

Scoping



Swift's Scoping ("Access Control") Model

Module:

- A single unit of code distribution
- A framework or application that is built and shipped as a single unit and that can be imported by another module using Swift's import keyword

Source file:

- A single Swift source code file within a module (app or framework)
- A single source file can contain definitions for multiple types, functions, etc.

Access Levels

public

- entities can be used within any source file from their defining module, as well as in a source file from another module that imports the defining module. *Use for framework interface*

internal

- Entities can be used within any source file from their defining module, but NOT in any source file outside that module. This is the default. *Internal structure*

private

- Entities can only be used in its own defining source file. Note that this is different from other languages. *Use to hide implementation details*

Examples of Syntax

```
public class SomePublicClass {}  
internal class SomeInternalClass {}  
private class SomePrivateClass {}  
  
public var somePublicVariable = 0  
internal let someInternalConstant = 0  
private func somePrivateFunction() {}
```