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Java

What do you mean by access modifier with context of java?

In Java, **access modifiers** are keywords that determine the visibility and accessibility of classes, methods, and variables. They control how and where these components can be accessed within the program. By using access modifiers, developers can enforce encapsulation, ensuring that the internal state and implementation details of a class are protected from unintended access or modification. Java provides four primary access modifiers: **`public`**, **`protected`**, **`private`**, and package-private (default).

Public

The **`public`** access modifier allows unrestricted access to a class, method, or variable from any other class or package. When a class or its members are declared **`public`**, they are accessible from anywhere in the Java program, promoting broad visibility. This is useful for defining methods and classes that need to be accessible across different packages or modules. However, excessive use of **`public`** can expose internal details, potentially leading to misuse.
Example:

```java
public class Example {
    public int value; // Accessible from any class

    public void display() { // Accessible from any class
        System.out.println("Value: " + value);
    }
}
```

Protected

The **`protected`** access modifier allows access to the class members within the same package and by subclasses (even if they are in different packages). This modifier is often used in inheritance hierarchies where a subclass needs to access or modify members of its superclass while still providing some level of protection from external classes.
Example:

```java
public class Parent {
    protected int value; // Accessible within the package and subclasses

    protected void display() { // Accessible within the package and subclasses
        System.out.println("Value: " + value);
    }
}

class Child extends Parent {
    void accessValue() {
        value = 10; // Accessible in subclass
    }
}
```

Private

The `` `private` `` access modifier restricts access to the class members exclusively within the class itself. No other class, not even subclasses, can access private members directly. This is crucial for encapsulating data and exposing only what is necessary through public or protected methods, thus safeguarding the internal state and implementation details of a class.
Example:

```java
    public class Example {
        private int value; // Accessible only within this class

        public void setValue(int value) {
            this.value = value; // Set value through public method
        }

        public void display() {
            System.out.println("Value: " + value); // Access private value within class
        }
    }
```

Package-Private (Default)

