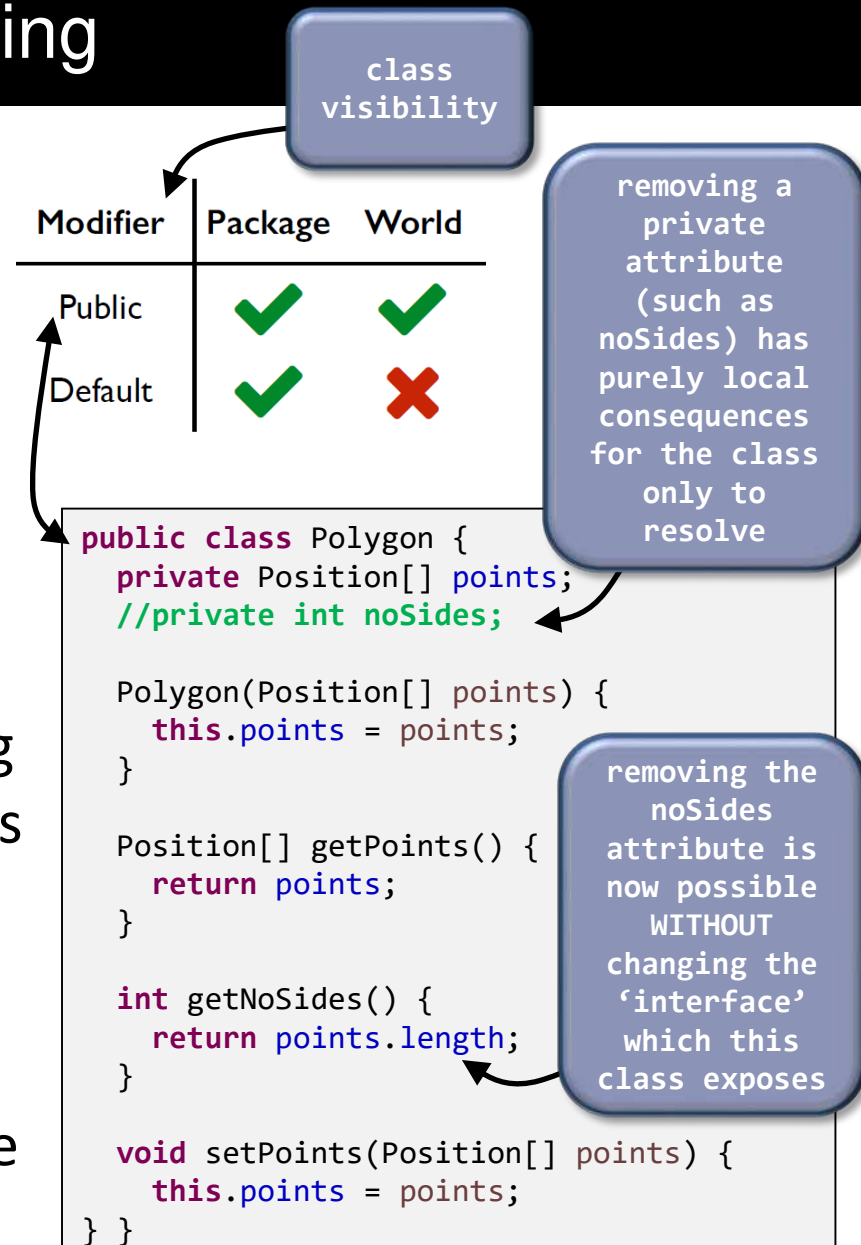


Data Hiding

- you should **routinely hide** your attributes and methods as much as possible using **private**
- now that we've made our implementation of attributes **private**, there's another benefit: we can change the implementation **without** changing the way objects access to our class (i.e. we may want to remove an attribute completely)
- using **public** makes elements globally accessible (also applicable to classes)



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