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# **Programming II - IT-118**

## **File stream**

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# Files

- A **file** is a set of data stored on a computer, often on a disk drive
- Programs can read from, write to files
- Used in many applications:
  - *Word processing*
  - *Databases*
  - *Spreadsheets*
  - *Compilers*

# Files (cont..)

- **Word processing**

- *Example: Microsoft Word, Google Docs, or Pages*
- *Contents are stored in a file, and file can be saved on your computer's disk drive or cloud.*
- *It can be open, edit and delete.*

- **Databases:**

- *Example: MySQL, Microsoft Access, SQL Sever, ..*
- *Data is stored in databases, and each database contains tables.*
- *Data can be read, write, and retrieve.*

# Files (cont..)

## – **Spreadsheets**

- *Example: Microsoft Excel, Google Sheets, or Numbers*
- *Tables can be created to store your data.*
- *Tables are stored in a file, and file can be saved on your computer's disk drive or cloud.*
- *Calculations, create graphs, and manipulate of the data can be performed by spreadsheets.*

## – **Compilers**

- *Convert programming code into machine binary readable code*
- *Each programming language codes can be store in a file such as .cpp for C++, .java for Java, and .py for python.*
- *Compilers read files, process the code, and generate an executable file.*

# Steps for Using File

1. Open/Create the file
2. Use (read from, write to) the file
3. Close the file

# File Names

- File name can be a full pathname to file:

`c:\data\student.txt`

tells compiler exactly where to look .

- File name can also be simple name:

*student.txt*

this must be in the same directory as the program executable, or in the compiler's default directory

# Streams

- ❑ **Stream**: A transfer of information in the form of a sequence of bytes
- ❑ **Input stream**: Flow into program
  - Input: A stream that flows from an input device ( i.e.: keyboard, file “ disk drive”, network connection) to program (main memory)
- ❑ **Output stream**: Flow out of program
  - Output: A stream that flows from main memory to an output device ( i.e.: screen, printer, file “ disk drive”, network connection)

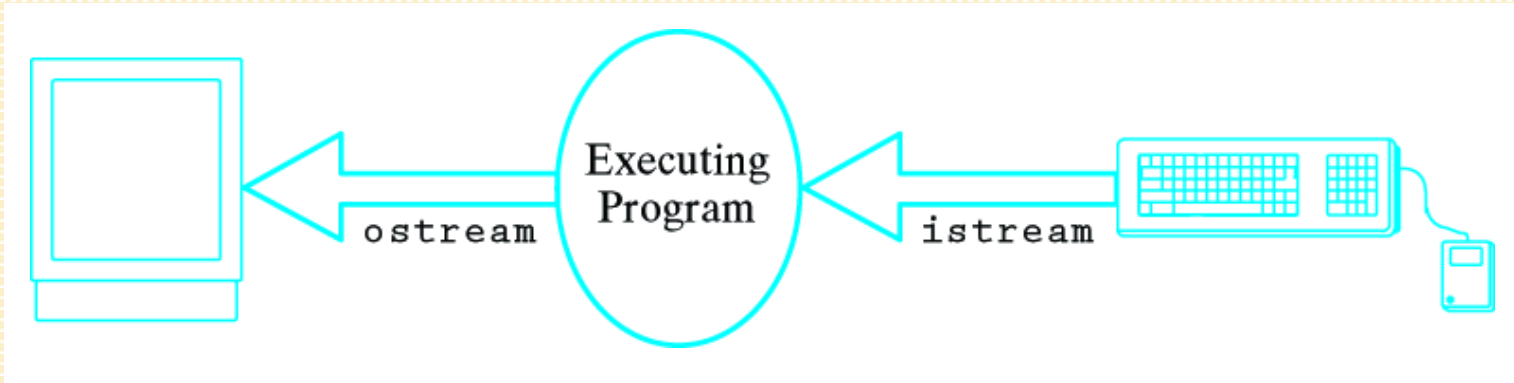


# Streams in C++

- ❑ Streams in C++ provide a convenient way to perform input and output operations with various devices, such as files, standard input/output, and strings.
  - ❑ Input is reading data from a file or user input
  - ❑ Output is writing data to a file or the console.
- ❑ The `<iostream>` header provides the necessary classes and functions for stream operations.
- ❑ It includes two main stream objects: `cin` and `cout`.
  - ❑ **cin** is the standard input stream, which is used for reading input from the user via the keyboard.
  - ❑ **cout** is the standard output stream, which is used for displaying output to the user on the console.

