

## INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNMENT 03

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### Detecting Illegal Access to Private Members

**Rule:** Private members accessible **only within their defining class** (except nested/friend contexts).

#### Implementation:

1. **Symbol Table:** Store visibility (private/public) with each member
2. **Access Check:** When accessing obj.field or obj.method():
  - o Get member's visibility from symbol table
  - o Get current scope/class context
  - o **Reject** if: visibility == private AND current\_class ≠ defining\_class

#### Special Cases:

- **Nested Classes:** Inner classes can access outer class's private members
- **Friend Structures:** Language-specific (C++ friend, Java package-private)
- **Reflection:** Runtime access may bypass checks (separate mechanism)

#### Example Error:

```
java
class A { private int x; }
class B { void m() { A a; a.x = 5; } } // XIllegal:
x private in A
```

