



This session will help learners in understanding,

- How to use Scanners to develop CUI based applications.
- How to use scanner to get inputs from the users.



What is a Scanner?

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This session we will learn about how users can dynamically pass values to java applications in command line.

This is achieved using java scanner API.





- Java 1.5 introduced the Scanner class which can be used by developers to develop CUI based application.
- This can also be used to read data from files and Strings.
- This is present in ***java.util*** package.





- Scanner class reads input from the source and convert into tokens using delimiters.
 - ✓ **Example:** Chennai,Mumbai,Kolkatta
 - ✓ **Token 1:** Chennai **Token 2:** Mumbai **Token 3:** Kolkatta

Syntax:

```
Scanner <variable>= new Scanner(System.in);
```

The scanner reads the input which users key in.



You will learn the implementation of these API's in the next slides



	Method	Description
String	next()	Returns the next token from the input as a string.
int	nextInt()	Scans the next token of the input as an int.
Long	nextLong()	Scans the next token of the input as a long.
Short	nextShort()	Scans the next token of the input as a short.





- Create an instance of Scanner class.

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

- Employee name retrieved as input from the console, Invoke the `nextLine()` method in the following way

```
String empName= input.nextLine();
```

- Salary retrieved as input from the console, Invoke `nextInt()` method in the following way.

```
Double salary = input.nextDouble();
```