# Streams Usage

- C++ streams are divided into two categories: input streams and output streams.
- An **istream** object named **cin** connects program and keyboard

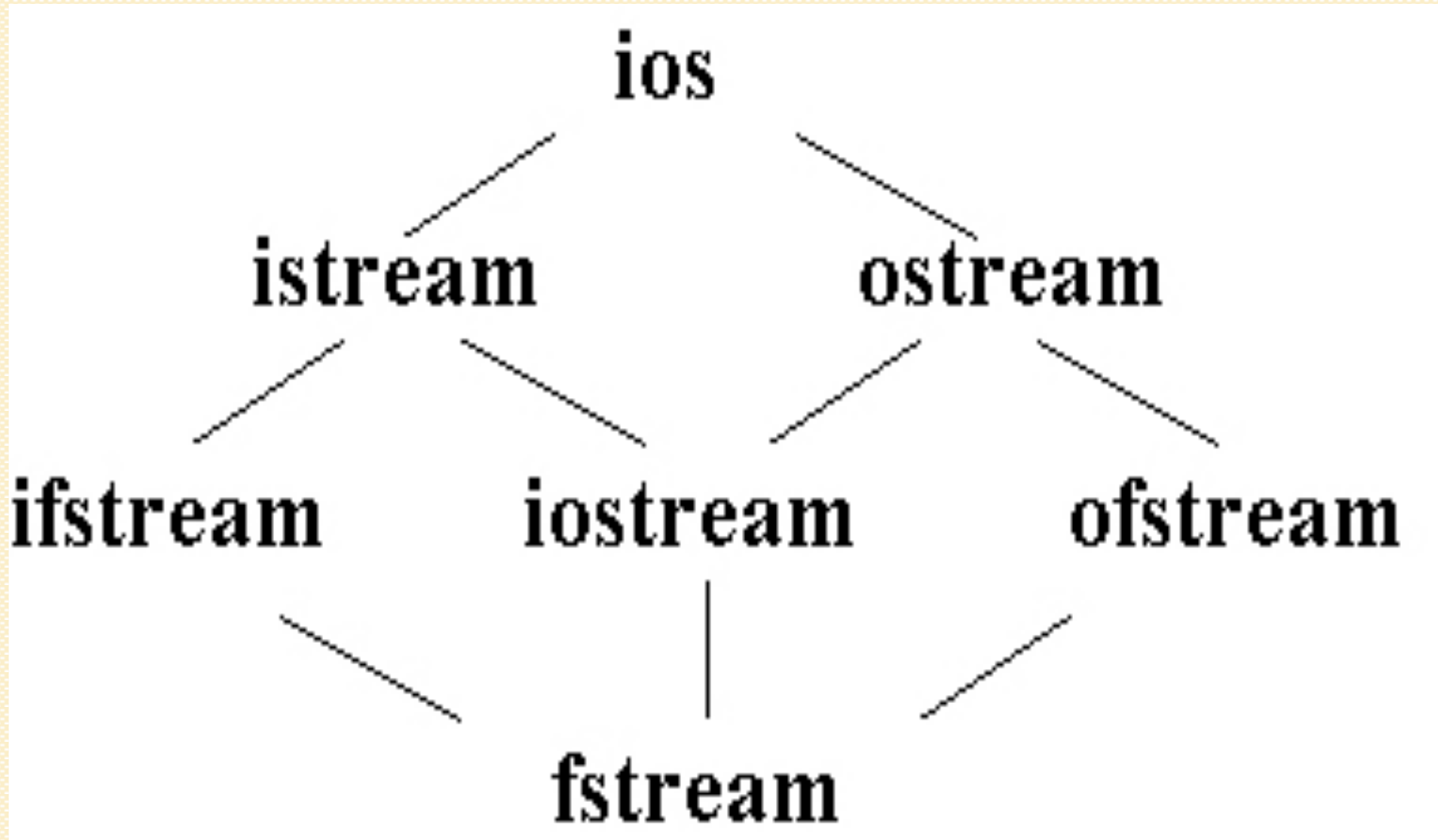


- An **ostream** object named **cout** connects the program and the screen

# Streams Usage

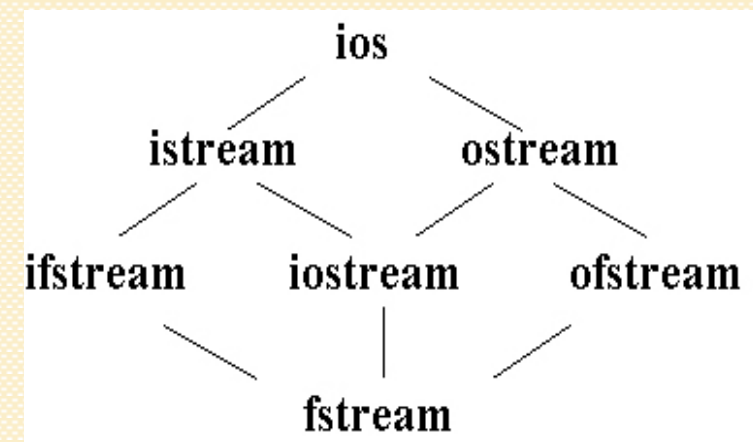
- Input streams (**istream**) are used for reading data from a source, such as a file or the standard input (keyboard).
- Output streams (**ostream**) are used for writing data to a destination, such as a file or the standard output (console).

# Classes for Stream I/O in C++



# Classes for Stream I/O in C++

- ❑ `ios` is the base class.
- ❑ `istream` and `ostream` inherit from `ios`
- ❑ `ifstream` inherits from `istream` (and `ios`)
- ❑ `ofstream` inherits from `ostream` (and `ios`)
- ❑ `iostream` inherits from `istream` and `ostream` (& `ios`)
- ❑ `fstream` inherits from `ifstream`, `iostream`, and `ofstream`

