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PACKAGES

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Access Specifiers



Access specifiers are used to specify the visibility and accessibility of a class constructors, member variables and methods.

Types:

1. Public
2. Private
3. Protected
4. Default (package)



Access Specifiers



Public (anything declared as public can be accessed from anywhere):

A variable or method declared/defined with the public modifier can be accessed anywhere in the program through its class objects, through its subclass objects and through the objects of classes of other packages also.

Private (anything declared as private can't be seen outside of the class):

The instance variable or instance methods declared/initialized as private can be accessed only by its class. Even its subclass is not able to access the private members.



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Protected (anything declared as protected can be accessed by classes in the same package and subclasses in the other packages):

The protected access specifier makes the instance variables and instance methods visible to all the classes, subclasses of that package and subclasses of other packages.

Default (can be accessed only by the classes in the same package):

The default access modifier is friendly. This is similar to public modifier except only the classes belonging to a particular package knows the variables and methods.



Access Specifiers



	PRIVATE	DEFAULT	PROTECTED	PUBLIC
Same class	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Same package Subclass	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Same package Non-subclass	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Different package Subclass	No	No	Yes	Yes
Different package Non-subclass	No	No	No	Yes



Packages and Access Specifiers



Creating Own Package

- Choose a package name (e.g., mypackage1).
- Add the **package keyword** at the top of the Java file.
- Save the file inside a folder with the same name as the package.

```
package packagename;
```

```
package mypackage1;  
public class FirstClass {  
    public String i = "I am public variable";  
    protected String j = "I am protected variable";  
    private String k = "I am private variable";  
    String r = "I don't have any modifier";  
}
```



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Compilation Command:

```
javac -d . mypackage1\FirstClass.java
```

-d . → Saves the compiled .class file inside the package directory mypackage1.

```
D:\JAVA Programs\  
├── mypackage1\  
│   └── FirstClass.class
```

Run:

```
java mypackage1.FirstClass
```



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```
package mypackage2;
import mypackage1.FirstClass;

class SecondClass extends FirstClass
{
    void method() {
        System.out.println(i);
        System.out.println(j);
        System.out.println(k);
        System.out.println(r);
    }
    public static void main(String arg[]) {
        SecondClass obj = new SecondClass();
        obj.method();
    }
}
```




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·if SecondClass.java depends on FirstClass.java, so we need to set the classpath (cp)

```
javac -d . -cp . mypackage2\SecondClass.java
```

-cp . tells Java to look in the current directory (.) for other compiled classes

```
D:\JAVA Programs\  
├── mypackage1\  
│   ├── FirstClass.class  
├── mypackage2\  
│   └── SecondClass.class
```

Run:

```
java mypackage2.SecondClass
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mypackage2\SecondClass.java:7: error: k has private access in FirstClass
System.out.println(k);

mypackage2\SecondClass.java:8: error: r is not public in FirstClass; cannot be
accessed from outside package
System.out.println(r);



THANK YOU