CSE 142, Spring 2013

Chapter 6

Lecture 6-2: Line-Based File Input

reading: 6.3 - 6.5



Hours question

Given a file hours.txt with the following contents:

```
123 Ben 12.5 8.1 7.6 3.2
456 Greg 4.0 11.6 6.5 2.7 12
789 Victoria 8.0 8.0 8.0 8.0 7.5
```

Consider the task of computing hours worked by each person:

```
Ben (ID#123) worked 31.4 hours (7.85 hours/day)
Greg (ID#456) worked 36.8 hours (7.36 hours/day)
Victoria (ID#789) worked 39.5 hours (7.90 hours/day)
```



Hours answer (flawed)

```
// This solution does not work!
import java.io.*;
                                 // for File
import java.util.*;
                                 // for Scanner
public class HoursWorked {
    public static void main(String[] args)
            throws FileNotFoundException {
        Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("hours.txt"));
        while (input.hasNext()) {
            // process one person
            int id = input.nextInt();
            String name = input.next();
            double total Hours = 0.0;
            int days = 0;
            while (input.hasNextDouble()) {
                totalHours += input.nextDouble();
                days++;
            System.out.println(name + " (ID#" + id +
                    ") worked " + totalHours + " hours (" +
                    (totalHours / days) + " hours/day)");
```

Flawed output

- The inner while loop is grabbing the next person's ID.
- We want to process the tokens, but we also care about the line breaks (they mark the end of a person's data).
- A better solution is a hybrid approach:
 - First, break the overall input into lines.
 - Then break each line into tokens.

Line-based Scanner methods

Method	Description
nextLine()	returns next entire line of input (from cursor to \n)
hasNextLine()	returns true if there are any more lines of input to read (always true for console input)

```
Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("<filename>"));
while (input.hasNextLine()) {
    String line = input.nextLine();
    cprocess this line>;
}
```

Consuming lines of input

```
23 3.14 John Smith "Hello" world 45.2 19
```

• The Scanner reads the lines as follows:

```
23\t3.14 John Smith\t"Hello" world\n\t\t45.2 19\n
```

- String line = input.nextLine();
 23\t3.14 John Smith\t"Hello" world\n\t\t45.2 19\n
- String line2 = input.nextLine(); 23\t3.14 John Smith\t"Hello" world\n\t\t45.2 19\n
- Each \n character is consumed but not returned.

Scanners on Strings

• A Scanner can tokenize the contents of a String:

```
Scanner <name> = new Scanner(<String>);
```

• Example:

Mixing lines and tokens

<pre>Input file input.txt:</pre>	Output to console:
The quick brown fox jumps over	Line has 6 words
the lazy dog.	Line has 3 words

```
// Counts the words on each line of a file
Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("input.txt"));
while (input.hasNextLine()) {
    String line = input.nextLine();
    Scanner lineScan = new Scanner(line);

    // process the contents of this line
    int count = 0;
    while (lineScan.hasNext()) {
        String word = lineScan.next();
        count++;
    }
    System.out.println("Line has " + count + " words");
}
```

Hours question

• Fix the Hours program to read the input file properly:

```
123 Ben 12.5 8.1 7.6 3.2
456 Greg 4.0 11.6 6.5 2.7 12
789 Victoria 8.0 8.0 8.0 8.0 7.5
```

Recall, it should produce the following output:

```
Ben (ID#123) worked 31.4 hours (7.85 hours/day)
Greg (ID#456) worked 36.8 hours (7.36 hours/day)
Victoria (ID#789) worked 39.5 hours (7.90 hours/day)
```

Hours answer, corrected

```
// Processes an employee input file and outputs each employee's hours.
import java.io.*; // for File
import java.util.*; // for Scanner
public class Hours {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws FileNotFoundException {
        Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("hours.txt"));
       while (input.hasNextLine()) {
            String line = input.nextLine();
            processEmployee(line);
    public static void processEmployee(String line) {
        Scanner lineScan = new Scanner(line);
        int id = lineScan.nextInt(); // e.g. 456
        String name = lineScan.next();  // e.g. "Greg"
       double sum = 0.0;
        int count = 0;
       while (lineScan.hasNextDouble()) {
            sum = sum + lineScan.nextDouble();
            count++;
        double average = sum / count;
        System.out.println(name + " (ID#" + id + ") worked " +
            sum + " hours (" + average + " hours/day)");
```