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Example

Using this with a class attribute (x):

```
public class Main {
  int x;

// Constructor with a parameter
public Main(int x) {
  this.x = x;
}

// Call the constructor
public static void main(String[] args) {
  Main myObj = new Main(5);
  System.out.println("Value of x = " + myObj.x);
}
```

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Definition and Usage

The this keyword refers to the current object in a method or constructor.

The most common use of the **this** keyword is to eliminate the confusion between class attributes and parameters with the same name (because a class attribute is shadowed by a method or constructor parameter). If you omit the keyword in the example above, the output would be "0" instead of "5".

this can also be used to:

- Invoke current class constructor
- · Invoke current class method
- Return the current class object
- · Pass an argument in the method call
- · Pass an argument in the constructor call

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