

LAB ASSIGNMENT NO – 10

Aim: Write a program in Node JS to

- a. Create a file
- b. Read the data from file
- c. Write the data to a file
- d. Rename a file
- e. Append data to a file
- f. Delete a file

Theory:

Node.js fs (File System) module provides an API for interacting with the file system. One of the features it offers is file streams, which allow you to read from or write to files in a more efficient and scalable manner, especially when dealing with large files or data.

1. Creating a File:

To create a file, you can use the `fs.createWriteStream()` method and simply open the file for writing. If the file does not exist, it will be created.

```
const fs = require('fs');  
  
const filePath = 'example.txt';  
  
const writeStream = fs.createWriteStream(filePath);  
  
writeStream.end(() => {  
  console.log('File created successfully.');
```

```
});  
  
writeStream.on('error', (err) => {  
  console.error('Error creating the file:', err);  
});
```

2. Reading from a File:

To read data from a file, you can use the `fs.createReadStream()` method and listen for the data event to receive chunks of data.

```
const fs = require('fs');
```

```
const filePath = 'example.txt';
const readStream = fs.createReadStream(filePath, 'utf8');
readStream.on('data', (chunk) => {
  console.log('Received chunk of data:', chunk);
});
readStream.on('end', () => {
  console.log('Finished reading the file.');
```

3. Writing to a File:

To write data to a file, you can use the write method on a writable stream. Data can be written in chunks.

```
const fs = require('fs');
const filePath = 'example.txt';
const writeStream = fs.createWriteStream(filePath, 'utf8');
writeStream.write('Writing the first chunk of data.\n');
writeStream.write('Writing another chunk of data.\n');
writeStream.end(() => {
  console.log('Finished writing to the file.');
```

4. Renaming a File:

To rename a file, you can use the fs.rename() method.

```
const fs = require('fs')
```

```
const oldFilePath = 'example.txt';
const newFilePath = 'new_example.txt';
fs.rename(oldFilePath, newFilePath, (err) => {
  if (err) throw err;
  console.log('File renamed successfully.');
```

});

5. Appending Data to a File:

To append data to a file, you can use the `fs.appendFile()` method.

```
const fs = require('fs');
const filePath = 'example.txt';
const dataToAppend = 'This data will be appended.';
fs.appendFile(filePath, dataToAppend, (err) => {
  if (err) throw err;
  console.log('Data appended to the file.');
```

});

6. Deleting a File:

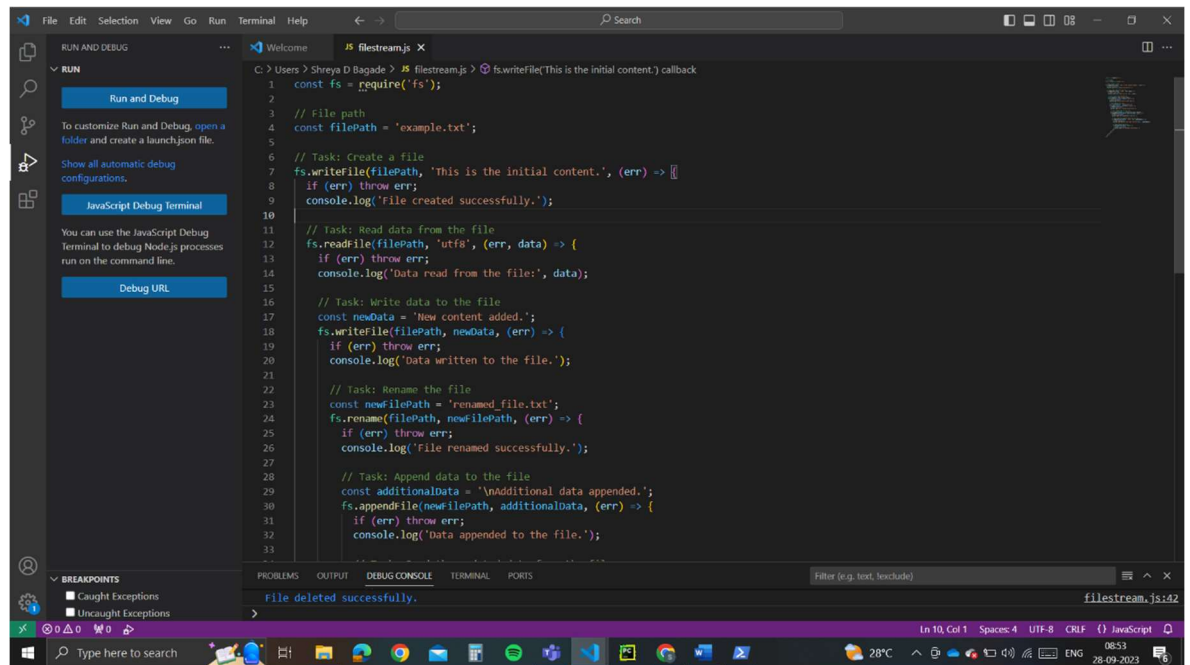
To delete a file, you can use the `fs.unlink()` method.

```
const fs = require('fs');
const filePath = 'example.txt';
fs.unlink(filePath, (err) => {
  if (err) throw err;
  console.log('File deleted successfully.');
```

