

# Classes, Methods, Properties

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# OOP in PHP: Basic Terms

**Class** – a ‘blueprint’ to create objects.

**Properties** – class data.

**Constants** – constant class data.

**Methods** – class logic (action mechanisms).

**Object** – an instance of a class.

```
<?php
class SampleClass
{
    public string $publicProperty = '';
    protected bool $protectedProperty = true;
    private int $privateProperty = 0;

    public const PUBLIC_CONST = '';
    protected const PROTECTED_CONST = '';
    private const PRIVATE_CONST = '';

    public function __construct() {}

    public function publicMethod() {}
    protected function roTECTEDMethod() {}
    private function privateMethod() {}

    public function __destruct() {}
}

$someObject = new SomeClass();
```

**Constructor** – a special method automatically called upon object creation.

**Destructor** – a special method automatically called upon object destruction.

Visibility (scope): public, protected, private – in general

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public

“Everywhere” (within namespace or any “parent scope”)

protected

Inside a class and its descendants

private

Inside the class itself only

## Properties visibility (scope) and other modifiers

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public	“Everywhere” (within namespace or any “parent scope”)
protected	Inside a class and its descendants
private	Inside the class itself only
static	A single value for all instances
final	“Non-overridable” class constant
<del>abstract</del>	A property can not be an abstract one

# Properties visibility (scope) and other modifiers

A **public** property is accessible from outside of the class code.

Avoid at all costs!

It violates encapsulation principle.

A **protected** property is accessible from the class itself and from its descendants.

A **private** property is accessible from the class itself only.

```
<?php
class StringsManipulator
{
    public string $currentStringRawRepresentation = '';
    protected string $currentString = '';
    protected string $uniqueId = '';
    private string $typeDependantHash = '';

    public const ENCODIND_DEPENDANT = 0b0001;
    public const ENCODIND_INDEPENDANT = 0b0010;

    public final const STRING_TEXT = 0b0001;
    public final const STRING_BINARY = 0b0010;

    public static int $justACounter = 0;

    public function __construct(string $initialString)
    {
        $this->currentString = $initialString;
        $this->uniqueId = uniqid();
        self::$justACounter++;
    }
}

$stringOne = new StringsManipulator('ABC');
$stringTwo = new StringsManipulator('DEF');

echo $stringOne::$justACounter . "\n"; // 2
echo $stringTwo::$justACounter . "\n"; // 2
```

These constants are overridable in descendants.

These **final** constants are non-overridable in descendants.

This **static** property will have the same value for all objects (instances).

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# Why do we need class constants?

Class constants allow to avoid 'magic numbers', to increase code maintainability, to decrease the probability of a mistake, and so on...

```
<?php

class HttpConnection
{
    const PENDING_RESPONSE    = 0b0001;
    const RECEIVENING_HEADER  = 0b0010;
    const RECEIVENING_DATA    = 0b0100;
    // ...
}

// Nice way to use class constants:
if ($httpConnection->getStatus() == HTTPConnection::RECEIVENING_DATA) {
    // ...
}

// Do NOT do this! This is WRONG!
// This is so-called 'magic number' -- extremely BAD practice!
if ($httpConnection->getStatus() == 4) {
    // ...
}
```

## Methods visibility (scope) and other modifiers

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public

“Everywhere” (within namespace or any “parent scope”)

protected

Inside a class and its descendants

private

Inside the class itself only

static

Accessible via class name, i.e. without an object

final

Non-overridable (in descendants)

abstract

Has to be overridden in descendants

# Methods visibility (scope) and other modifiers

A **public** method is accessible from outside of the class code.

A **protected** method is accessible from the class itself and from its descendants.

A **private** method is accessible from the class itself only.

A **final** method is non-overridable in descendants.

An **abstract** method has to be overridden in descendants.

```
<?php

class StringsManipulator
{
    public string $currentStringRawRepresentation = '';
    protected string $currentString = '';
    protected string $uniqueId = '';
    private string $typeDependantHash = '';

    public function __construct(string $initialString)
    {
        $this->currentString = $initialString;
        $this->uniqueId = uniqid();
    }

    protected function calculateHash(string $inputString) : string
    {
        return '';
    }

    private function typeDependantHash(string $inputString) : string
    {
        return '';
    }

    final public function getCryptoHash(string $inputString) : string
    {
        return '';
    }

    abstract public function getNationalHash(string $inputString) : string;
}
```

If a class has at least one **abstract** method, the whole class itself becomes an abstract one, i.e. it can not be instantiated.



