

Python Data Hiding

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Visibility in Python

- No public, private or protected keywords in Python
- All attributes and methods are public by default.
- Python provides a single way to make them private.

Data Hiding in Python

- To make an attribute or method private prefix double underscore in their names.
- Syntax:
 __Attribute
 __Methods_Name()
- We cannot access attributes or methods prefixed with double underscore outside the class.
- This helps in hiding data to an extend

Data Hiding in Python - Example

Program

```
class Employee:
    """Base class to all Students"""
    def __init__(self,name,dept,salary):
        self.name = name
        self.dept = dept
        self.__salary = salary

    def dispEmployee(self):
        self.__info()
    def __info(self):
        print("Name: ",self.name)
        print("Department: ",self.dept)
        print("Program: ",self.__salary)

E1 = Employee("Ananya","CS",50000)
#accessing public attribute outside class
print("Employee name: ",E1.name)
#accessing private variable outside class. raises error.
print(E1.__salary)|
#accessing public method outside class
E1.__info()
```

Output

Employee name: Ananya
Traceback (most recent call last):
...

AttributeError: 'Employee' object has no attribute '__salary'
...