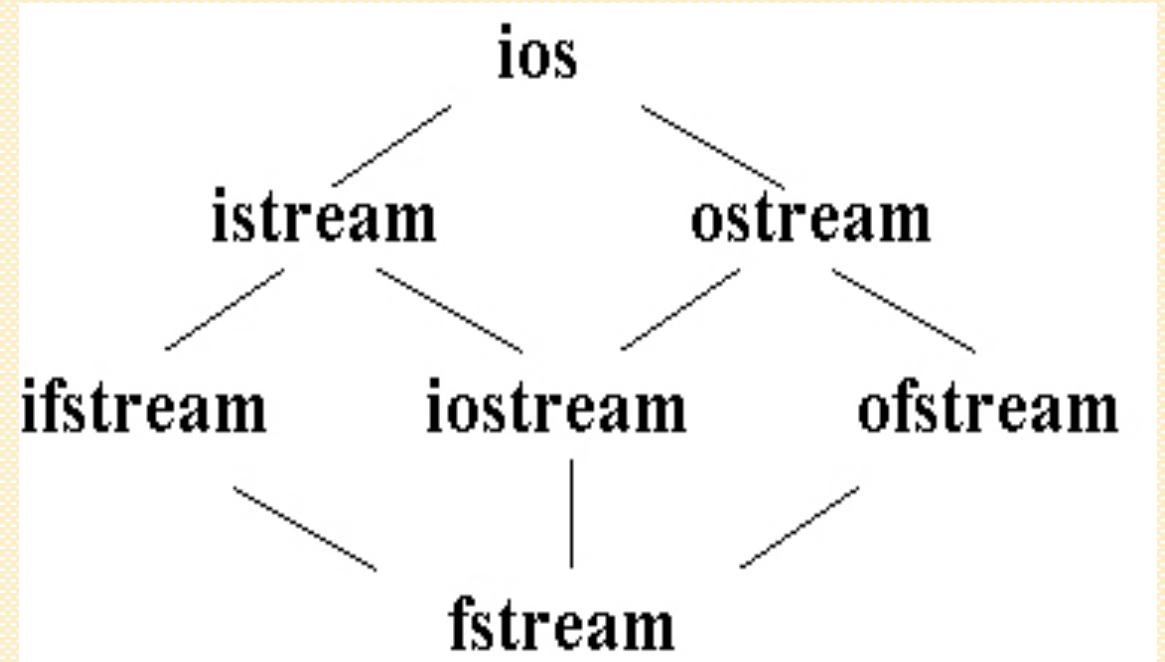


# File Connection

- ❑ Must first connect *file* to *stream object*
- ❑ For input:
  - File → ifstream object
- ❑ For output:
  - File → ofstream object
- ❑ Classes `ifstream` and `ofstream`
  - Defined in library `<fstream>`
  - Named in `std` namespace

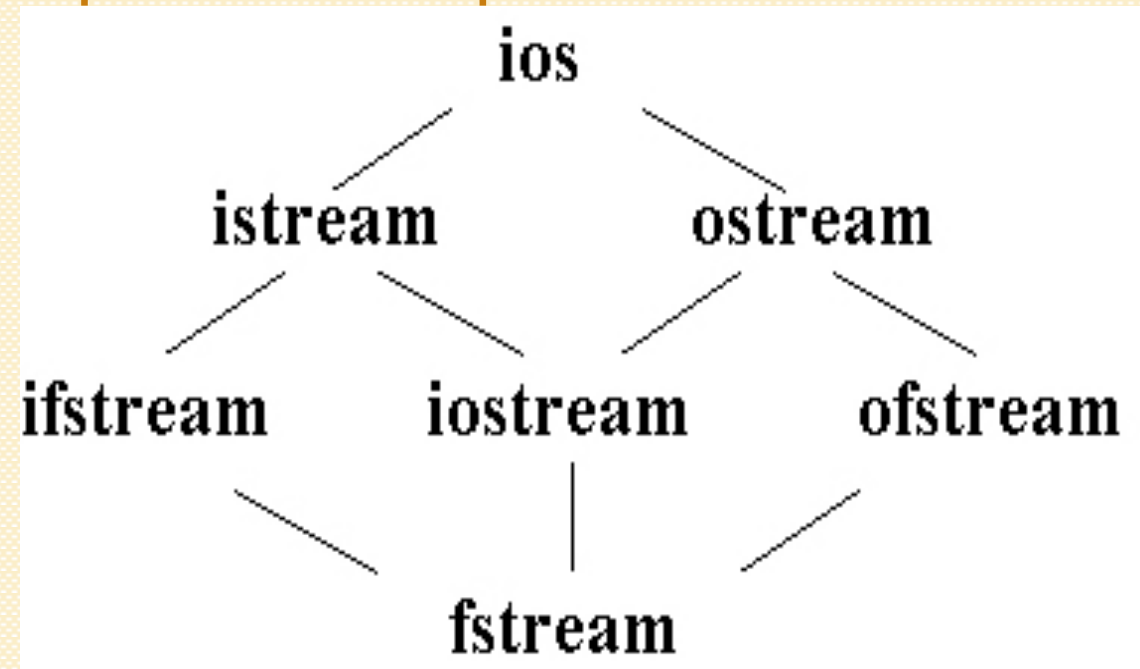
# File Stream Objects

- The **ifstream** class is derived from **istream** and provides input operations specifically for file input.
- The **ofstream** class is derived from **ostream** and provides output operations specifically for file output.



