

I/O Operations

Agenda

- 1 Console Operations
- **File Operations**

Objectives

At the end of this module, you will be able to:

- Understand Console operations
- Understand File operations

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Reading Console Input - Stream Wrapping

- The preferred method of reading console input in Java 2 is to use a character stream
- InputStreamReader class acts as a bridge between byte and character streams
- Console input is accomplished by reading from System.in
- To get a character-based stream, you wrap *System.in* in a BufferedReader object

Reading Console Input - Stream Wrapping

- The **BufferedReader** class supports a buffered input stream. Its most commonly used constructor is shown as follows:
- BufferedReader(Reader inputReader)
- Here *inputReader* is the stream that is linked to the instance of **BufferedReader** that is being created. **Reader** is an abstract class. One of its concrete subclasses is **InputStreamReader**, which converts bytes to characters. To obtain an **InputStreamReader** object that is linked to **System.in**, use the following constructor:
- InputStreamReader(InputStream inputStream)

Reading Console Input - Stream Wrapping

Because **System.in** refers to an object of type **InputStream**, it can be used for *inputStream*. Putting it all together, the following line of code creates a **BufferedReader** that is connected to the keyboard, and which in turn enables character input from a byte stream InputStream that is System.in).

BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(System.in));

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Reading Characters

```
package m10.io;
import java.io.*;
public class BRRead{
  public static void main (String args[]) throws IOException {
       char c;
       BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader(new
                       InputStreamReader(System.in));
       System.out.println("Enter Characters, 'q' to quit");
       do {
                    c = (char) br.read();
                  System.out.println( c );
        }while (c != 'a');
                                      Refer documentation for
                                        BufferedReader and
                                        InputStreamReader
```

Reading Characters

- int read() throws IOException
- Whenever the **read() method** is called, it reads a character from the input stream and returns an integer value. If the end of the stream is encountered, -1 is returned.

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Reading Strings

```
package m10.io;
import java.io.*;
public class BRReadLine{
  public static void main (String args[]) throws IOException {
       String str;
       BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader(new
                       InputStreamReader(System.in));
       System.out.println("Enter Characters, 'stop' to quit");
               do {
                   str = br.readLine();
                 System.out.println ( str );
       }while (!str.equals( "stop"));
```

The above program reads and displays lines of text until you enter the word "stop".

Writing Console Output

- print() and println() are console output methods defined in PrintStream class
- System.out is a byte stream used to write bytes







Reading & Writing to File using FileReader & FileWriter

The **File** class is a convenience class for writing character files. The **File** class deals directly with files and the file system. The **File** class does not specify how information is retrieved from, or stored in files, it describes the properties of a file itself. A **File** object is used to obtain or manipulate information associated with a disk file, such as the permissions, time, date and directory path.

```
public int read() throws <u>IOException (Read a single character)</u>
public int read(char[] cbuf, int off, int len) throws <u>IOException</u>
public void write(int c) throws IOException (Write a single character)
```

Reading & Writing to File using FileReader & FileWriter

```
package m10.io;
import java.io.*;
public class Copy {
public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {
            File inputFile = new File("Source.txt");
            File outputFile = new File("Target.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();
```

Refer documentation for FileReader and FileWriter

Copy image

```
import java.io.*;
class CopyFile{
      public static void main(String args[]) throws IOException{
      int i;
      FileInputStream fin;
      FileOutputStream fout;
      try{
        fin = new FileInputStream(args[0]);
      catch (FileNotFoundException e) {
        System.out.println("File Not Found");
        return;
                  Why can't we use FileReader and FileWriter here?
```

Copy image (Contd.).

```
try{
    fout = new FileOutputStream(args[1]);
catch(IOException e) {
      System.out.println("Error Opening Output File");
      return;
try{
    do {
         i=fin.read();
         if(i!=-1)
         fout.write(i);
     } while (i!=-1);
catch (IOException e) {
     System.out.println("File Error");
fin.close();
fout.close();
                              Sensitivity: Internal & Restricted
```

Copy image (Contd.).

- To run this program
- C:\java CopyFile source.bmp dest.bmp
- It will copy image from source.bmp to dest.bmp





Thank You

