

# Encapsulation

Hiding “sensitive” data from the user. Encapsulation is achieved in C++ using Classes.

Classes have two main components:

1. Data Members
2. Member Function

## Access Modifiers:

Access modifiers are keywords in object-oriented languages that set the accessibility of classes, methods, and other members. Access modifiers are used to facilitate the encapsulation of components.

There are 3 types of Access Modifiers:

1. **Public:** Class objects can access the data members and function outside the class.
2. **Private:** Objects cannot access the data members and function outside the class. These members can only be accessed inside the class.
3. **Protected:** Objects cannot access the data members and function outside the class. These members can be accessed inside the class and inherited class.

| Access Modifiers | Own Class | Derived Class | Outside the Class |
|------------------|-----------|---------------|-------------------|
| Public           | ✓         | ✓             | ✓                 |
| Private          | ✓         | ✗             | ✗                 |
| Protected        | ✓         | ✓             | ✗                 |

## Advantages of Encapsulation:

- Good coding practice, useful in interviews
- Increased security of data

### Sample Code:

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
class A {
public:
    int a;
    void funcA() {
        cout << "Func A\n";
    }
private:
    int b;
    void funcB() {
        cout << "Func B\n";
    }
protected:
    int c;
    void funcC() {
        cout << "Func C\n";
    }
};
int main() {
    A obj;
    obj.funcA();
    obj.funcB();
}
```

In the above code, obj cannot access funcB.