

## RandomAccessFile

- \* RandomAccessFile encapsulates a random-access file. It is not derived from InputStream or OutputStream.
- \* RandomAccessFile is special because it supports positioning requests i.e. you can position the file pointer within the file.

\* It has two constructors:

→ RandomAccessFile (String filename, String access)

→ throws FileNotFoundException.

→ RandomAccessFile (File fileobj, String access)  
throws FileNotFoundException.

\* In the second form, fileobj specifies the name of the file to open as a File object.

\* In the first form, the name of the file is passed in filename.

→ In ~~both~~ both the cases, access determines what type of file access is permitted.

Eg: "r" → file can be read but not written.

"rw" → file is opened in read-write mode.

"rws" → the file is opened for read-write operations & every change to the file's data or

metadata will be immediately written to the physical device.

"sync" → the file is opened for read-write operations & every change to the file's data will be ~~file~~ immediately written to the physical device.

\* The method `seek()`, is used to set the current position of the file pointer within the file:

`void seek (long newpos) throws IOException`

\* The method `setLength()`, which has its signature has:

`void setLength (long len) throws IOException.`  
sets the length of the existing file to that specified by `len`.