

Reading Inputs

Reading Input from Console

- `System.out` refers to the standard output device and `System.in` to the standard input device.
- Console input is not directly supported in Java
- However, we can use the `Scanner` class to create an object to read input from `System.in`, as follows:
 - `Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);`
- The object of `Scanner` class may invoke its methods.

Method for Scanner class object

- **nextByte()** reads an integer of the byte type.
- **nextShort()** reads an integer of the short type.
- **nextInt()** reads an integer of the int type.
- **nextLong()** reads an integer of the long type.
- **nextFloat()** reads a number of the float type.
- **nextDouble()** reads a number of the double type.
- **next()** reads a string that ends before a whitespace character.
- **nextLine()** reads a line of text (i.e., a string ending with the Enter key pressed).

Example

```
import java.util.*; // Scanner is in the java.util package

public class ConsoleInput{

    public static void main(String[] args) {

        Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
        System.out.print("Enter a number for radius: ");
        double radius = input.nextDouble() ;

        double area = radius * radius * 3.14159;
        System.out.println("The area for the circle of radius " +radius + " is " + area);

    }
}
```

Another way

- To obtain a character-based stream that is attached to the console, wrap System.in in a BufferedReader object.
- **BufferedReader** supports a buffered input stream.
- To creates a BufferedReader that is connected to the keyboard:
 - `BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader(
 new InputStreamReader(System.in));`
- Here, br is a character-based stream that is linked to the console through System.in.

Reading Characters

```
import java.io.*;  
  
class BRRead {  
    public static void main(String args[]) throws IOException{  
        char c;  
        BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(System.in));  
        System.out.println("Enter characters, 'q' to quit.");  
        do {  
            c = (char) br.read();  
            System.out.println(c);  
        } while(c != 'q');  
    }  
}
```

Reading Strings

```
import java.io.*;  
  
class BRReadLines {  
    public static void main(String args[]) throws IOException{  
        BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(System.in));  
        String str;  
        System.out.println("Enter lines of text.");  
        System.out.println("Enter 'stop' to quit.");  
        do {  
            str = br.readLine();  
            System.out.println(str);  
        }while(!str.equals("stop"));  
    }  
}
```

Using Command-Line Arguments

- The command-line arguments inside a Java program are stored as strings in a String array, **args** which is passed as the parameter to main().
- The first command-line argument is stored at args[0], the second at args[1], and so on.

```
class CommandLine {  
    public static void main(String args[]) {  
        for(int i=0; i<args.length; i++)  
            System.out.println("args[" + i + "]: " + args[i]);  
    }  
}
```

Variable length argument (classical style)

```
class PassArray {  
    static void vaTest(int v[]) {  
        System.out.print("Number of args: " + v.length + " Contents: ");  
  
        for(int x : v)  
            System.out.print(x + " ");  
        System.out.println();  
    }  
}  
public static void main(String args[]){  
    // array created to hold the arguments.  
    int n1[] = { 10 };  
    int n2[] = { 1, 2, 3 };  
    int n3[] = { };  
    vaTest(n1); // 1 arg  
    vaTest(n2); // 3 args  
    vaTest(n3); // no args  
}
```

Variable length argument (varargs feature)

- A variable-length argument is specified by three periods (...).
- For example, function vaTest() is written using a vararg:
 - static void vaTest(int ... v) {
- This syntax tells the compiler that vaTest() can be called with zero or more arguments.
- As a result, v is implicitly declared as an array of type int[].
- Thus, inside vaTest(), v is accessed using the normal array syntax
- You can overload a method that takes a variable-length argument

Example varargs

```
class VarArgs {  
    // vaTest() now uses a vararg.  
    static void vaTest(int ... v) {  
        System.out.print("Number of args: " + v.length + " Contents: ");  
        for(int x : v)  
            System.out.print(x + " ");  
        System.out.println();  
    }  
    public static void main(String args[]) {  
        vaTest(10);    // 1 arg  
        vaTest(1, 2, 3); // 3 args  
        vaTest();      // no args  
    }  
}
```

Restriction on varargs

- The varargs parameter must be last in the argument list and there must be only one varargs parameter.
- int doIt(int a, int b, double c, int ... vals) {
- int doIt(int a, int b, double c, int ... vals, boolean stopFlag) { // Error!
- int doIt(int a, int b, double c, int ... vals, double ... morevals) { // Error!

Another example

```
class VarArgs2 {  
    static void vaTest(String msg, int ... v) {  
        System.out.print(msg + v.length + " Contents: ");  
        for(int x : v)  
            System.out.print(x + " ");  
        System.out.println();  
    }  
  
    public static void main(String args[]) {  
        vaTest("One vararg: ", 10);  
        vaTest("Three varargs: ", 1, 2, 3);  
        vaTest("No varargs: ");  
    }  
}
```