

**NAME**

read - read a character string from controlling terminal

**SYNOPSIS**

read string-variable

**DESCRIPTION**

Read reads a character string from the users terminal into one of ten string variables (a thru j) by opening and reading from `"/dev/ln"`. The strings then become available as arguments for subsequent commands which may reference them as `$a` thru `$j`.

Because the strings are available to any subsequent command executed by the shell the strings must be stored in temporary variables within the Shell. Read is therefore a command which is recognized and executed by the shell.

**SEE ALSO**

sh:o(1)

**BUGS**