When no access modifier is specified, the member is accessible only within its own package. This default access level is also known as package-private. It allows classes and members to be visible to other classes in the same package, but not to classes outside the package. This level of access is useful for package-level encapsulation, where internal details are hidden from the outside world but shared within the package.
Example:

```java
    class Example {
        int value; // Default access level, accessible within the package

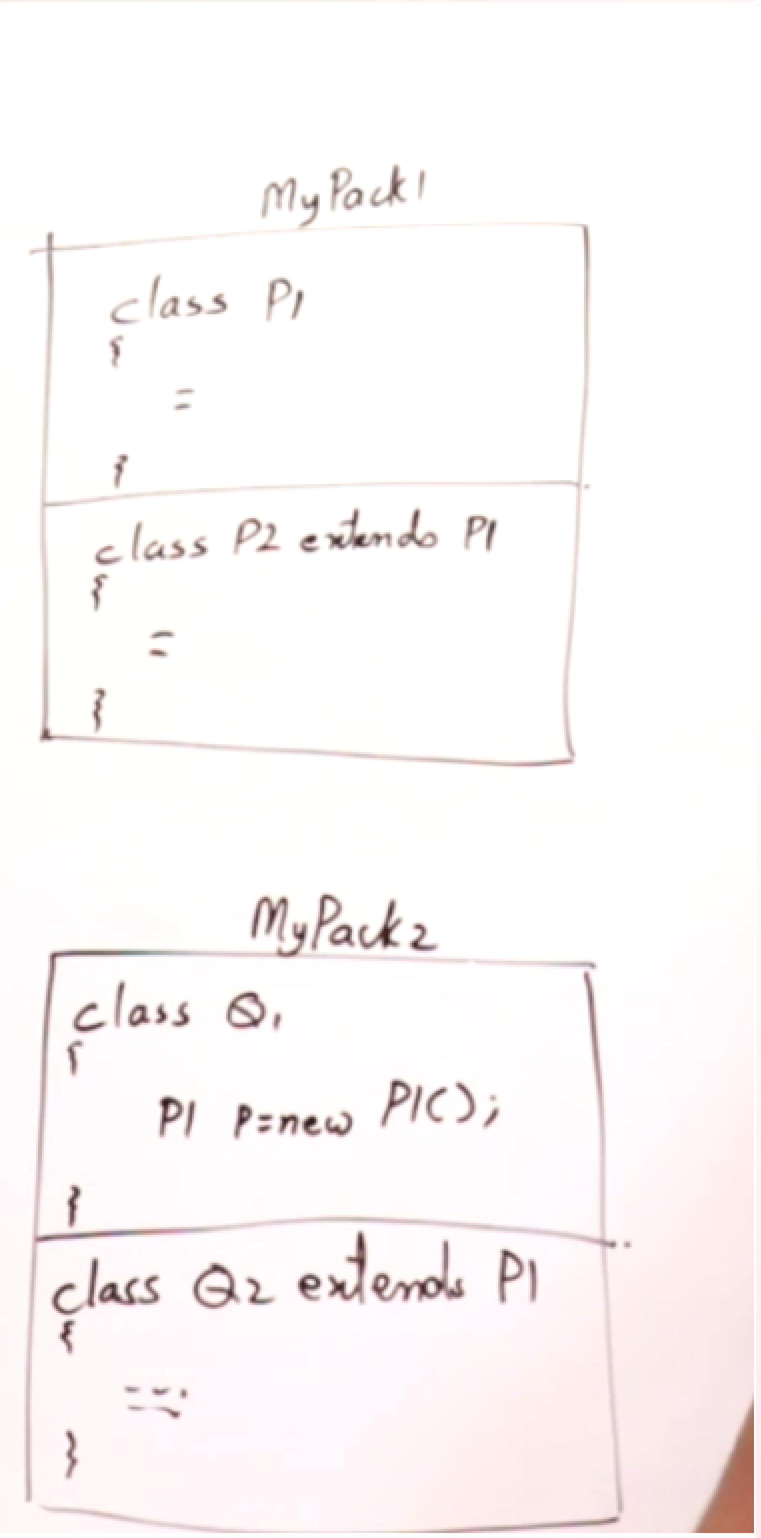
        void display() { // Default access level, accessible within the package
            System.out.println("Value: " + value);
        }
    }
```

Summary

Access modifiers in Java help define the visibility and accessibility of classes, methods, and variables, thus supporting encapsulation and modular design:

