# Properties

### Property (val/var)

```
property = field + accessor(s)
```

```
read-only property = field + getter
```

mutable property = field + getter + setter

```
class Contact(
   val name: String,
   var address: String
)
```



```
contact.address
contact.address = "..."
```

```
contact.getAddress();
contact.setAddress("...");
```

```
class Contact {
                                contact.getAddress();
contact.address
                                contact.setAddress("...");
```

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```
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```

getName
getAge
setAge

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```
public final class Person {
   @NotNull
   private final String name;
   private int age;
   public Person(@NotNull String name, int age) {
      this.name = name;
      this.age = age;
   @NotNull
   public final String getName() {
      return this name;
   public final int getAge() {
      return this age;
   public final void setAge(int age) {
      this.age = age;
```

# Properties without fields

# Backing field might be absent

```
property = (field) + accessor(s)
read-only property = (field) + getter
```

mutable property = (field) + getter + setter

# Backing field might be absent

```
class Rectangle(val height: Int, val width: Int) {
    val isSquare: Boolean
        get() {
        return height == width
    }
}
```



How many times the phrase "Calculating the answer..." will be printed?

```
val foo1 = run {
    println("Calculating the answer...")
    42
val foo2: Int
    get() {
        println("Calculating the answer...")
        return 42
fun main(args: Array<String>) {
    println("$foo1 $foo1 $foo2 $foo2")
```



### The value is stored:

```
val foo1 = run {
    println("Calculating the answer...")
    42
fun main(args: Array<String>) {
    println("foo1:")
    println("$foo1 $foo1")
                             Calculating the answer...
                             foo1:
                             42 42
```

### The value is calculated on each access:

```
val foo2: Int
    get() {
        println("Calculating the answer...")
        return 42
fun main(args: Array<String>) {
    println("foo2:")
    println("$foo2 $foo2")
                                    foo2:
                                    Calculating the answer...
                                    Calculating the answer...
                                    42 42
```



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### You can access field only inside accessors

```
class StateLogger {
    var state = false
        set(value) {
            println("state has changed: " +
                    "$field -> $value")
            field = value
StateLogger().state = true
             state has changed: false -> true
```

# You always use property instead of getter or setter

```
class LengthCounter {
    var counter: Int = 0
    fun addWord(word: String) {
        counter += word.length
                         Inside the class the calls are optimized:
                         this.counter += ...
val lengthCounter = LengthCounter()
lengthCounter.addWord("Hi!")
println(lengthCounter.counter)
                                  Getter is called under the hood:
                               lengthCounter.getCounter();
```

# Accessors visibility

# Changing visibility of a setter

```
class LengthCounter {
    var counter: Int = 0
    private set

fun addWord(word: String) {
    counter += word.length
    }
}
```