# File Stream Objects

- Use of files requires file stream objects
- There are three types of file stream objects
  - (1) ifstream objects: input from file
  - (2) ofstream objects: out to file or create a file
  - (3) fstream objects: used for both input and output





# Default File Open Modes

## ▶ **ofstream:**

- ▶ *open for output only*
- ▶ *file cannot be read from*
- ▶ *file created if no file exists*
- ▶ *file contents erased if file exists*

## ▶ **ifstream:**

- ▶ *open for input only*
- ▶ *file cannot be written to*
- ▶ *open fails if file does not exist*

# Closing a File

Traditionally, we close a file when we're done using it:

```
myfile.close();
```

We can do this explicitly, but C++ streams are automatically closed at the end of the variable's lifetime (typically at the end of the function it is declared in)

# Declaring Streams

- ❑ Stream must be declared like any other class variable:

```
ifstream inStream;  
ofstream outStream;
```

- ❑ Must then "connect" to file:

```
inStream.open("infile.txt");
```

- Called "opening the file"
- Uses member function *open*
- Can specify complete pathname

# Open the file for writing

Opening an input file:

```
ofstream outFile("input.txt");
```

Can also be done in this way:

```
ofstream outFile;  
outFile.open("input.txt");
```

# Open the file for writing - Example

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <fstream>
3  using namespace std;
4  int main() {
5      ofstream outFile("firstFile.txt");
6      if (outFile.is_open()) {
7          outFile << "Hello, Kurdistan!" << endl;
8          outFile.close();
9          cout << "Data added to the file" << endl;
10     } else {
11         cout << "Failed to open the file" << endl;
12     }
13     return 0;
14 }
```

# Open the file for reading

Opening an input file:

```
ifstream myfile("input.txt");
```

Can also be done in this way:

```
ifstream myfile;  
myfile.open("input.txt");
```

# Open the file for reading - Example

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <fstream>
3  using namespace std;
4  int main() {
5      ifstream inputFile("firstFile.txt");
6      string line;
7      if (inputFile.is_open()){
8          getline(inputFile, line);
9          inputFile.close();
10         cout << line << endl;
11         cout << "File read" << endl;
12     } else {
13         cout << "Cannot open the file" << endl;
14     }
15     return 0;
16 }
```

#include <string>

When you use **getline**, in some programs, you need to add **#include <string>** library

# fstream for input and output

- ▶ `fstream` object can be used for both input and output at the same time
- ▶ Create the `fstream` object and specify both `ios::in` and `ios::out` as the second argument to the `open` member function

```
fstream file; file.open("myfile.txt", ios::in | ios::out);
```

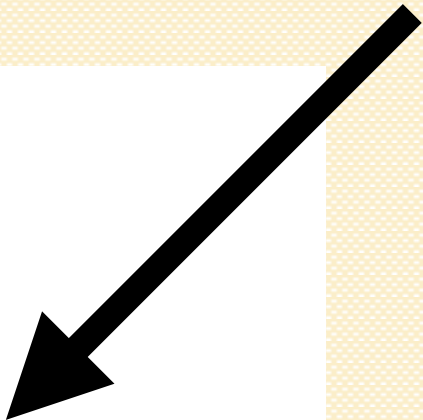
Or you can use:

```
fstream file("myfile.txt", ios::in | ios::out);
```



# fstream for input and output

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <fstream>
3  using namespace std;
4
5  int main() {
6  |   fstream input("city.txt", ios::in|ios::out);
7
8  |   |   if (input.is_open()) {
9  |   |   |
10 |   |   |   input<<"Erbil"<<endl;
11 |   |   |
12 |   |   |   input.close();
13 |   |   |   cout<<"Success"<<endl;
14 |   |   |   } else {
15 |   |   |   |   cout<<"Failed"<<endl;
16 |   |   |   |
17 |   |   |   }
18 |   |   return 0;
19 |   }
20 }
```

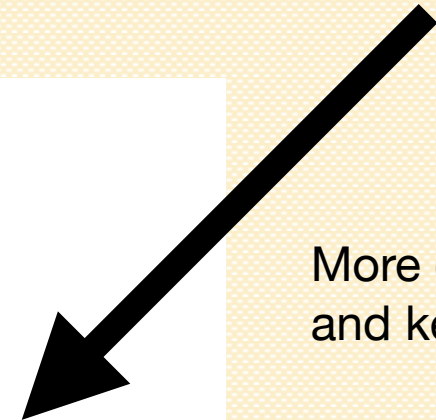


# fstream for input and output

<code>ios::app</code>	create new file, or <b><u>append</u></b> to end of existing file
<code>ios::in</code>	open for input
<code>ios::out</code>	open for output

# fstream with ios::app

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <fstream>
3  using namespace std;
4
5  int main() {
6      fstream input("city.txt", ios::app);
7      if (input.is_open()) {
8
9          input<<"Slemani"<<endl;
10
11         input.close();
12         cout<<"Success"<<endl;
13     } else {
14         cout<<"Failed"<<endl;
15     }
16     return 0;
17 }
```



