

# Variable Number of Arguments



- Methods can have a variable number of arguments
- Methods with variable # of arguments  
can be overloaded

```
package varargs1;
public class VarArgs1 {
    // Demonstrate variable-length arguments.
    // vaTest() uses a vararg.
    static void vaTest(int ... v) {
        System.out.println("Number of args: " + v.length);
        System.out.println("Contents: ");

        for(int i=0; i < v.length; i++)
            System.out.println("  arg " + i + ": " + v[i]);
        System.out.println();
    }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // Notice how vaTest() can be called with a
        // variable number of arguments.
        vaTest(10);      // 1 arg
        vaTest(1, 2, 3); // 3 args
        vaTest();       // no args
    }
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Number of args: 1
Contents:
  arg 0: 10

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Number of args: 3
Contents:
  arg 0: 1
  arg 1: 2
  arg 2: 3

```

```

Number of args: 0
Contents:

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package varargs2;
public class VarArgs2 {
    // Here, msg is a normal parameter and v is a
    // varargs parameter.
    static void vaTest(String msg, int ... v) {
        System.out.println(msg + v.length);
        System.out.println("Contents: ");

        for(int i=0; i < v.length; i++)
            System.out.println("  arg " + i + ": " + v[i]);

        System.out.println();
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```
One vararg: 1
Contents:
  arg 0: 10
```

```
Three varargs: 3
Contents:
  arg 0: 1
  arg 1: 2
  arg 2: 3
```

```
No varargs: 0
Contents:
```

- Ambiguity can occur with variable arguments
- With overloaded methods and a call such as  
vaTest(); // no args

Given these two method definitions:

- static void vaTest (int ... v) {
- static void vaTest (int n, int ...v) {

If a call is made in the main such as:

vaTest(1);

Which method will be used?