# Why do we need static methods?

Static methods are used in two main cases:

- 1) In some design patterns (like “singleton”).
- 2) In case method behavior does not depend on object state.

```
<?php
class Config
{
    private static $instance;

    protected function __construct() {}
    protected function __clone() {}

    public function __wakeup()
    {
        throw new Exception("Cannot unserialize a singleton.");
    }

    public static function getInstance(): Config
    {
        if (is_null(self::$instance)) {
            self::$instance = new Config;
        }
        return self::$instance;
    }
}

$config = Config::getInstance();
```

```
<?php
class Math
{
    public static function inc($x, $increment = 1)
    {
        return $x + $increment;
    }
}

echo Math::inc(5); // 6
```

## Class modifiers

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**abstract**

Instantiation is prohibited, only descendants may be instantiated

**final**

Inheritance is prohibited

# Why do we need abstract and final classes?

Abstract classes are useful as “the beginning” of a hierarchy.  
Final classes are useful to prevent any overrides that may cause problems.

```
<?php

abstract class DbmsConnection
{
    abstract public function connect() : bool;
}

class MySqlConnection extends DbmsConnection {
    public function connect() : bool {
        return true;
    }
}

class OracleConnection extends DbmsConnection
{
    public function connect() : bool {
        return true;
    }
}
```

```
<?php

final class ExtremelyStrongEncryption
{
    public function encryptForever() : string
    {
        return '';
    }
}
```

Once again: static, final, abstract – just to remember

Modifier	Applicable to...			Effect
	Class	Method	Property	
final	Yes	Yes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A class inheritance is prohibited.</li><li>• A method override is prohibited.</li><li>• A constant change is prohibited.</li></ul>
static	No	Yes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A method is callable via class name (without an object).</li><li>• An attribute shares its value across all objects (instances).</li></ul>
abstract	Yes	Yes	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A class instantiation is prohibited, only descendants may be instantiated.</li><li>• A method has no implementation, i.e. has to be implemented in class descendants.</li></ul>

And some more keywords: this, self, static, parent

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this

Access to the object scope.

self

Early binding, access to the scope of a class a method was **declared** in.

static

Late binding, access to the scope of a class a method was **called** in.

parent

Access to the parent class scope.

And some more keywords: this

In PHP **\$this** literally means “the object we are inside now”.

```
<?php

class SomeClass
{
    private $property;

    public function __construct($property)
    {
        $this->property = $property;
        $this->initSomething();
    }

    private function initSomething()
    {
    }
}

$someObject = new SomeClass(999);
```

This doesn't work without **\$this**.

## And some more keywords: self, early binding

Early binding means access to the scope of a class a method was **declared** in.

```
<?php
class A
{
    public static function whoAmI()
    {
        echo __CLASS__;
    }

    public static function justSomeTest()
    {
        self::whoAmI();
    }
}

class B extends A
{
    public static function whoAmI()
    {
        echo __CLASS__;
    }
}

B::justSomeTest(); // A
```

While the method was called from B class, due to **self** keyword the implementation of the method in A class was really invoked.

And some more keywords: static, late binding

Late binding means access to the scope of a class a method was called in.

```
<?php  
  
class A  
{  
    public static function whoAmI()  
    {  
        echo __CLASS__;  
    }  
  
    public static function justSomeTest()  
    {  
        static::whoAmI();  
    }  
}  
  
class B extends A  
{  
    public static function whoAmI()  
    {  
        echo __CLASS__;  
    }  
}  
  
B::justSomeTest(); // B
```

The inherited implementation  
of the method in B class was  
really invoked.



And some more keywords: parent, access to the parent class scope

The **parent** keyword allows access to the parent class scope.

```
<?php

class A
{
    public function example()
    {
        echo 'A';
    }
}

class B extends A
{
    public function example()
    {
        echo 'B';
        parent::example();
    }
}

$b = new B;
$b->example(); // BA
```

This is how we access parent class scope.

## Objects comparison

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With `==` instances are considered equal if they have the same attributes and values (values are compared with `==`), and are instances of the same class.

With `===` object variables are considered equal if and only if they refer to the same instance of the same class.

# Objects comparison

```
<?php

class SomeClass {
    public string $someValue;
}

$objectOne = new SomeClass();
$objectTwo = new SomeClass();

$objectOne->someValue = 'A';
$objectTwo->someValue = 'A';
$objectThree = $objectTwo;
var_dump($objectOne == $objectTwo);    // true
var_dump($objectOne === $objectTwo);   // false
var_dump($objectTwo === $objectThree); // true

$objectOne->someValue = 'X';
$objectTwo->someValue = 'Y';
var_dump($objectOne == $objectTwo);    // false
```

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