More data to append ,  
and keep the old data

# Read some string data from file using while loop

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <fstream>
3  #include <string>
4  using namespace std;
5  int main() {
6      string x;
7      ifstream readFile("city.txt");
8      if (readFile.is_open()) {
9          while (getline(readFile, x)) {
10             cout << x << endl;
11         }
12         readFile.close();
13         cout<<"Read it Successfully"<<endl;
14     } else {
15         cout<<"Failed"<<endl;
16     }
17     return 0;
18 }
```

# Read some string data from file using for loop

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <fstream>
3  #include <string>
4  using namespace std;
5  int main() {
6      string x;
7      ifstream readFile("city.txt");
8      if (readFile.is_open()) {
9          for(int i=1; getline(readFile, x);i++){
10             cout <<x << endl;
11         }
12         readFile.close();
13         cout<<"Read it Successfully"<<endl;
14     } else {
15         cout<<"Failed"<<endl;
16     }
17     return 0;
18 }
```

# Read some numbers from file using while loop

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  using namespace std;
3  #include <fstream>
4
5  ∨ int main() {
6      ifstream file("number.txt");
7      int number;
8  ∨  if (file.is_open()) {
9  ∨      while (file >> number) {
10         cout<<number<<endl;
11     }
12     file.close();
13  ∨ } else {
14     cout<<"Failed"<<endl;
15 }
16
17     return 0;
18 }
```

# Read some numbers from file using for loop

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  using namespace std;
3  #include <fstream>
4
5  int main() {
6      ifstream file("number.txt");
7      int number;
8      if (file.is_open()) {
9          for (int i=1; file >> number;i++) {
10             cout<<number<<endl;
11         }
12         file.close();
13     } else {
14         cout<<"Failed"<<endl;
15     }
16
17     return 0;
18 }
```

# Read numbers (Same result)

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  using namespace std;
3  #include <fstream>
4
5  ∨ int main() {
6      ifstream file("number.txt");
7      int number;
8      ∨ if (file.is_open()) {
9      ∨     while (file >> number) {
10         cout<<number<<endl;
11     }
12     file.close();
13 ∨ } else {
14     cout<<"Failed"<<endl;
15 }
16
17     return 0;
18 }
```



```
1  #include <iostream>
2  using namespace std;
3  #include <fstream>
4
5  int main() {
6      ifstream file("number.txt");
7      int number;
8      if (file.is_open()) {
9          0
10         for (int i=1; file >> number;i++) {
11             cout<<number<<endl;
12         }
13         file.close();
14     } else {
15         cout<<"Failed"<<endl;
16     }
17     return 0;
18 }
```



# Read string (Same result)

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <fstream>
3  #include <string>
4  using namespace std;
5  int main() {
6      string x;
7      ifstream readFile("city.txt");
8      if (readFile.is_open()) {
9          while (getline(readFile, x)) {
10             cout << x << endl;
11         }
12         readFile.close();
13         cout<<"Read it Successfully"<<endl;
14     } else {
15         cout<<"Failed"<<endl;
16     }
17     return 0;
18 }
```