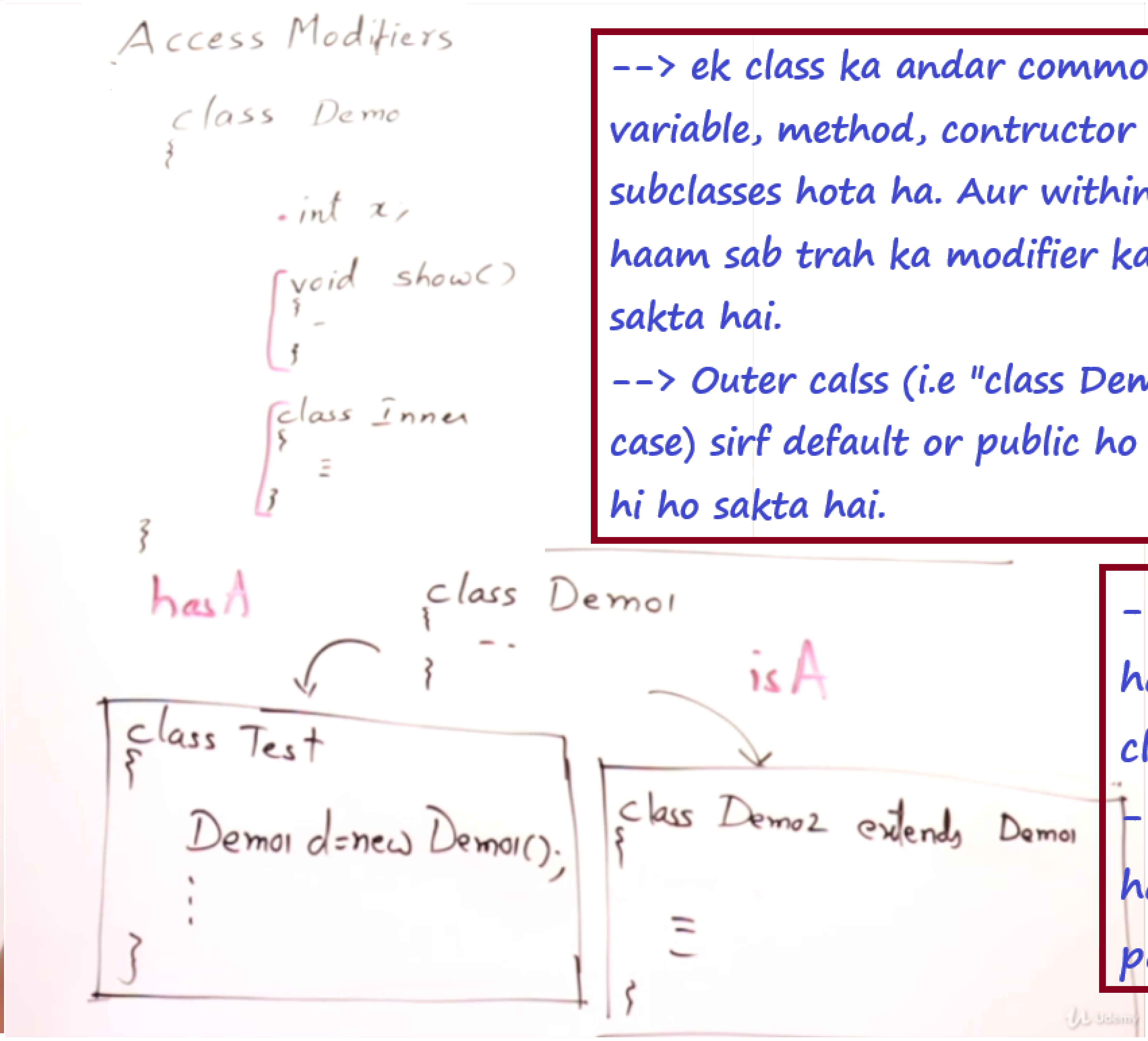
- `` `public` ``: Accessible from any class or package.
- `` `protected` ``: Accessible within the same package and by subclasses.
- `` `private` ``: Accessible only within the defining class.
- **Package-private (default)**: Accessible only within the same package.

Using these modifiers effectively helps in managing access control, protecting the integrity of the data, and ensuring that the code adheres to the principles of encapsulation and abstraction.



```
MyPack1
class P1
{
   =
}
class P2 extends P1
{
   =
}

MyPack2
class Q1
{
   P1 p=new P1();
}
class Q2 extends P1
{
   =
}
```



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Access Modifiers

class Demo
{
      . int x;
       void show()
       {
         -
       }
       class Inner
       {
         =
       }
}
```

