

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
self.__brand	The double underscore (__) 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.

my_car.get_brand() Returns the value of __brand safely.

 If you try to access it directly

```
print(my_car.__brand)
```

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 brand(self):</code>	This function now runs <i>whenever you access <code>my_car.brand</code>.</i>
<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 @property	With @property
Read attribute	obj.get_brand())	obj.brand

Modify attribute `obj.set_brand('x')` `obj.brand = 'x'`

Clean code Very clean

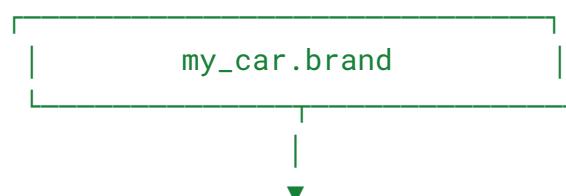
Encapsulation

✳️ 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



Calls getter method:

```
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`).
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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) (if defined)</code>

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