

How to write setter and getter for a variable :

```
public class Student
{
    private int rollNumber; // [Data Hiding]
    private String name;

    public void setRollNumber(int rollNumber) // setter for rollNumber
    {
        this.rollNumber = rollNumber;
    }

    public int getRollNumber() // getter for rollNumber
    {
        return this.rollNumber;
    }

    public void setName(String name) // setter for name variable
    {
        this.name = name;
    }

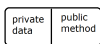
    public String getName() // getter for name
    {
        return this.name;
    }
}
```

\*\*\* What is Encapsulation in java ?

[Accessing the private data via public methods like setter and getter]



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we can say it is  
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\* Binding the data with its associated method in a single unit is called Encapsulation.

\* Encapsulation ensures that **our private data must be accessible via public methods like setter and getter.**

```
public class Customer
{
    private double customerBill;

    public void setCustomerBill(double customerBill)
    {
        this.customerBill = customerBill;
    }

    public double getCustomerBill()
    {
        return this.customerBill;
    }
}
```

ELC class Operation :

- 1) initialize the customer bill with user value  
[Parameterized Constructor]
- 2) To modify the existing bill amount  
[setter OR any public method]
- 3) To read the customerBill value outside of the ELC class  
[getter or Any public method]
- 4) To print customer bill  
[toString() method]

\* It provides data security

\* Without data hiding we cannot achieve encapsulation.

\* Class is the example of encapsulation because we have data + method

How to achieve encapsulation in a class :

In order to achieve encapsulation we need to follow the following two steps

- 1) Declare all the fields with private access modifier. [Data Hiding]
- 2) Declare public methods like setter and getter for the non static variable in the class.

What is tightly encapsulated class and loosely encapsulated class ?

Tightly Encapsulated class :

If we declare all our variables with private access modifier then it is called Tightly encapsulated class

Example :

```
class Student
{
    private int roll;
    private String name;
    private String address;

    //Generate setter and getter for all the variables
}
```

Loosely encapsulated class :

If we declare our non static field other than private access modifier then it is called loosely encapsulated class.

Example :

```
class Player
{
    private int id;
    protected String name;
    protected String address;

    //Generate setter and getter for all the variables
}
```

Method return type as a class :

While declaring a method in Java, return type is compulsory.  
As a method return type we have following options

- 1) void as a return type of the Method
- 2) Any primitive data type as a return type of the method.
- 3) Any class name/interface / enum / record we can take as a return type of the method.

```
public int m1()
{
    return 8;
}
```

Conclusion is : The return value **(8)** of the method must be compatible with return type **(int)** of the method

package com.navi.encapsulation;

```
public class Test
{
    public Test m2()
    {
        //return null;

        //return new Test();

        Test t1 = new Test();
        return t1;
    }
}
```