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <fstream>
3  #include <string>
4  using namespace std;
5  int main() {
6      string x;
7      ifstream readFile("city.txt");
8      if (readFile.is_open()) {
9          for(int i=1; getline(readFile, x);i++){
10             cout <<x << endl;
11         }
12         readFile.close();
13         cout<<"Read it Successfully"<<endl;
14     } else {
15         cout<<"Failed"<<endl;
16     }
17     return 0;
18 }
```



# Insert one word into a file using for loop

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <fstream>
3  using namespace std;
4
5  int main() {
6      ofstream input("city.txt");
7      string name;
8      if (input.is_open()) {
9          for(int i=0; i<4;i++){
10             cout<<"Input city name"<<endl;
11             cin>>name;
12             input<<name<<endl;
13         }
14         input.close();
15         cout<<"Added Successfully"<<endl;
16     } else {
17         cout<<"Failed"<<endl;
18     }
19     return 0;
20 }
```

# Insert multiple string into a file using for loop

```
1  √ #include <iostream>
2    #include <fstream>
3    #include <string>
4    using namespace std;
5
6  √ int main() {
7      ofstream input("info.txt");
8      string name;
9  √      if (input.is_open()) {
10 √         for(int i=0; i<4;i++){
11             cout<<"Input your full name"<<endl;
12             getline(cin, name);
13             input<<name<<endl;
14         }
15         input.close();
16         cout<<"Added Successfully"<<endl;
17 √     } else {
18         | cout<<"Failed"<<endl;
19     }
20     return 0;
21 }
```

# How to insert some data into a file using while loop?

Any idea?

```
1  ✓ #include <iostream>
2    #include <fstream>
3    #include <string>
4    using namespace std;
5
6  ✓ int main() {
7      ofstream input("info.txt");
8      string name;
9  ✓      if (input.is_open()) {
10 ✓         for(int i=0; i<4;i++){
11             cout<<"Input your full name"<<endl;
12             getline(cin, name);
13             input<<name<<endl;
14         }
15         input.close();
16         cout<<"Added Successfully"<<endl;
17 ✓     } else {
18         | cout<<"Failed"<<endl;
19     }
20     return 0;
21 }
```

# Insert long string into a file using while loop

```
1  √ #include <iostream>
2    #include <fstream>
3    #include <string>
4    using namespace std;
5
6  √ int main() {
7      ofstream input("info.txt");
8      string name;
9      bool flag = true;
10 √   if (input.is_open()) {
11 √       while(flag){
12         cout<<"Input your full name (type 'exit' to stop)"<<endl;
13         getline(cin, name);
14 √       if (name == "exit") {
15         |         flag = false;
16 √       } else {
17         |         input<<name<<endl;
18         |     }
19         }
20         input.close();
21         cout<<"Added Successfully"<<endl;
22 √     } else {
23         |     cout<<"Failed"<<endl;
24         |     }
25     return 0;
26 }
```

# Insert some data into file

```
int a=50;  
double b=4.9;  
string c ="hello";  
myfile << a << b << c << endl;
```

# Insert random numbers and find the largest

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  using namespace std;
3  #include <fstream>
4  int main(){
5      srand(time(0));
6      ofstream x("random.txt");
7      if (x.is_open()){
8          for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++){
9              int number = rand() % 100;
10             x << number << endl;
11         }
12         x.close();
13     } else {
14         cout << "Failed" << endl;
15     }
16
```

```
17     ifstream read("random.txt");
18     int largest = 0;
19     int number;
20     if (read.is_open()){
21         while (read >> number){
22             if (number > largest){
23                 largest = number;
24             }
25         }
26     } else {
27         cout << "Failed" << endl;
28     }
29     cout << largest << endl;
30 }
```

# Insert array values into file

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  using namespace std;
3  #include <fstream>
4  ∨ int main() {
5      |   int A[5]={2,5,3,7,8};
6      |   int size=sizeof(A)/sizeof(A[0]);
7      |   ofstream x("random.txt");
8      |   ∨ if (x.is_open()) {
9      |   |   ∨ for(int i=0;i<size;i++){
10     |   |   |   x<<A[i]<<endl;
11     |   |   |   }
12     |   |   |   x.close();
13     |   |   |   } else {
14     |   |   |   cout<<"Failed"<<endl;
15     |   |   |   }
16     |   |   return 0;
17     |   }
```



