

Persistence

An Introduction to XML and Serialization

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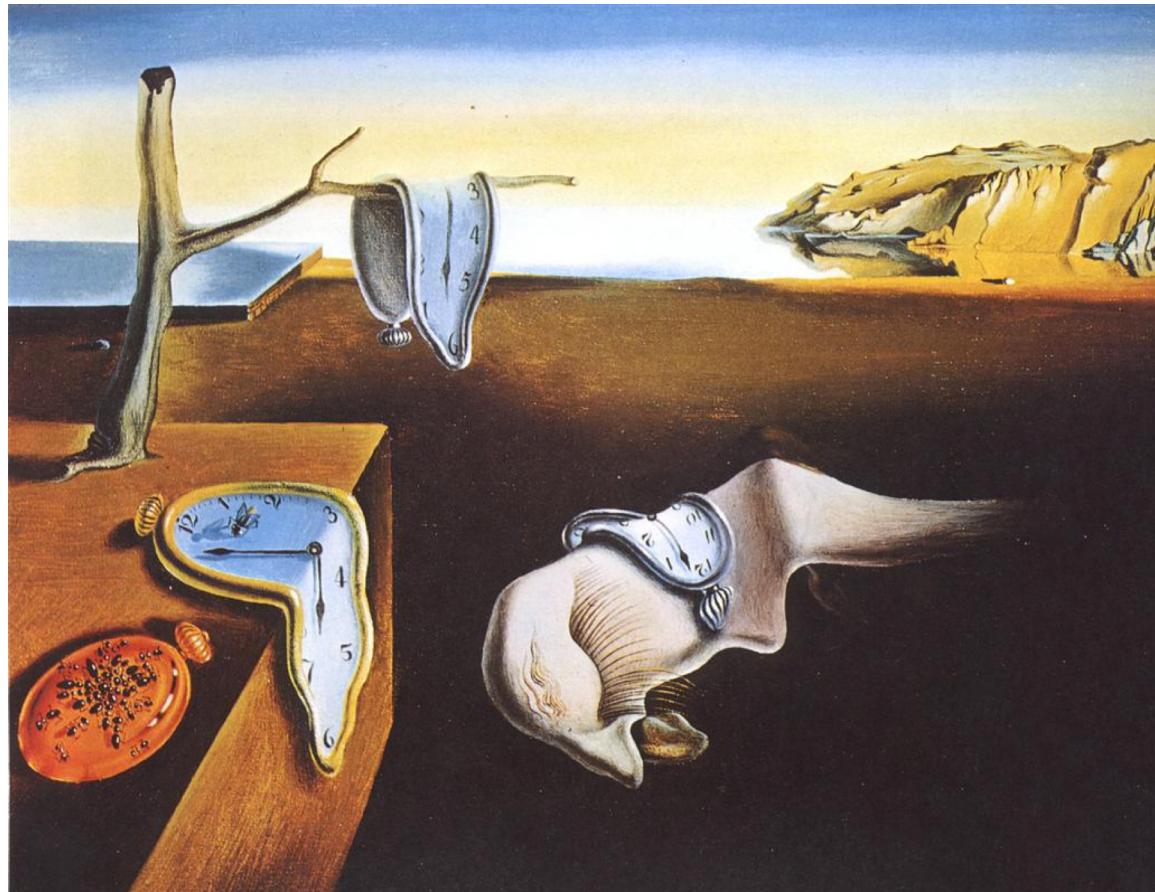


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Persistence

“the continued existence of something”



Dali – “Persistence of memory”

Persistence – lack of (volatility - volatile)



Persistence - Topic List

1. Introduction to **XML**:

- XML versus HTML
- Example of XML
- XML does not “do” anything

2. Object **Serialization**.

XML versus HTML

- XML was designed to **describe data**,
 - focus on **what** the data is.
- XML is about carrying information.

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XML versus HTML

- HTML was designed to **display data**,
 - focus on **how** the data **looks**.
- HTML is about displaying information.