});

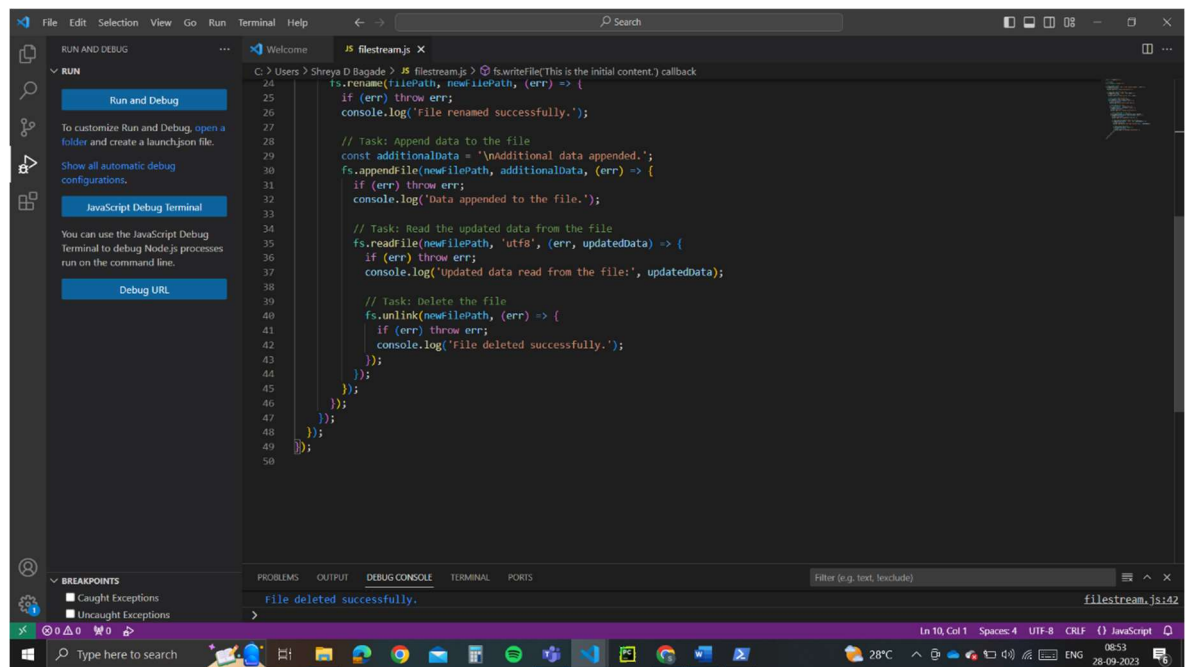
Conclusion: The Node.js filestream experiment showcased the power of asynchronous I/O operations for file handling. Leveraging streams for reading, writing, appending, and manipulating files provides efficient handling of data, especially for large files. The experiment demonstrated that file streams are crucial tools for modern web applications, offering scalability and improved performance.

Code:



```
1  const fs = require('fs');
2
3  // File path
4  const filePath = 'example.txt';
5
6  // Task: Create a file
7  fs.writeFile(filePath, 'This is the initial content.', (err) => {
8    if (err) throw err;
9    console.log('File created successfully.');
```

filestream.js:142



```
24  fs.rename(filePath, newFilePath, (err) => {
25    if (err) throw err;
26    console.log('File renamed successfully.');
```

filestream.js:142

The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code editor with a file named `filestream.js` open. The code in the editor includes tasks for creating, renaming, appending, reading, and deleting a file. The `DEBUG CONSOLE` at the bottom displays the output of the program, showing the sequence of operations and their successful completion. The `PROBLEMS` and `OUTPUT` panels are also visible.

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PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PORTS

C:\Program Files\nodejs\node.exe .\filestream.js

File created successfully.
Data read from the file: This is the initial content.
Data written to the file.
File renamed successfully.
Data appended to the file.
Updated data read from the file: New content added.
Additional data appended.
File deleted successfully.

This screenshot is similar to the one above, showing the same `filestream.js` file and its execution output. The `DEBUG CONSOLE` shows the same sequence of operations. The `PROBLEMS` and `OUTPUT` panels are also visible. The status bar at the bottom indicates the file is in UTF-8 encoding and is a JavaScript file.

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Lab Outcome : LO-6: Construct back end applications using Node.js/Express.