I/O Streams

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Opening Discussion

- Minute essay comments
 - Does par automatically adjust for number of cores?
 - Other shortcuts for parallel?



- Data goes passed like water in a stream.
- This is different from random access data where you can look anywhere you want at any time.
- Streams are more general because they don't allow you complete access.

java.io Package

- InputStream and OutputStream form bases of trees that work with bytes.
- Reader and Writer form bases of trees that work with chars.
- File streams access files.
- File class is very handy.

Wrapping Streams

- You can wrap one stream in another to provide additional functionality.
- Buffered types improve performance.
- DataInputStream and DataOutputStream allow binary data.

Serialization

- ObjectInputStream and ObjectOutputStream allow serialization.
- This writes an object to a stream or reads an object from a stream.
- Scala also has a pickling library we might discuss later.
- You have to add annotations.
 - @serializable on the class
 - @SerialVersionUID(123) on the class
 - @transient on members

Code

- Let's spend the rest of our time putting some things into the code.
- Ideally we'll get it so we can do a bit of drawing and save the drawings.

Minute Essay

- What is the primary advantage of the Java stream model?
- Look at the "in-class code" and make sure you understand it.
- Quiz #2 is next class.