```
hasA             class Demo1
                 {
                   --
                 }
                                     isA
class Test                    class Demo2 extends Demo1
{                             {
   Demo1 d=new Demo1();          =
   :                          }
}
```

--> ek class ka andar commonly, variable, method, contructor or subclasses hota ha. Aur within class haam sab trah ka modifier ka use kar sakta hai.

--> Outer calss (i.e "class Demo" in this case) sirf default or public ho sakta hai. hi ho sakta hai.

--> "has A" ka mtlb hota hai having a object of class.

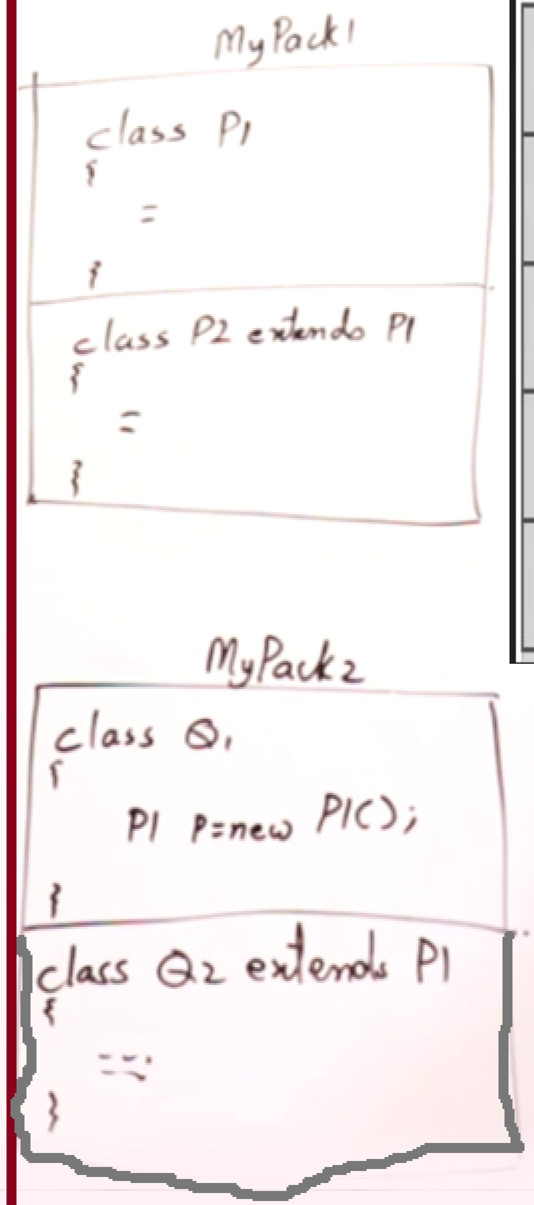
--> "is A" ka mtlb hota hai it is inherting from parent class.

--> class p1 is super class.

--> class p2 is sub-class of class p1 from same package.

--> class Q1 is non sub-class in different package.

-->class Q2 is sub-class of class p1 from different package.



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class P1
{
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}
class P2 extends P1
{
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}
```