# Sample of input from file word by word

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <fstream>
3  using namespace std;
4  int main() {
5      string x;
6      ifstream readFile("info.txt");
7      if (readFile.is_open()) {
8          while(readFile>>x){
9              cout <<x << endl;
10             }
11             readFile.close();
12             cout<<"Read it Successfully"<<endl;
13         } else {
14             cout<<"Failed"<<endl;
15         }
16         return 0;
17     }
```

Inside the file

```
Tishk International University
Grade one
ProprogrammingII
Welcome to our university
```

Output

```
Tishk
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to
our
university
```

# Sample of input from file line by line

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <fstream>
3  #include <string>
4  using namespace std;
5  int main() {
6      string x;
7      ifstream readFile("info.txt");
8      if (readFile.is_open()) {
9          while(getline(readFile,x)){
10             cout <<x << endl;
11         }
12         readFile.close();
13         cout<<"Read it Successfully"<<endl;
14     } else {
15         cout<<"Failed"<<endl;
16     }
17     return 0;
18 }
```

Inside the file

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```

Output

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```

# Counting number of lines in the file OR Counting number of words in the file

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <fstream>
3  #include <string>
4  using namespace std;
5  int main() {
6      string x;
7      ifstream readfile("info.txt");
8      if (readfile.is_open()) {
9          while(getline(readfile,x)){
10             cout <<x << endl;
11         }
12         readfile.close();
13         cout<<"Read it Successfully"<<endl;
14     } else {
15         cout<<"Failed"<<endl;
16     }
17     return 0;
18 }
```

**How can we  
modify these  
two codes to  
find the number  
of words and  
lines?**

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <fstream>
3  using namespace std;
4  int main() {
5      string x;
6      ifstream readfile("info.txt");
7      if (readfile.is_open()) {
8          while(readfile>>x){
9              cout <<x << endl;
10         }
11         readfile.close();
12         cout<<"Read it Successfully"<<endl;
13     } else {
14         cout<<"Failed"<<endl;
15     }
16     return 0;
17 }
```

# Counting number of words in the file

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <fstream>
3  #include <string>
4  using namespace std;
5  int main() {
6      string x;
7      int counter=0;
8      ifstream readfile("info.txt");
9      if (readfile.is_open()) {
10         while(readfile>> x){
11             counter++;
12         }
13         readfile.close();
14     } else {
15         cout<<"Failed"<<endl;
16     }
17
18     cout<<"This file has "<<counter<<" words."<<endl;
19     return 0;
20 }
```

# Counting number of lines in the file

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <fstream>
3  #include <string>
4  using namespace std;
5  int main() {
6      string x;
7      int counter=0;
8      ifstream readFile("info.txt");
9      if (readFile.is_open()) {
10         while(getline(readFile,x)){
11             counter++;
12         }
13         readFile.close();
14     } else {
15         cout<<"Failed"<<endl;
16     }
17
18     cout<<"This file has "<<counter<<" lines."<<endl;
19     return 0;
20 }
```

# How to modify this code to insert all data word by word to a vector and print the vector

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <fstream>
3  #include <string>
4  using namespace std;
5  int main() {
6      string x;
7      int counter=0;
8      ifstream readFile("info.txt");
9      if (readFile.is_open()) {
10         while(readFile>> x){
11             counter++;
12         }
13         readFile.close();
14     } else {
15         cout<<"Failed"<<endl;
16     }
17
18     cout<<"This file has "<<counter<<" words."<<endl;
19     return 0;
20 }
```

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```

# Inserting all data word by word to a vector and print the vector

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <fstream>
3  #include <string>
4  #include <vector>
5  using namespace std;
6  int main() {
7      string x;
8      vector<string> V;
9      ifstream readFile("info.txt");
10     if (readFile.is_open()) {
11         while(readFile>> x){
12             V.push_back(x);
13         }
14         readFile.close();
15     } else {
16         cout<<"Failed"<<endl;
17     }
18
19     for(int i=0;i<V.size();i++){
20         cout<<V[i]<<endl;
21     }
22     return 0;
23 }
```

Inside the file

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Output

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