

Problem

Modify the Car class so that:

The brand attribute is private (cannot be accessed directly from outside the class).

You provide a getter method to safely access it.

Solution

```
class Car:
    def __init__(self, brand, model):
        self.__brand = brand    # private attribute
        self.model = model

    # Getter method
    def get_brand(self):
        return self.__brand


    def full_name(self):
        return f"{self.__brand} {self.model}"
```

Create an object

```
my_car = Car("Toyota", "Corolla")
```

Accessing private attribute directly —  Not allowed

```
# print(my_car.__brand) # This will cause an AttributeError
```

Access via getter —  Correct way

```
print("Car Brand:", my_car.get_brand())
```

```
print("Full Name:", my_car.full_name())
```

Explanation

Concept	Meaning
<code>self.__brand</code>	The double underscore (<code>__</code>) makes the variable private → can't be accessed directly outside the class.
Getter method	Used to safely retrieve private data without exposing the variable directly.
<code>my_car.get_brand()</code>	Returns the value of <code>__brand</code> safely.
 If you try to access it directly	
<code>print(my_car.__brand)</code>	

you'll get:

AttributeError: 'Car' object has no attribute '__brand'

🧠 But here's something cool:

Python doesn't have true private variables — it uses name mangling.

So internally, `__brand` is stored as `_Car__brand`.

You could (but shouldn't) access it like:

```
print(my_car._Car__brand)
```

This works — but it's considered bad practice, because it breaks encapsulation.

✅ In short:

Encapsulation = hiding data + controlled access.

🧩 Problem

We want the `brand` attribute to be **private**, but still be readable like this:

```
print(my_car.brand)
```

instead of:

```
print(my_car.get_brand())
```

✅ Pythonic Solution using `@property`

```
class Car:
    def __init__(self, brand, model):
        self.__brand = brand      # private attribute
        self.model = model

    @property
```

```
def brand(self):
    """Getter for brand"""
    return self.__brand

def full_name(self):
    return f"{self.__brand} {self.model}"

# Create object
my_car = Car("Toyota", "Corolla")

# Access brand as if it's public (but it's still private internally!)
print("Car Brand:", my_car.brand)
print("Full Name:", my_car.full_name())
```

Explanation

Line	What it does
<code>self.__brand</code>	Marks the attribute as private.
<code>@property</code>	Turns the method below it into a getter that acts like an attribute.
<code>def</code> <code>brand(self):</code>	This function now runs <i>whenever you access</i> <code>my_car.brand</code> .
<code>my_car.brand</code>	Looks like direct access, but it actually calls the <code>brand()</code> method behind the scenes.

Bonus: Add a Setter

You can even allow **controlled modification** of private data using `@<property>.setter`:

```
class Car:
    def __init__(self, brand, model):
        self.__brand = brand
        self.model = model
```

```
@property
def brand(self):
    return self.__brand

@brand.setter
def brand(self, new_brand):
    if new_brand: # simple validation
        self.__brand = new_brand
    else:
        print("❌ Brand name cannot be empty")

my_car = Car("Tata", "Safari")

print(my_car.brand) # calls getter

my_car.brand = "Mahindra" # calls setter
print(my_car.brand)

my_car.brand = "" # invalid brand
```

Output

```
Tata
Mahindra
❌ Brand name cannot be empty
```

✅ Summary:

Feature	Without <code>@property</code>	With <code>@property</code>
Read attribute	<code>obj.get_brand()</code>	<code>obj.brand</code>

Modify attribute	<code>obj.set_brand('x')</code>	<code>obj.brand = 'x'</code>
Clean code	✗	✓ Very clean
Encapsulation	✓	✓

🧩 Example Recap

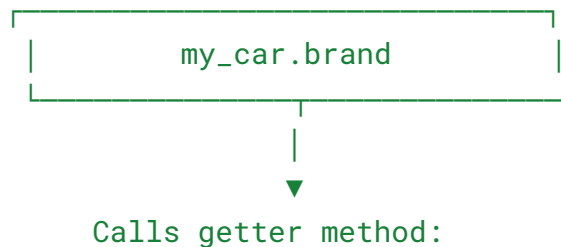
Let's take this version of your class 👉

```
class Car:
    def __init__(self, brand, model):
        self.__brand = brand
        self.model = model

    @property
    def brand(self):
        return self.__brand

    @brand.setter
    def brand(self, new_brand):
        if new_brand:
            self.__brand = new_brand
        else:
            print("✗ Brand name cannot be empty")
```

⚙️ Visual Flow of How `@property` Works



```
def brand(self):  
    return self.__brand
```



Returns private variable
`self.__brand`

🧩 When you read the value:

```
print(my_car.brand)
```

➡ Internally Python does:

```
Car.brand.__get__(my_car)
```

This means it **calls the method decorated with @property** (the getter) and returns its value.

🧩 When you modify the value:

```
my_car.brand = "Mahindra"
```

➡ Internally Python does:

```
Car.brand.__set__(my_car, "Mahindra")
```

So it actually **calls the method decorated with @brand.setter** and passes "Mahindra" as `new_brand`.

🧠 Internal Chain

```
my_car.brand → calls → brand() (getter)
```

```
my_car.brand = "Tata" → calls → brand() (setter)
```

Behind the scenes:

- The getter runs when you **access** the property.
- The setter runs when you **assign** a new value.
- Both internally work with a **private variable** (here, `__brand`).

Visualization Summary

Action	What You Write	What Actually Happens Internally
Read	<code>my_car.brand</code>	Calls <code>Car.brand.__get__(my_car)</code>
Write	<code>my_car.brand = "Tata"</code>	Calls <code>Car.brand.__set__(my_car, "Tata")</code>
Delete	<code>del my_car.brand</code>	Calls <code>Car.brand.__delete__(my_car)</code> (<i>if defined</i>)

So, `@property` acts like a **smart wrapper** —
you use it like a normal variable,
but it secretly runs methods to validate or process data.