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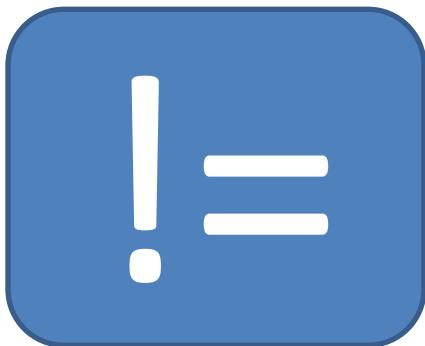
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    <title>My First Web Page</title>
  </head>

  <body>
    <h1>My First Web Page</h1>
    <p><b>Hello World Wide Web!</b></p>
    <p><i>Hello World Wide Web!</i></p>
    <p><u>Hello World Wide Web!</u></p>
    <p>This is my first web page.</p>
    <p>HTML tags can give <b><i>various</i></b>
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XML is NOT a replacement for HTML

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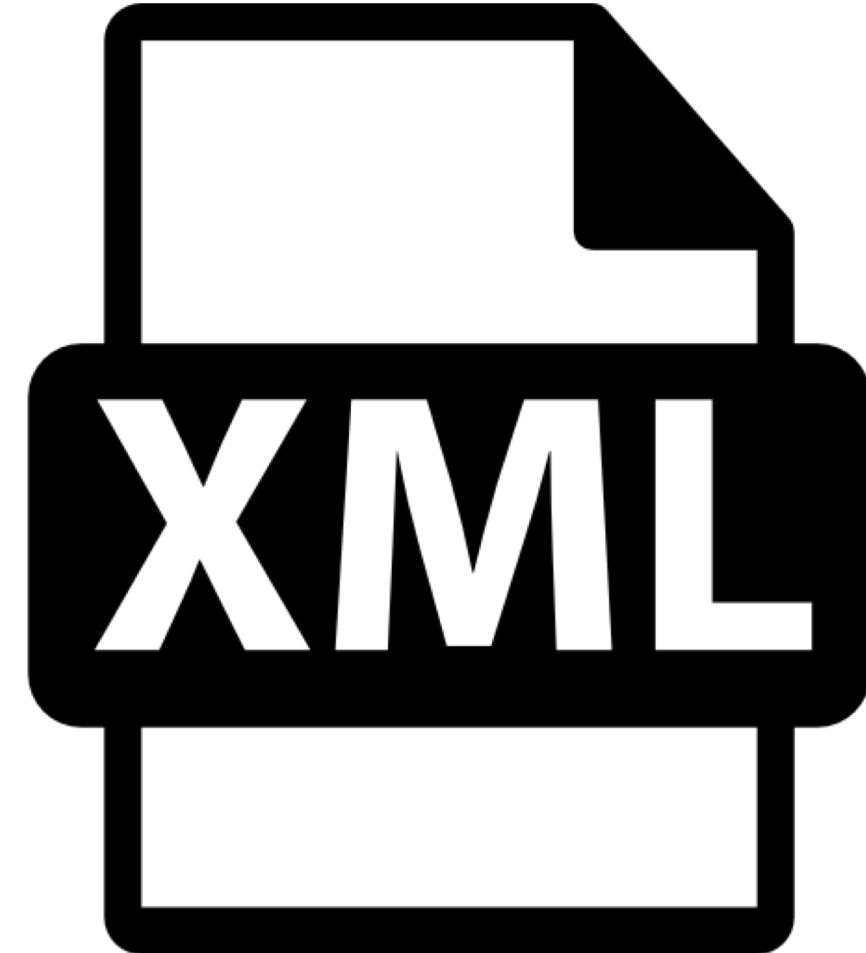
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XML...

- Extensible
 - Extensible markup language
- Markup
 - Like HTML
- Describes Data
 - Not for displaying data HTML
- Define your own tags
 - Not predefined
- Self Descriptive



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XML example



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A **note** to Donald Duck, from Minnie Mouse, stored as XML

It has sender **<to>** and receiver **<from>** information

It also has a **heading** and a message **body**.

The XML is self descriptive.

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Our Shop App



Shop V4.0
implemented the **CRUD** process



Problem: All entered **data is lost** if we **close our application** (or lose power)

Shop V5.0
use XML to make our **data persistent** beyond the life of our app



Solution: Store our objects from memory to XML **files**.

