

**property** decorators, which are one of Python's most elegant features for *controlled attribute access*.

Let's walk through this problem step by step.

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## Problem 8: Make `model` Read-Only Using `@property`

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

    @property
    def model(self):
        """Read-only property for model"""
        return self.__model

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

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## Usage Example

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

# Accessing model (works fine)
print(my_car.model)      # ✓ "Safari"

# Trying to change model (will fail)
my_car.model = "Nexon"   # ✗ Raises AttributeError
```

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## Output:

```
Safari
Traceback (most recent call last):
```

```
...
AttributeError: can't set attribute 'model'
```

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## Explanation

- `@property` turns a **method** into an **attribute-like getter**.  
So instead of calling `my_car.model()`, you can just write `my_car.model`.
  - You didn't define a **setter** for it, which makes it **read-only**.
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## How It Works Under the Hood

When you write:

```
my_car.model
```

Python actually calls:

```
Car.model.__get__(my_car)
```

When you try to assign:

```
my_car.model = "Nexon"
```

Python looks for a setter (`@model.setter`).

Since you didn't define one → ✗ raises `AttributeError`.

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## Optional (If You Later Want to Allow Setting It)

You can safely add a setter like this:

```
@model.setter
```

```
def model(self, new_model):
    print("You are changing the model!")
    self.__model = new_model
```

Now the attribute becomes *read-write* again — but you still maintain control and can add validation if needed.

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## In summary

Concept	Description
<code>@property</code>	Defines a getter method (read-only if no setter defined)
<code>@&lt;name&gt;.set</code>	Optional — defines write logic
<code>ter</code>	
Benefit	Controls access to private data while keeping syntax clean

Perfect  Let's now extend your understanding to the **complete property control** system in Python — using `@property`, `@<name>.setter`, and `@<name>.deleter`.

We'll build it on top of your **Car** example so it stays consistent with what you've learned.

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## Full Example — Getter, Setter, and Deleter

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

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# ✓ Getter – read-only access initially
@property
def model(self):
    return self.__model

# ✓ Setter – allows controlled modification
@model.setter
def model(self, new_model):
    if len(new_model) < 3:
        raise ValueError("Model name too short!")
    print(f"Changing model from {self.__model} → {new_model}")
    self.__model = new_model

# ✓ Deleter – allows controlled deletion
@model.deleter
def model(self):
    print(f"Deleting model {self.__model}")
    del self.__model

```

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## Usage Example

```

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

print(my_car.model)      # ✓ Access (getter)
my_car.model = "Nexon"   # ✓ Modify (setter)
print(my_car.model)

del my_car.model         # ✓ Delete (deleter)

```

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## Output

```

Safari
Changing model from Safari → Nexon
Nexon
Deleting model Nexon

```

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## Concept Summary

Decorator	Purpose	Example
<code>@property</code>	Getter — defines how to <b>access</b> the attribute	<code>my_car.model</code>
<code>@model.setter</code>	Setter — defines how to <b>modify</b> the attribute	<code>my_car.model = "Nexon"</code>
<code>@model.dele</code> ter	Deleter — defines what happens when you <b>delete</b> the attribute	<code>del my_car.model</code>

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## Why This Is Useful

- You can add **validation**, **logging**, or **restrictions** without changing how your class is used.
- The syntax looks **clean**, but under the hood, you have full control.

Excellent question 🔥 — this shows you're thinking **deeply** about how Python works internally.

Let's break it down clearly 👇

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## The doubt

“Function name and variable name are same — so why doesn't it clash?”

You're referring to this part:

```
@property  
def model(self):  
    return self.__model
```

Here, both the **function name** (`model`) and the **attribute name used in code** (`my_car.model`) look the same.

So why no conflict? 🤔

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## 🧠 The secret: Descriptor Protocol

When you write:

```
class Car:  
    @property  
    def model(self):  
        return self.__model
```

What happens internally is:

- The decorator `@property` wraps the function `model()` into a **special object** of type `property`.
- So in the class dictionary, `Car.__dict__['model']` is no longer a function — it's a `property` object, not the same as the instance variable.

Let's see this in action:

```
print(Car.__dict__['model'])
```

Output:

```
<property object at 0x...>
```

So, in simple words:

Name	Belongs to	What it stores
<code>model</code> (in class)	Class-level	A <b>property object</b>
<code>__model</code> (in instance)	Object-level	The <b>actual data</b> stored in memory

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## ✖ What happens when you call `my_car.model`?

