



What is Class

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- A class is at the core of Java.
- Any concept to be implemented, must be encapsulated within a class.



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- A Class is a template that decides a structure for an object.
- Using classes and objects, one can map 2 major pillars of OOP: Abstraction and Encapsulation.



Class Syntax

```
class <class-name> {  
    <variable-declarations>  
    <method-definitions>  
}
```



A Simple Class

```
class Planet{  
    String name;  
    int moons;  
}
```



Creating Object

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Creating Object

- Once a class is created, it can be further used by creating its object.
- Syntax:

```
<class-name> <ref-var-name> =  
                                new <class-name> ();
```



Access Modifiers

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Access Modifiers

- Access modifiers are used to specify the scope of class members.
- These are `private`, `public`, `protected` and `default`.



Adding Methods

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Adding Methods

- Once an object is created, at any time it can be manipulated with the help of methods.
- Methods act like behaviors or operations.



Adding Methods

- Syntax:

```
<return-type> <method-name> ([param-list]) {  
    //Some Code  
}
```



Accessor and Mutator Methods

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Accessor and Mutator Methods

- Used to retrieve or modify the values of the fields for a specific object.
- These methods follow the convention:
`getXXX()` and `setXXX()`