Retrieving GET & POST data

JRequest 'getVar' method

To retrieve GET/POST request data, Joomla! uses the getVar method of the JRequest class (JRequest::getVar()).

Retrieving Data

If you have a form variable named 'address', you would want to use this code to get it:

```php
 ADDRESS is empty
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$address = JRequest::getVar('address', 'default value goes here', 'post', 'variable type');

Here is a list of types you can validate:

- INT
- INTEGER
- FLOAT
- DOUBLE
- BOOL
- BOOLEAN
- WORD
- ALNUM
- CMD
- BASE64
- STRING
- ARRAY
- PATH
- USERNAME

**The FILTER MASK Parameter**

Finally, there are some mask constants you can pass in as the fifth parameter that allow you to bypass portions of the filtering:

$address = JRequest::getVar('address', 'default value goes here', 'post', 'validation type', 'mask type');

- JREQUEST_NOTRIM - prevents trimming of whitespace
- JREQUEST_ALLOWRAW - bypasses filtering
- JREQUEST_ALLOWHTML - allows most HTML. If this is not passed in, HTML is stripped out by default.