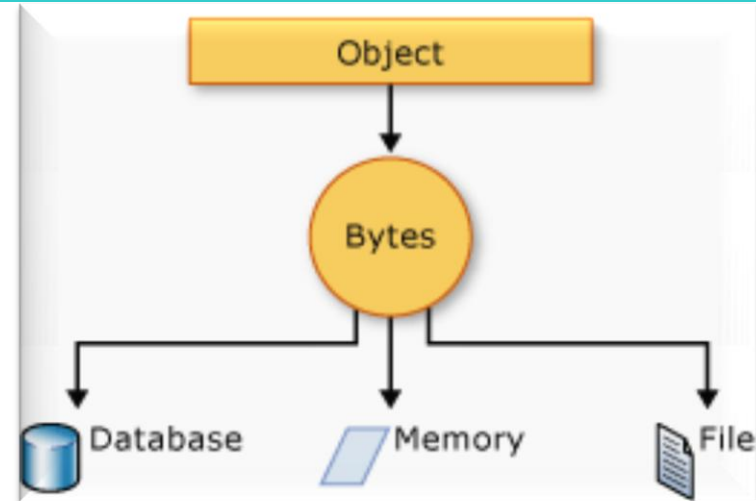
See listing : **StringWriterDemo.java**

# Object Serialization

**Serialization of an object just means writing the values of all its data fields into a stream of bytes.**

- **Need for Serialization**

- Serialization in Java was first developed for use in RMI.
- RMI allows an object in one virtual machine to invoke methods in an object in another virtual machine, which make be another computer in the network.
- This requires a way to convert those arguments and return values to and from byte streams. It's a trivial task for primitive data types, but this should be achieved for objects as well.
- It may be necessary to persist an object, wherein the object is written to disk.
- This is achieved using object serialization.



# Serializable interface

- The serializability of a class is enabled by the class implementing `java.io.Serializable` interface  
Classes that do not implement this interface will not have any of their state serialized or deserialized
- Serializable is a marker interface, that is, it has no methods or fields and serves only to indicate that a class may be serialized.
- All subtypes of a serializable class are themselves serializable.
- A class can be serialized by using the `ObjectOutputStream` class.
- A class can be deserialized by using the `ObjectInputStream`.

```
class MyClass implements  
Serializable  
{  
  
}
```

## Nonserializable references

- A common problem that prevents a serializable class from being serialized is that its *graph* contains objects that do not implement Serializable.
- The *graph* of an object is the collection of all objects that the object holds references to, and all the objects those objects hold references to, and all the objects those objects hold references to, and so on, until there are no more connected objects that haven't appeared in the collection.
- For an object to be serialized, all the objects it holds references to must also be serializable, and all the objects they hold references to must be serializable, and so on.

# ObjectOutputStream

- public class **ObjectOutputStream** extends `OutputStream` implements `ObjectOutput`, `ObjectStreamConstants`
  - Objects are serialized by using the `ObjectOutputStream`.
  - An `ObjectOutputStream` writes primitive data types and graphs of Java objects to an `OutputStream`.
  - The objects can be reconstituted using a `ObjectInputStream`.
  - Persistent storage of objects can be accomplished by using a file for the stream. If the stream is a network socket stream, the objects can be reconstituted on another host or in another process.
  - The class of each serializable object is encoded including the class name and signature of the class, the values of the object's fields and arrays, and the closure of any other objects referenced from the initial objects.

# ObjectOutputStream

- Constructors
  - **protected ObjectOutputStream()**
  - **ObjectOutputStream(OutputStream out)**

Creates an ObjectOutputStream that writes to the specified OutputStream.
- Some important methods
  - **void writeObject(Object obj)**

The writeObject method is responsible for writing the state of the object for its particular class so that the corresponding readObject method can restore it.

# ObjectInputStream

- public class **ObjectInputStream** extends `InputStream` implements `ObjectInput` , `ObjectStreamsConstants`
  - Objects are deserialized by using the `ObjectInputStream`.
  - An `ObjectInputStream` deserializes primitive data and objects previously written using an `ObjectOutputStream`.
  - `ObjectInputStream` is used to recover those objects previously serialized.
  - Other uses include passing objects between hosts using a socket stream or for marshaling and unmarshaling arguments and parameters in a remote communication system.



# ObjectInputStream

- Constructors
  - **protected ObjectInputStream()**
  - **ObjectInputStream(InputStream in)**

Creates an ObjectInputStream that reads from the specified InputStream.
- Some important methods
  - **Object readObject()**

The readObject method is responsible for reading and restoring the state of the object for its particular class using data written to the stream by the corresponding writeObject method.

See listing : **ObjectStreamDemo.java**

## Exercise

- Write a class `GameInfo` with data members, `int points` and `double time`.
- Write a class `Game` with an instance of `GameInfo` and methods

`Play()` , set some arbitrary value to `points` and `time` of `GameInfo` object.

`saveGame()`, which saves the `GameInfo` object state to a file.

`restoreGame()` which reads object state from a file and displays the same.

# Question time



Please try to limit the questions to the topics discussed during the session.

Participants are encouraged to discuss other issues during the breaks.

Thank you.