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## I/O In Java — Overview Abstract view — "file" is a collection of data. Java provides methods for sequential and "random" (non-sequential) access. Sequential file access is via "streams" — concept that applies to other kinds of sequential I/O (stdin/stdout, sockets, etc.). Stream — sequential flow of data. Input streams connect program with an outside "source" (stdin, file, socket, etc.). (If data is characters, use "reader" instead.) Output streams connect program with outside "destination". (If data is characters, use "writer" instead.)



I/O and Exceptions • Many I/O methods throw "checked" exceptions - which your code must explicitly do something about. Sensible but sometimes annoying. • First example from previous page would not compile — either declare that the method it's in throws an IOException, or use a "try" block, e.g., try { BufferedReader rdr = new BufferedReader(new FileReader("in.txt")); String s = rdr.readLine(); } catch (FileNotFoundException e) { System.err.println(e); // or better error message } catch (IOException e) { System.err.println(e); // or better error message }













