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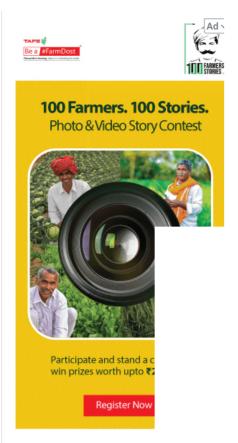
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File Handling through C++ Classes

In C++, files are mainly dealt by using three classes fstream, ifstream, ofstream available in fstream headerfile.

ofstream: Stream class to write on files **ifstream:** Stream class to read from files

fstream: Stream class to both read and write from/to files.

<sstream> <istream> <ios> <fstream> <iostream> istringstream ios base istream ifstream iostream stringstream fstream ios ostream ostringstream ofstream <ostream> cout, cerr, clog stringbuf ostream filebuf <streambuf> ÐG

Now the first step to open the particular file for read or write operation. We can open file by 1. passing file name in constructor at the time of object creation

2. using the open method

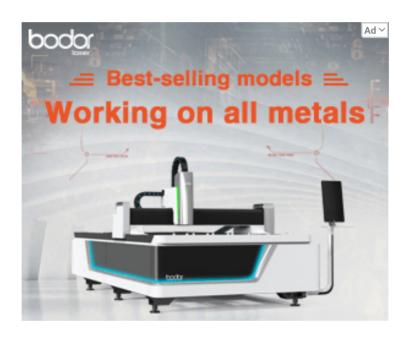
For e.g.

Open File by using constructor

ifstream (const char* filename, ios_base::openmode mode = ios_base::in);
ifstream fin(filename, openmode) by default openmode = ios::in
ifstream fin("filename");

Open File by using open method

Calling of default constructor ifstream fin;



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fin.open(filename, openmode)
fin.open("filename");

Modes:

MEMBER CONSTANT	STANDS FOR	ACCESS
in *	input	File open for reading: the internal stream buffer supports input operations.
out	output	File open for writing: the internal stream buffer supports output operations.

binary	binary	Operations are performed in binary mode rather than text.
ate	at end	The output position starts at the end of the file.
арр	ap- pend	All output operations happen at the end of the file, appending to its existing contents.
trunc	trun- cate	Any contents that existed in the file before it is open are discarded.

Default Open Modes:

ifstream	ios::in
ofstream	ios::out
fstream	ios::in ios::out

Problem Statement: To read and write a File in C++.

Examples:

Input:

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Output:

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Below is the implementation by using **ifsream & ofstream classes**.

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```
/* To write the Content in File*/
/* Then to read the content of file*/
#include <iostream>
/* fstream header file for ifstream, ofstream,
 fstream classes */
#include <fstream>
using namespace std;
// Driver Code
int main()
{
    // Creation of ofstream class object
    ofstream fout;
    string line;
    // by default ios::out mode, automatically deletes
    // the content of file. To append the content, open in ios:app
    // fout.open("sample.txt", ios::app)
    fout.open("sample.txt");
    // Execute a loop If file successfully opened
    while (fout) {
         // Read a Line from standard input
         getline(cin, line);
        // Press -1 to exit
         if (line == "-1")
            break;
        // Write line in file
        fout << line << endl;
    }
    // Close the File
    fout.close();
    // Creation of ifstream class object to read the file
    ifstream fin:
    // by default open mode = ios::in mode
    fin.open("sample.txt");
    // Execute a loop until EOF (End of File)
    while (fin) {
        // Read a Line from File
         getline(fin, line);
        // Print line in Console
         cout << line << endl;</pre>
    }
    // Close the file
```

/* File Handling with C++ using ifstream & ofstream class object*/

Below is the implementation by using **fstream class**.

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```
\square /* File Handling with C++ using fstream class object */
  /* To write the Content in File */
  /* Then to read the content of file*/
  #include <iostream>
   /* fstream header file for ifstream, ofstream,
     fstream classes */
   #include <fstream>
   using namespace std;
   // Driver Code
   int main()
   {
       // Creation of fstream class object
       fstream fio;
       string line;
       // by default openmode = ios::in|ios::out mode
       // Automatically overwrites the content of file, To append
       // the content, open in ios:app
       // fio.open("sample.txt", ios::in|ios::out|ios::app)
       // ios::trunc mode delete all conetent before open
       fio.open("sample.txt", ios::trunc | ios::out | ios::in);
       // Execute a loop If file successfully Opened
       while (fio) {
           // Read a Line from standard input
           getline(cin, line);
           // Press -1 to exit
           if (line == "-1")
               break:
           // Write line in file
           fio << line << endl;</pre>
       }
       // Execute a loop untill EOF (End of File)
       // point read pointer at beginning of file
       fio.seekg(0, ios::beg);
       while (fio) {
           // Read a Line from File
           getline(fio, line);
           // Print line in Console
           cout << line << endl;</pre>
       }
       // Close the file
       fio.close();
       return 0;
   }
```

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