I/O Framework and Case Study

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Character Streams

- Java internally represents strings as Unicode which uses two bytes/char.
- Externally, text files are stored in a variety of different formats depending on the machine's locale.
- Here a *locale* means a geographic region which generally shares the same language.
- The default locale here in California is ISO-8859-1. Also known as ASCII.
- Character based I/O streams perform conversions between Unicode and locale characters when reading and writing strings.
- This is in contrast to the byte streams we talked about last day which are not locale sensitive.

More on Character Streams

- Two abstract classes Reader and Writer are at the root of the inheritance hierarchy for character-based I/O.
- Reader -- supports read(), read(ca), read(ca,off,len), close()
- Writer -- supports write(c), write(ca), write(ca,off,len), close()
- InputStreamReader and OutputStreamReader are two filter that serve as a bridge to make a stream into a reader:

Ex: InputStreamReader isr =new InputStreamReader(new FileInputStream("hi.txt"));

/* another constructor takes a stream and an encoding name*/

- Other Reader's include FileReader and BufferedReader
- Other Writer's include FileWriter, BufferedWriter, and PrintWriter. The last supports print and println which are very useful.

Random Access Files

- Random access files support both reading and writing data at any position in a file.
- The Java class that encapsulates this ability is RandomAccessFile.
- The constructor is RandomAccessFile(filename, mode) where mode is a string "r" (for read-only), "rw" (read-write), "rws", or "rwd" (rw with force-writing).
- This class implements DataInput and DataOutput as well as supports the methods:
 - seek(1) to move to the 1th byte from the start of the file
 - skipBytes(i) to move forward or backward with the file i bytes (backward if negative).

Design case study

- Chapter 9 in the book consists of an extensive case study of a drawing pad programming.
- This study illustrates the iterative development process so we will go through it in some detail.

Planning

- It is decided in the planning phase that the program will use Swing rather than AWT.
- The following requirements were decided upon. The drawing tool should support:
 - Scribbling and drawing various shapes
 - Saving drawings to files and loading the drawings from files
 - Typing from the keyboard
 - Choosing fonts and colors

Iterations

- The plan to develop this project is divided into six iterations, each of which adds functionalities to the previous iteration.
- The iterations make heavy use of design patterns to keep the code flexible enough to make it easy to go from one iteration to the next.
- The iterations are:
 - 1. Create a simple scribble pad, consisting of only a canvas for scribbling
 - 2. Add support for saving, loading, a menu bar, and dialogs.
 - 3. Refactor to support various tools for different shapes.
 - 4. Add tools for lines, rectangles, and ovals.
 - 5. Refactor and tools for filled versions of (4).
 - 6. Add tools for drawing text.

Iteration 1

- The application class for this iteration is Scribble.
- This extends JFrame and has on it a ScribbleCanvas which extends JPanel.
- The ScribbleCanvas has a ScribbleCanvasListener on it that implements MouseListener and MouseMotionListerner.

ScribbleCanvas

- Has fields mouseButtonDown (boolean); x, y -- the location of the mouse in the canvas; and listener -- for the ScribbleCanvasListener.
- MouseListener needs: mousePressed, mouseReleased, mouseEntered, mouseExited, mouseClicked implemented.
- MouseMotionListener needs: mouseDragged and mouseMoved.
- ScribbleCanvasListener gives blank implementations to all but mousePressed, mouseReleased, and mouseDragged.
- The desired behavior for scribbling is: a stroke begins when a mouse button is pressed, it continues when the mouse is dragged, and it ends when the mouse is released.

Example ScribbleCanvasListener Methods

```
public void mousePressed(MouseEvent e)
{
      Point p = e.getPoint();
      canvas.mouseButtonDown = true;
      canvas.x =p.x;
      canvas.y =p.y;
}
public void mouseReleased(MouseEvent e)
{
    canvas.mouseButtonDown = false;
}
public void mouseDragged(MouseEvent e)
{
    Point p =e.getPoint();
    if(canvas.mouseButtonDown)
    {
            canvas.getGraphics().drawline(canvas.x, canvas.y, p.x, p.y); canvas.x =p.x; canvas.y=p.y;
    }
}
```

Iteration 2

- For this iteration we need:
 - to be able to store drawings so that they can be redrawn
 - to be able to save the drawing into files and load them
 - build a menu bar
 - use file dialogs
 - create a dialog box for selecting colors

Strokes

- The original draw program draws strokes to the screen but does not store them internally.
- In this iteration, ScribbleCanvas has a ArrayList of Stroke objects on it called strokes. It also keeps track of a curStroke and a curColor.
- A Stroke has an ArrayList of Point's called points and a color.
- A Stroke supports the methods setColor(), getColor(), addPoint(), getPoints()

New ScribbleCanvas

- To the original ScribbleCanvas the following methods are added:
 - setCurColor()
 - getCurColor()
 - startStroke() --invoked by the listener when a stroke is started (calls Stroke constructor)
 - addPointToStroke() -- invoked by the listener to append a point to the current stroke
 - endStroke() -- adds the current stroke to the list of Stroke's
 - paint() -- drawing is repainted onto canvas based on strokes stored internally
 - newFile(), saveFile(), openFile() -- are for saving/loading

Scribble Constructor/ Menubar

```
public Scribble()
{
     setTitle("Scribble Pad");
     canvas = new ScribbleCanvas();
     getContentPane().setLayout(new BorderLayout);
     getContentPane().add(createMenuBar(), BorderLayout.NORTH);
     getContentPane().add(canvas, BorderLayout.CENTER);
     //... rest of constructor
}
protected JMenuBar createMenuBar()
{
    JMenuBar menuBar = new JMenuBar();
    JMenu menu = new JMenu("File");
    JMenuItem mi = new JMenuItem("New");
    menuBar.add(menu);
    menu.add(mi);
    mi.addActionListener(new NewFileListener()); //...rest of method
}
```

NewFileListener

```
class NewFileListener implements ActionListener
{
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e)
    {
        newFile();
    }
}
```