XML does not “do” anything

- XML is just information wrapped in <tags>.
- Someone must write a piece of software to send, receive or display it.
- We will write Java code to:
 - **SEND objects TO** an **XML file** on the hard disk.
 - **READ objects FROM** an **XML file** on the hard disk.
- This is called **Object Serialization**

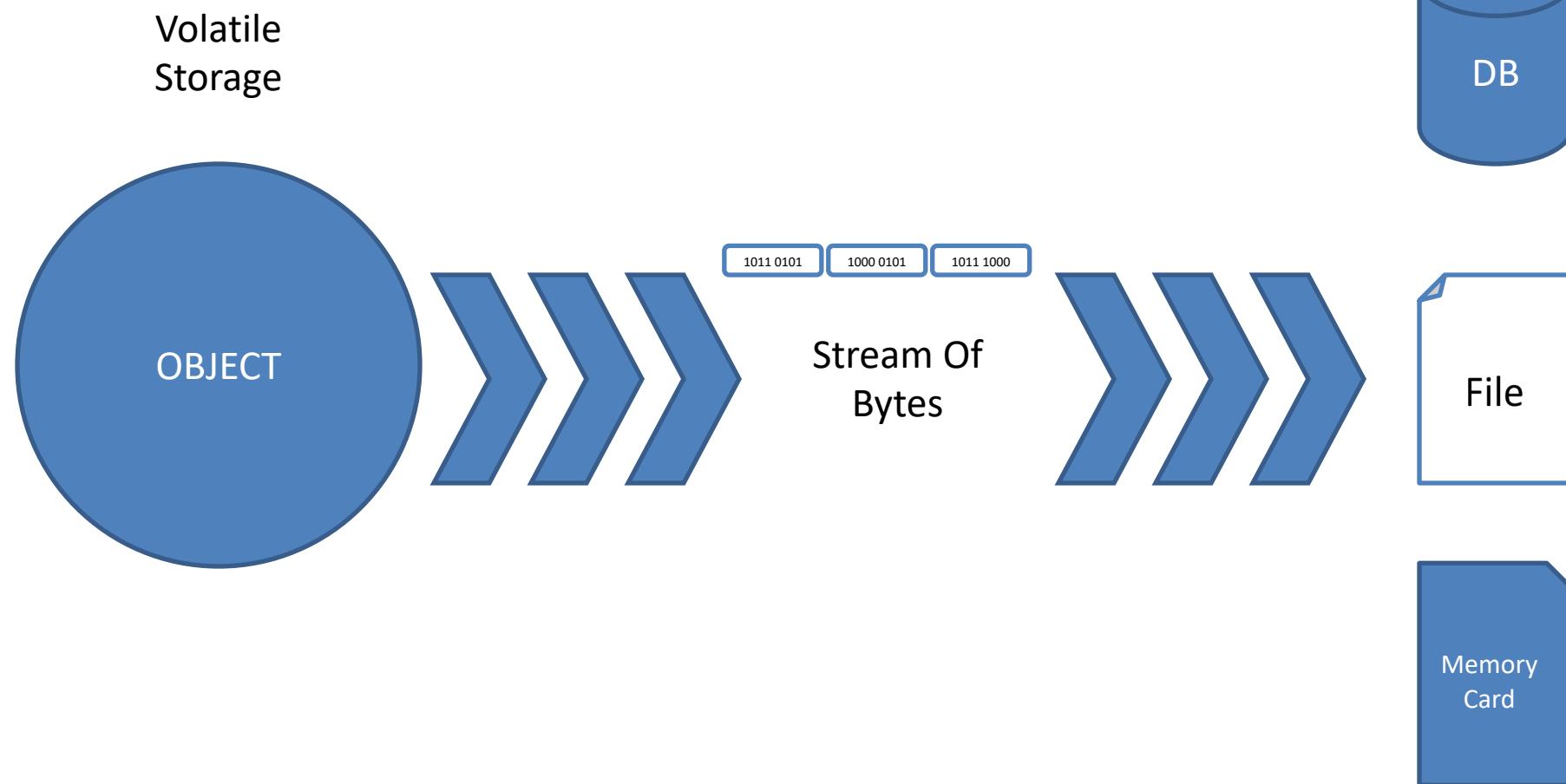
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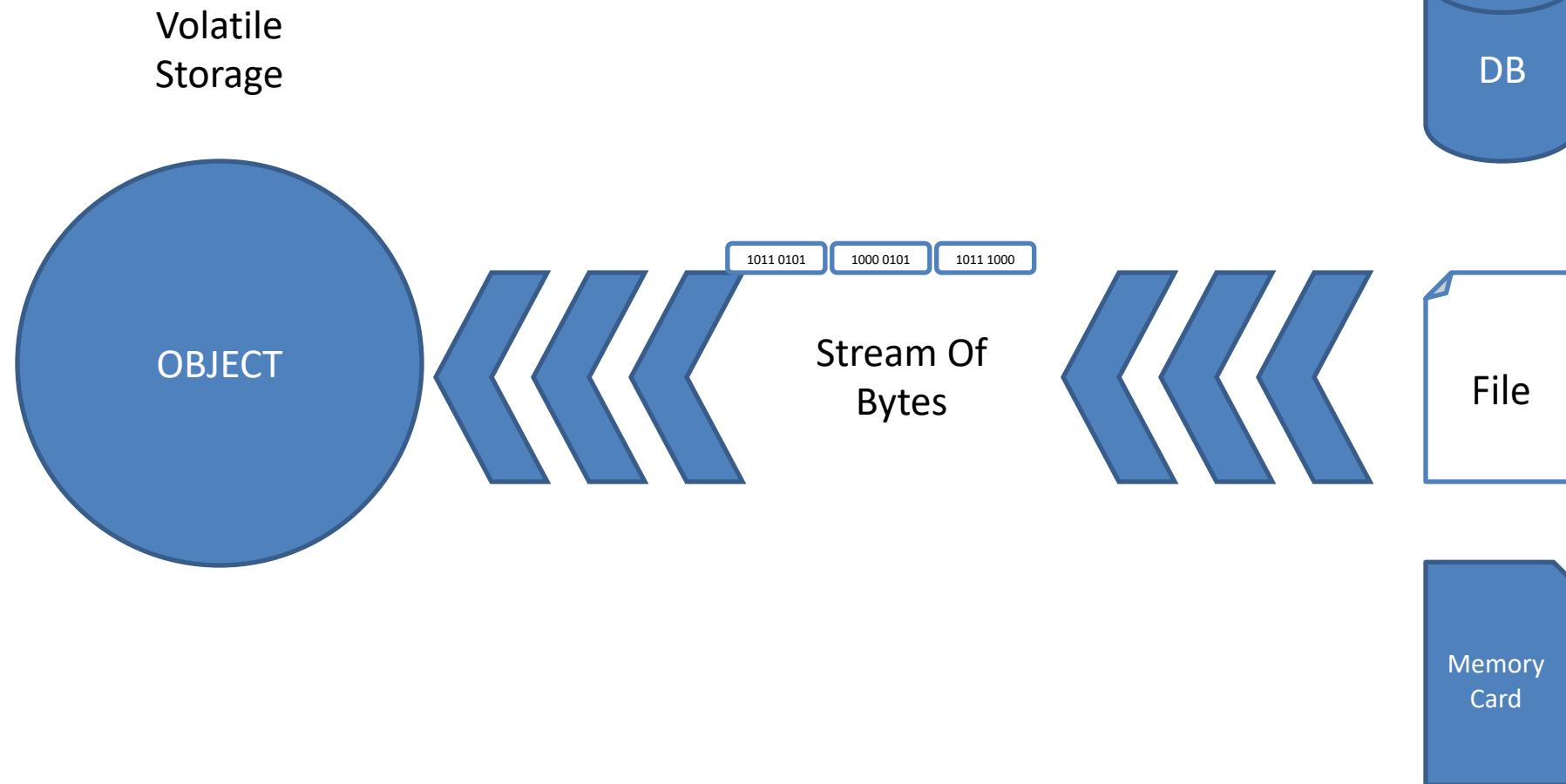
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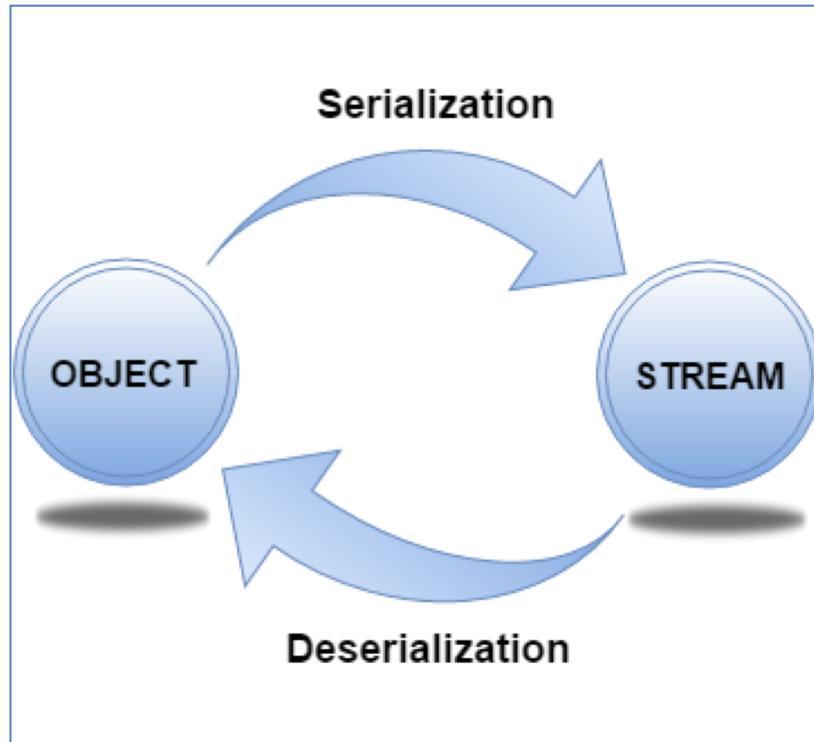
Java Serialization