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}
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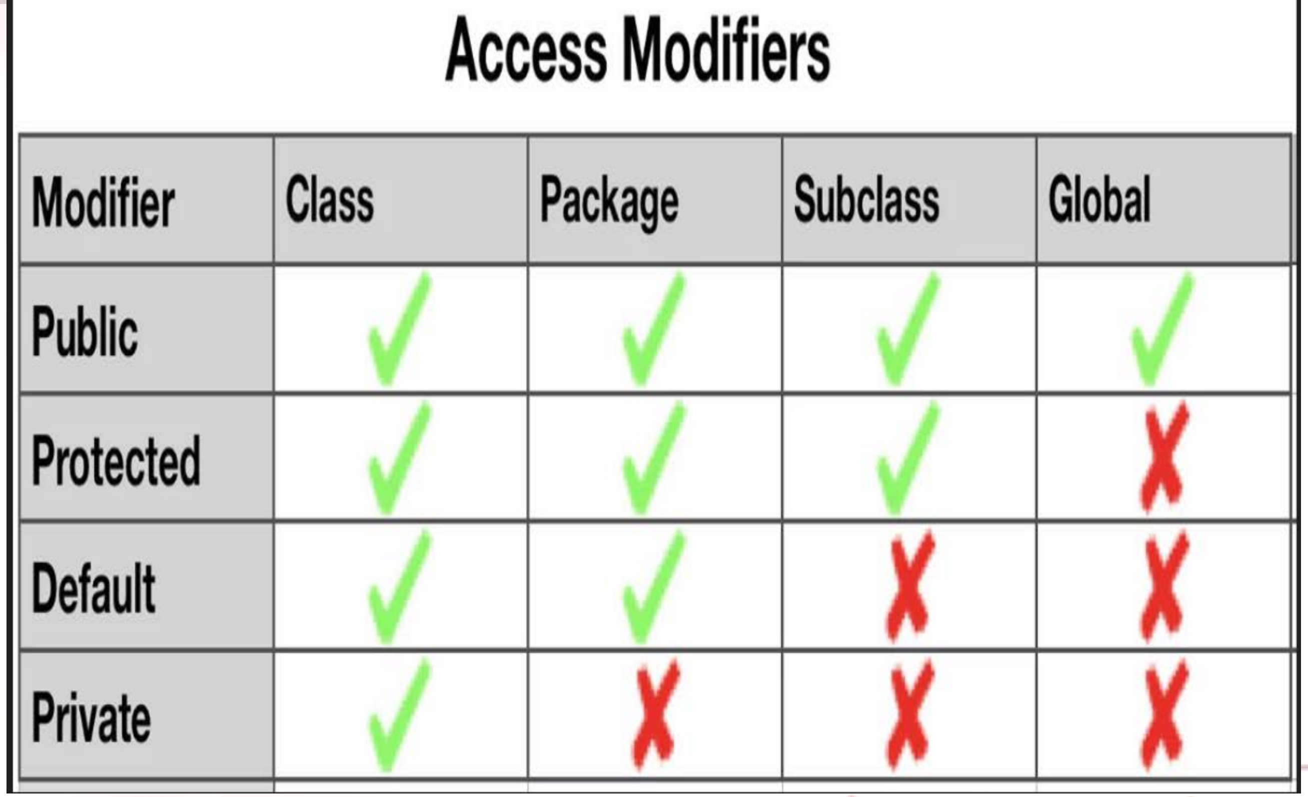
   ==
}
```



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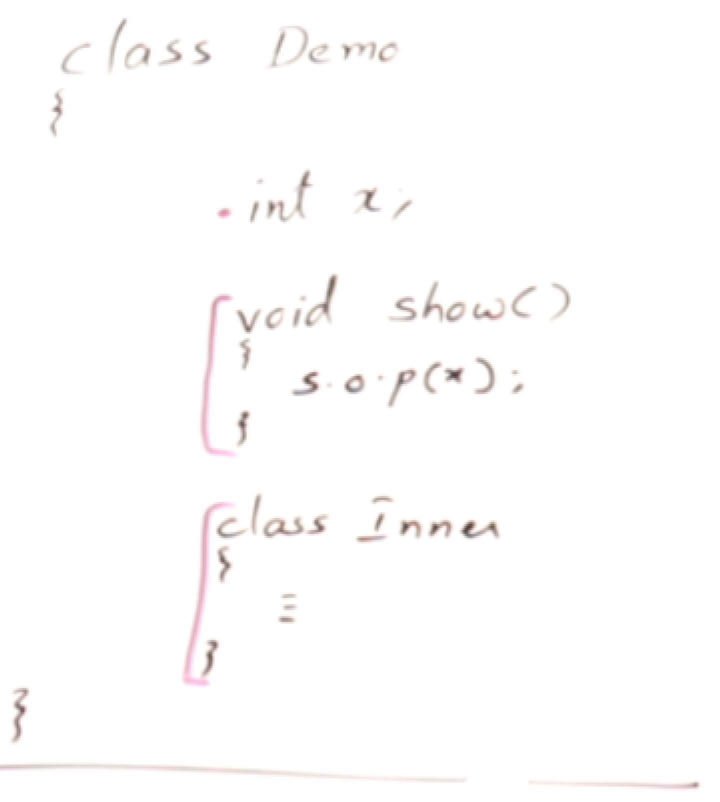
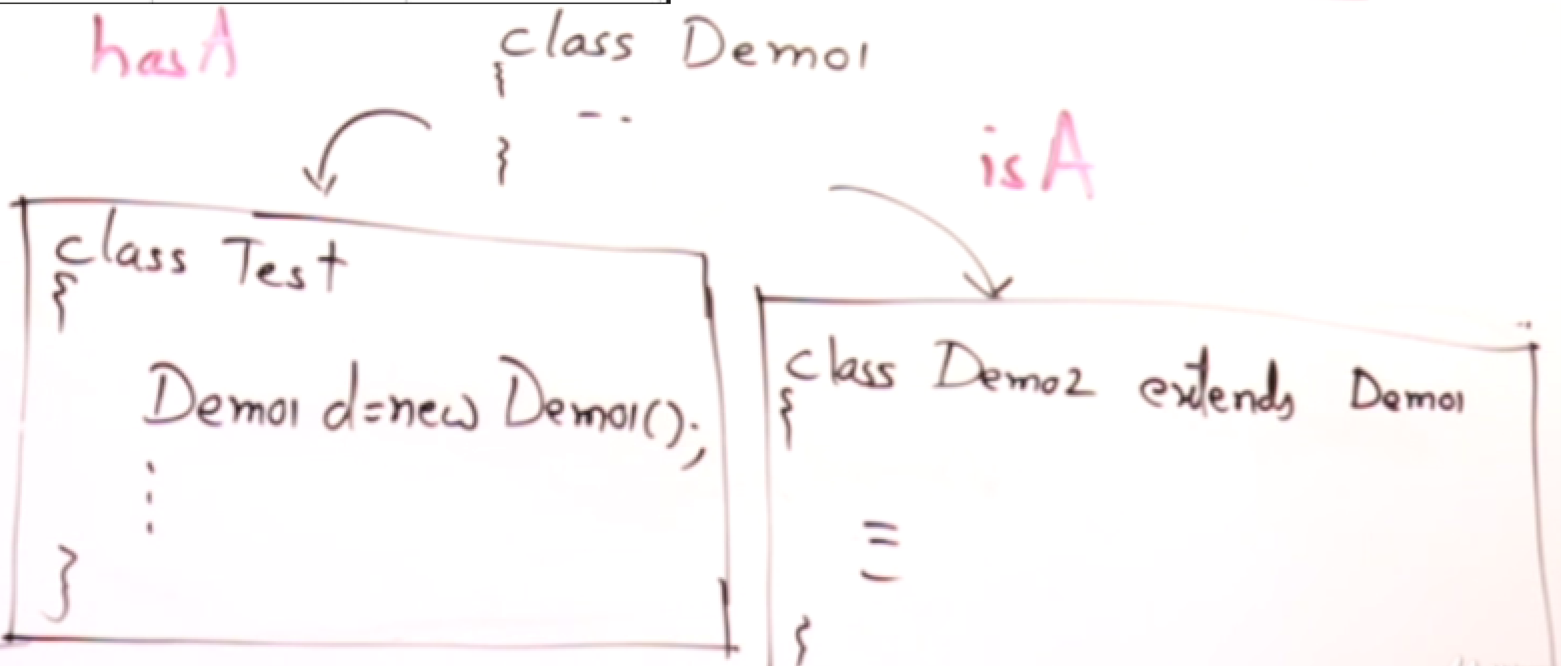
Modifier	Class	Package	Subclass	Global
Public	✓	✓	✓	✓
Protected	✓	✓	✓	✗
Default	✓	✓	✗	✗
Private	✓	✗	✗	✗



```
class Demo
{
    .int x;
    void show()
    {
      s.o.p(x);
    }
    class Inner
    {
      =
    }
}
```



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}
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