Python checks attributes in this order:

1. Looks in the **instance dictionary** (`my_car.__dict__`)
2. If not found, looks in the **class dictionary** (`Car.__dict__`)

When it finds `model` in the class as a **property**, it knows:

“Ah, this is a *descriptor*, so I must call its `__get__()` method.”

That's why this line:

```
print(my_car.model)
```

actually calls:

```
Car.model.__get__(my_car)
```

And that internally runs your getter function:

```
def model(self):
    return self.__model
```

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## 🚫 Why no clash

- ✓ Class-level name: `model` → refers to the *property descriptor*
- ✓ Instance-level name: `__model` → refers to the *actual data*

They are totally separate.

You can safely use the same “public name” (`model`) for property, because internally, the real attribute is stored as a *different private name* (`__model`).

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## Analogy

Think of it like this:

Layer	Name you see	What it actually points to
Class layer	<code>model</code>	property wrapper
Object layer	<code>__model</code>	actual value (like "Safari")

The `property` is just a *smart gatekeeper* between your code and the real data.

Perfect 🔥 — let's peel this open like a Python autopsy 🧠🐍

We'll see **exactly** what happens — line by line, inside memory — when you write this:

```
my_car.model = "Nexon"
```

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## Setup (our class)

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

```
        return self.__model

@model.setter
def model(self, new_model):
    if len(new_model) < 3:
        raise ValueError("Model name too short!")
    print(f"Changing model from {self.__model} → {new_model}")
    self.__model = new_model
```

Then:

```
my_car = Car("Tata", "Safari")
my_car.model = "Nexon"
```

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## Step-by-Step Internal Flow

### Step 1 — Instance Creation

When you run:

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

 Memory created for `my_car` object.

Inside it:

```
my_car.__dict__ = {
    "_Car__brand": "Tata",
    "_Car__model": "Safari"
}
```

 Notice the variable is stored as `_Car__model`, because of *name mangling* (from `__model`).

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### Step 2 — You run `my_car.model = "Nexon"`

Here's what Python does **internally**:

**(a) Python looks for "model" in the instance dictionary:**

- Checks `my_car.__dict__` — ✗ Not found (there is only `_Car__model`)
- So it looks into the class `Car.__dict__`

**(b) Finds `model` in the class as a property object:**

```
print(Car.__dict__['model'])  
# <property object at 0x...>
```

This object has three methods internally:

`__get__`, `__set__`, `__delete__` — implemented by the property decorator.

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 **Step 3 — Python calls the property's `__set__()` method**

Instead of directly setting `my_car.model`, Python calls:

```
Car.model.__set__(my_car, "Nexon")
```

Under the hood, that executes your setter function:

```
def model(self, new_model):  
    if len(new_model) < 3:  
        raise ValueError("Model name too short!")  
    print(f"Changing model from {self.__model} → {new_model}")  
    self.__model = new_model
```

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 **Step 4 — Inside the setter**

- It prints: `Changing model from Safari → Nexon`

Then it sets:

```
self.__model = new_model
```

which means:

```
my_car.__dict__["_Car__model"] = "Nexon"
```

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So now the object's internal state is:

```
my_car.__dict__ = {  
    "_Car__brand": "Tata",  
    "_Car__model": "Nexon"  
}
```

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- ✓ No variable named `model` ever gets created.
  - ✓ The `property` only acts as a *controller* for access.

## Step 5 — You print `my_car.model`

Python again looks:

- No `model` in instance dict → finds the `property` in the class.

Calls:

```
Car.model.__get__(my_car)
```

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Which runs your getter:

```
def model(self): return self.__model
```

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→ Returns "Nexon"

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## Visualization Summary

Expression	What happens internally	Description
<code>my_car.model</code>	<code>Car.model.__get__(my_car)</code>	Calls getter
<code>my_car.model = "Nexon"</code>	<code>Car.model.__set__(my_car, "Nexon")</code>	Calls setter
<code>del my_car.model</code>	<code>Car.model.__delete__(my_car)</code>	Calls deleter

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## Key Takeaway

 The “clash” never happens because:

- The *class-level name* (`model`) is a `property` descriptor object.
- The *instance-level data* is stored as a private variable (`_Car__model`).

The property just **controls access** to it — intercepting every read, write, or delete.