Java De-Serialization



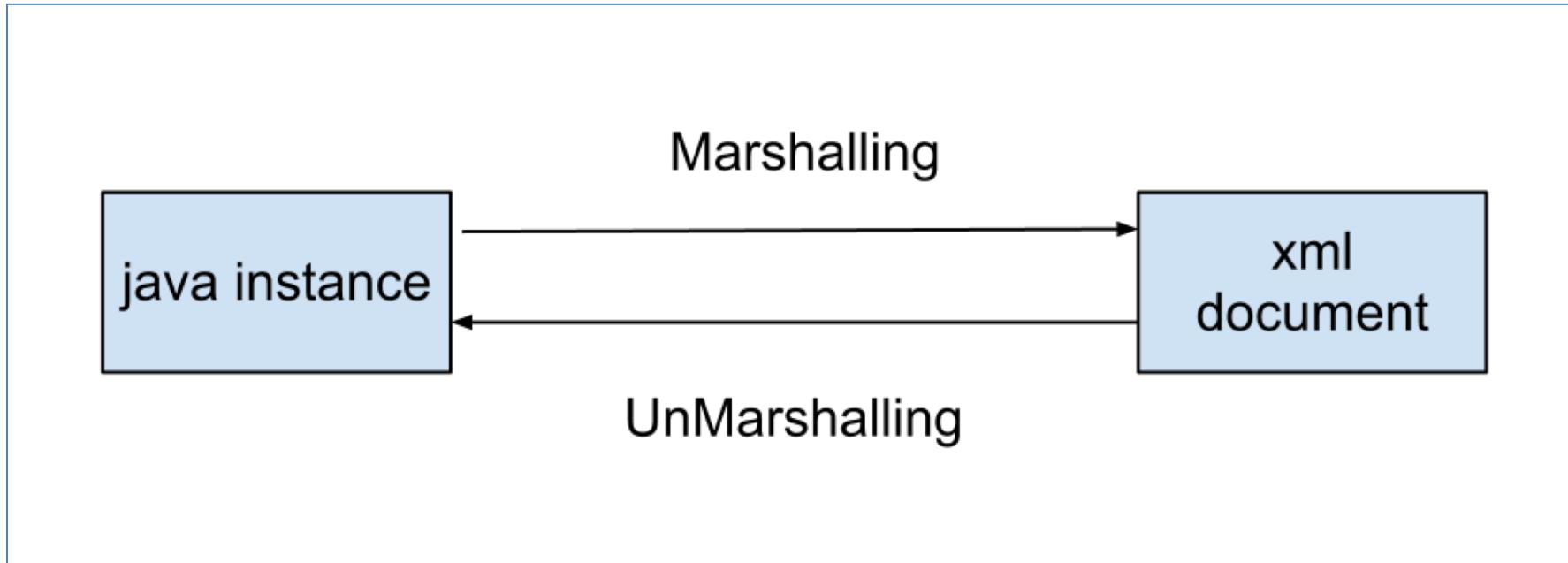
Object Serialization



An object can be represented as a **sequence of bytes** that includes the object's **data** as well as information about the object's **type** and the **types of data stored in the object**.

Serialization process involves Marshalling and unMarshalling

Marshalling is the process of converting the objects & data into a stream.



UnMarshalling is the reverse process
of converting the stream back to their original objects & data.

Questions

1. What does Persistence mean?
2. We use HTML for carrying data (T/F)?
3. We use XML for displaying data (T/F)?
4. XML is a replacement for HTML (T/F)?
5. When power is lost the data in a program is lost.
What one word describes this?
6. Writing Java objects to a file is called?
7. Converting objects to a data stream is called?
8. Reading a file of data into Java objects is called?

Any
Questions?

