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○ BJP4 Exercise 6.5: collapseSpaces

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Write a static method named `collapseSpaces` that accepts a `Scanner` representing a file as a parameter and writes that file's text to the console, with multiple spaces or tabs reduced to single spaces between words that appear on the same line. For example, if a `Scanner` variable named `input` is reading an input file containing the following text:

```
four      score  and
seven                years ago      our
fathers brought      forth
  on this      continent
a      new
nation
```

then the call `collapseSpaces(input);` should produce the following output:

```
four score and
seven years ago our
fathers brought forth
on this continent
a new
nation
```

Each word is to appear on the same line in output as it appears in the file. Notice that lines can be blank.

Type your solution here:

```
1 public static void collapseSpaces(Scanner input) {
2     while (input.hasNextLine()) {
```

```
3      String line = input.nextLine();
4      Scanner a = new Scanner(line);
5      while (a.hasNext()) {
6          String s = a.next();
7          System.out.print(s + " ");
8      }
9      System.out.println();
10 }
11 }
```

This is a **method problem**. Write a Java method as described. Do not write a complete program or class; just the method(s) above.



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test #1:

collapseSpaces(new Scanner("four score and\n\nseven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation"))

console output: four score and

seven years ago our

fathers brought forth
on this continent
a new

nation

result: ✔ pass

test #2:

collapseSpaces(new Scanner("to be or not\n\nthat is the question"))

console output: to be or not
to be

that is
the question.

result: ✔ pass

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