

Python

File Handling

Chapter 19



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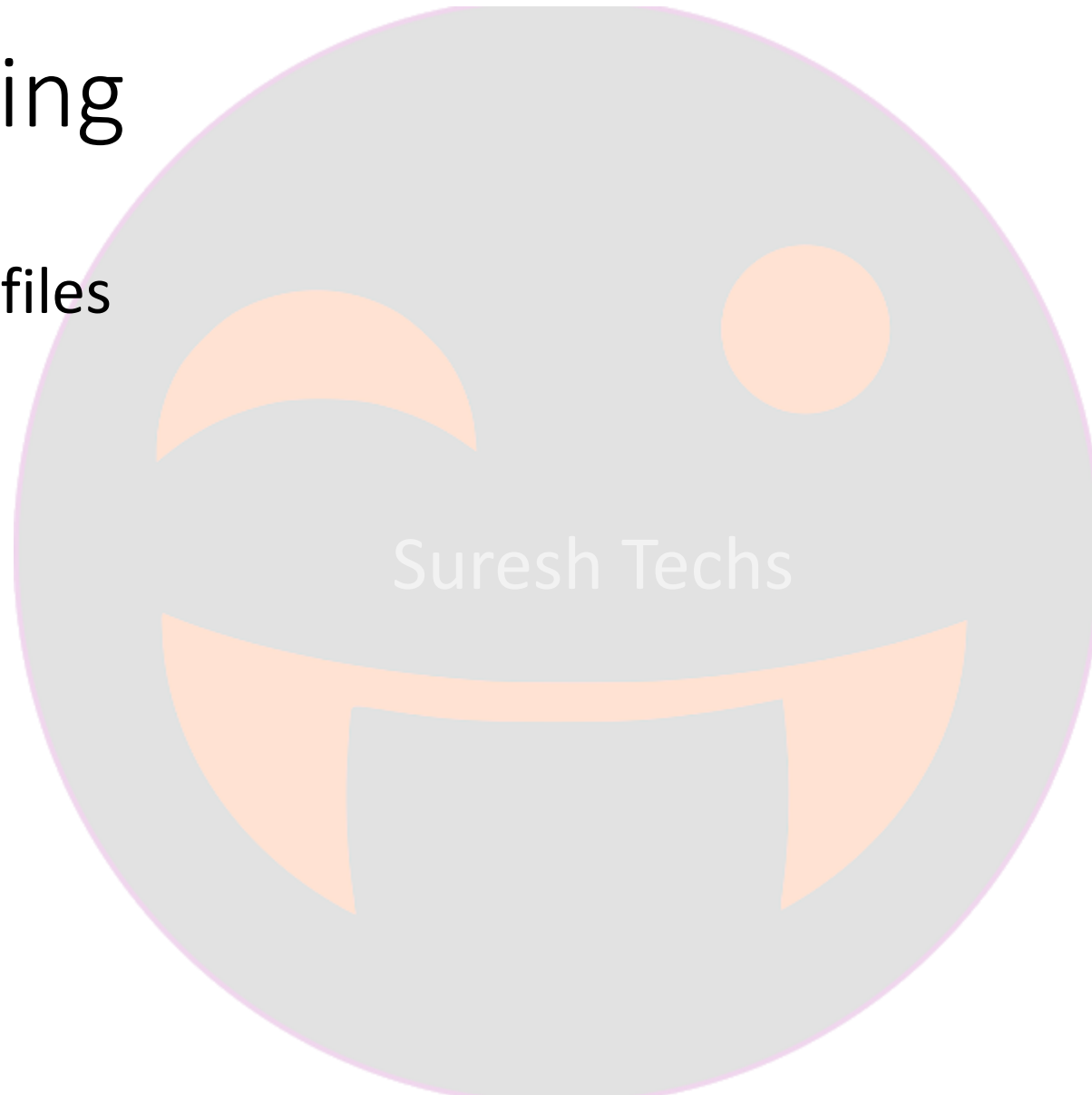
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File Handling

