

Sixth Day

Topics to be covered :-

OOPs — Encapsulation — Access Modifiers

Extras:

Exercises — Constructors
Polymorphism
Inheritance

Encapsulation

Encapsulation in Java is a fundamental concept that combines data and methods into a single unit called class.

↳ It promotes the idea of bundling related data and behaviours together,
And restricting direct access to the data from outside the class.

★ Main goal of encapsulation is to provide data hiding and ensure that the internal state of an object is accessed and modified only through controlled methods.

Key Aspects and benefits of encapsulation

- Data Hiding:

> Encapsulation allows you to hide the internal details and implementation of a class, making the internal state inaccessible to other classes.

> The class provides a public interface (public methods) through which other classes can interact with the object and manipulate its state.

- Data Protection and Integrity:

> By encapsulating data, you can enforce constraints, validation and business rules within the class methods.

> This ensures that the data remains in a valid and consistent state and prevents unauthorized modifications.

- Code Maintainability:

> Encapsulation ~~prevents~~ promotes code organizations and modular design.

> Since the internal details are hidden, changes to the internal implementation of a class don't affect other parts of code that use the class's public interface.

★ Main part of Encapsulation

- Access Modifiers

are keywords used to control the visibility and accessibility of classes, methods and variables.

~there are 4 access modifiers in Java~

1. Public :

- The 'public' modifier is the least restrictive access modifier.
- Members (fields and methods) declared as 'public' can be accessed from any class or package.
- Public members are part of the class's public API and can be used by other classes.

2. Private :

- The 'private' modifier is the most restrictive access modifier.
- Members declared as 'private' can only be accessed within the same class.
- They are not accessible from any other class or package.
- This provides the highest level of encapsulation and data hiding.

3. Protected :

- The 'protected' modifier allows access within the same package and by subclasses (even they are in diff. packages)
- Protected members are not accessible by classes in diff. packages that are not subclasses of the declaring class
- This access modifier is often used when implementing inheritance and providing controlled access to subclasses.

4. Default (package-private) :

- The default (also known as package-private) access modifier is used when no explicit access modifier is specified.
- Members with default access can be accessed within the same package.
- They are not accessible from outside the package, even by subclasses in different packages.