

Interactive Programs with Scanner

Input and `System.in`

- **interactive program:** Reads input from the console.
 - While the program runs, it asks the user to type input.
 - The input typed by the user is stored in variables in the code.
 - Can be tricky; users are unpredictable and misbehave.
 - But interactive programs have more interesting behavior.
- **Scanner:** An object that can read input from many sources.
 - Communicates with `System.in` (the opposite of `System.out`)
 - Can also read from files (Ch. 6), web sites, databases, ...

Scanner syntax

- The `Scanner` class is found in the `java.util` package.

```
import java.util.*;    // so you can use Scanner
```

- Constructing a `Scanner` object to read console input:

```
Scanner name = new Scanner(System.in);
```

- Example:

```
Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
```

Scanner methods

Method	Description
<code>nextInt()</code>	reads an <code>int</code> from the user and returns it
<code>nextDouble()</code>	reads a <code>double</code> from the user
<code>next()</code>	reads a one-word <code>String</code> from the user
<code>nextLine()</code>	reads a one- <i>line</i> <code>String</code> from the user

- Each method waits until the user presses Enter.
- The value typed by the user is returned.

```
System.out.print("How old are you? "); // prompt
int age = console.nextInt();
System.out.println("You typed " + age);
```

- **prompt:** A message telling the user what input to type.

Scanner example

```
import java.util.*;    // so that I can use Scanner
```

```
public class UserInputExample {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
```

```
        → System.out.print("How old are you? ");
```

age

```
        → int age = console.nextInt();
```



years

```
        → int years = 65 - age;
```

```
        System.out.println(years + " years to retirement!");
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

- Console (user input underlined):

How old are you? 29

36 years until retirement!



Scanner example 2

```
import java.util.*;    // so that I can use Scanner

public class ScannerMultiply {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);

        System.out.print("Please type two numbers: ");
        int num1 = console.nextInt();
        int num2 = console.nextInt();

        int product = num1 * num2;
        System.out.println("The product is " + product);
    }
}
```

- Output (user input underlined):

```
Please type two numbers: 8 6
The product is 48
```

- The Scanner can read multiple values from one line.

Input tokens

- **token:** A unit of user input, as read by the `Scanner`.
 - Tokens are separated by *whitespace* (spaces, tabs, new lines).
 - How many tokens appear on the following line of input?
23 John Smith 42.0 "Hello world" \$2.50 " 19"
- When a token is not the type you ask for, it crashes.

```
System.out.print("What is your age? ");  
int age = console.nextInt();
```

Output:

```
What is your age? Timmy  
java.util.InputMismatchException  
    at java.util.Scanner.next(Unknown Source)  
    at java.util.Scanner.nextInt(Unknown Source)  
    ...
```

Strings as user input

- Scanner's `next` method reads a word of input as a `String`.

```
Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
System.out.print("What is your name? ");
String name = console.next();
name = name.toUpperCase();
System.out.println(name + " has " + name.length() +
    " letters and starts with " + name.substring(0, 1));
```

Output:

What is your name? **Chamillionaire**

CHAMILLIONAIRE has 14 letters and starts with C

- The `nextLine` method reads a line of input as a `String`.

```
System.out.print("What is your address? ");
String address = console.nextLine();
```


Strings question

- Write a program that outputs a person's "gangsta name."
 - first initial
 - *Diddy*
 - last name (all caps)
 - first name
 - *-izzle*

Example Output:

Type your name, playa: **Marge Simpson**

Your gangsta name is "M. Diddy SIMPSON Marge-izzle"

Strings answer

```
// This program prints your "gangsta" name.
import java.util.*;

public class GangstaName {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
        System.out.print("Type your name, playa: ");
        String name = console.nextLine();

        // split name into first/last name and initials
        String first = name.substring(0, name.indexOf(" "));
        String last = name.substring(name.indexOf(" ") + 1);
        last = last.toUpperCase();
        String fInitial = first.substring(0, 1);

        System.out.println("Your gangsta name is \"" + fInitial +
            ". Diddy " + last + " " + first + "-izzle\"");
    }
}
```