- Working with files



Access modes

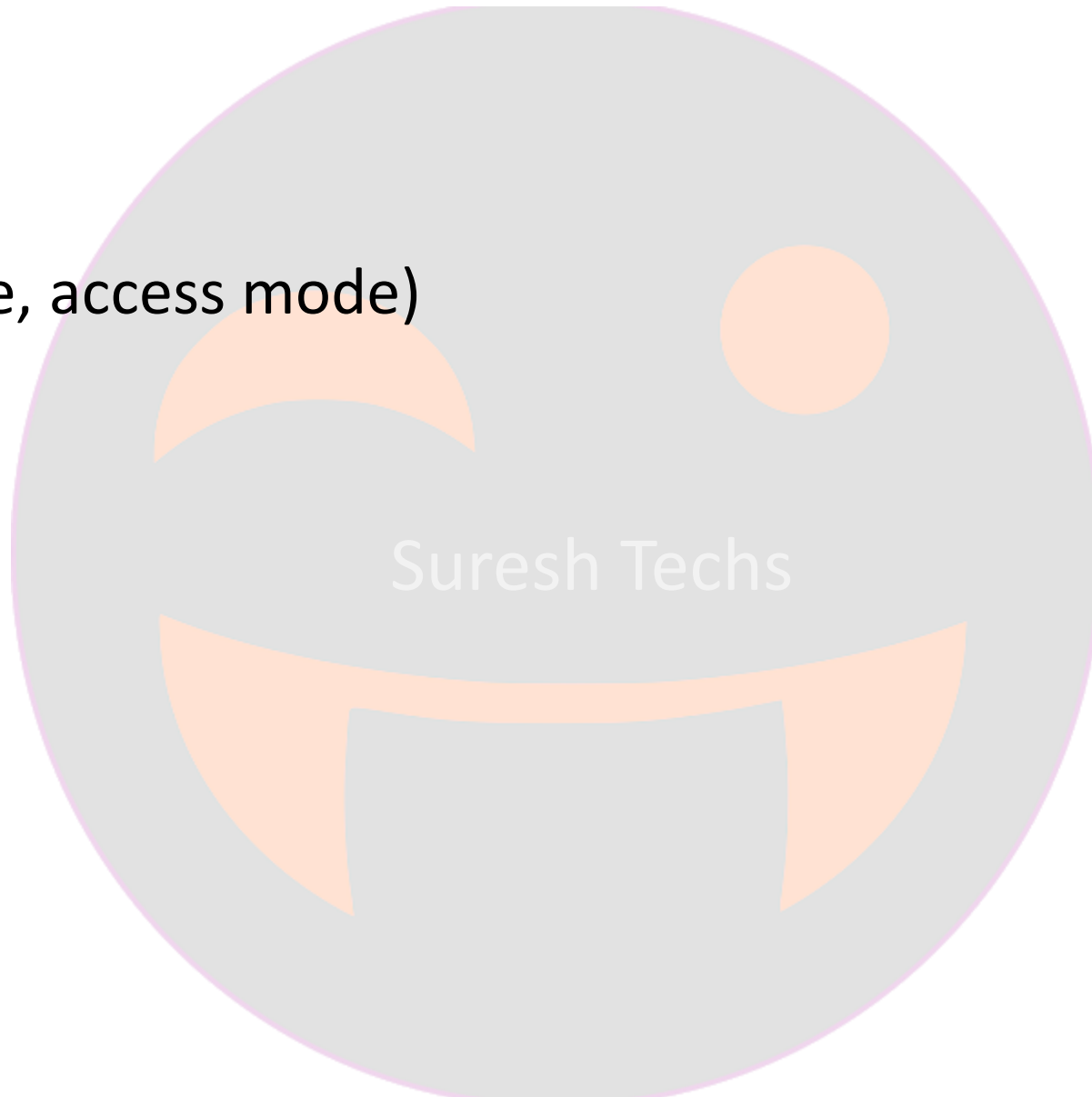
- Types of operations
- Read only(r)
- Write only(w)
- Read and Write(r+)
- Write and Read(w+)
- Append only(a)
- Append and Read(a+)



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Open file

- `open(filename, access mode)`



Read only(r)

- Opens the file for reading, cursor is positioned at the beginning of the file, if the file doesn't exist, raises FileNotFoundError
- `open('filename','r')`

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Write only(w)

- Opens the file for writing. For existing file the data is truncated and overwritten. Cursor is placed at the beginning of the file
- Creates the file if the file doesn't exist
- Writing to file:
 - `write(data)` – Inserts the data in a single line
 - `writelines()` – Used to insert multiple strings at a time

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Read and write(r+)

- Opens the file for reading and writing. Cursor is placed at the beginning of the file. Raises I/O Error if the file doesn't exist
- Reading from file
 - read() – reads entire file
 - readline(n) – reads a line of the file. Reads at most specified(n) bytes of data. Does not read more than one line
 - readlines() – reads all the lines and return them as each line a string element in a list

Write and Read(w+)

- Opens the file for reading and writing. For existing file data is truncated and overwritten. Cursor is placed at the beginning of the file

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Append only(a)

- Opens the file for writing. The file is created if it doesn't exist.
- Cursor is placed at the end of the file
- The data being written will be inserted at the end, after the existing code

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Append and read(a+)

- Open the file for reading and writing. The file is created if it doesn't exist
- Cursor is placed at the end of the file
- The data being written will be inserted at the end, after the existing code

Closing a file

- Closes the file and frees the memory space acquired by that file
- We can even close file if it is to be opened in a different mode

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With statement

- To write cleaner code
- No need to call `file.close()`, with statement will take care of it
- It ensures proper acquisition and release of resources
- Syntax:

```
with open('sureshtechs.txt','r') as file:  
    print(file.read())
```



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