Step-by-Step Process for Java Packages

A **package** in Java is used to organize classes and interfaces systematically to avoid name conflicts and enhance modularity. Here's how to **create and use Java packages** step by step.

Step 1: Create a Package

- 1. Open your **Java project** in VS Code or any other IDE.
- 2. Inside the src folder (or any directory), create a new **package**.
 - The folder structure should match the package name.
 - o Example: If your package is named mypackage, create a folder named mypackage.
- 3. Inside the package, create a new Java file, e.g., MyClass.java.
- 4. At the **top** of the file, declare the package:

Step 2: Compile the Package

To compile the package, open the **command prompt** (**terminal**) and navigate to the parent directory of mypackage.

Run the following command:

```
javac -d . MyClass.java
```

- The -d . flag tells the compiler to place the compiled .class file in the correct package directory.
- The package folder (mypackage) will now contain MyClass.class.

Step 3: Use the Package in Another Class

- 1. Create another Java file outside the package, e.g., Main.java.
- 2. Import the package at the top using import mypackage.MyClass;.
- 3. Use the class in your program:

```
4. import mypackage.MyClass; // Importing the package
5.
6. public class Main {
7.    public static void main(String[] args) {
8.         MyClass obj = new MyClass();
9.         obj.displayMessage(); // Calling the method
10.    }
11. }
```

Step 4: Compile and Run the Program

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    Compile both Java files:
    javac Main.java
    Run the program:
    java Main
        Output:
        Hello from MyClass in mypackage!
```

Step 5: Using import vs. Fully Qualified Name

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    Using import statement (recommended):

            import mypackage.MyClass;

    Using fully qualified name (without import):

            public class Main {
                 public static void main(String[] args) {
                 mypackage.MyClass obj = new mypackage.MyClass();
                 obj.displayMessage();
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Step 6: Creating Subpackages (Optional)

You can create **subpackages** by nesting folders:

- **✓** Packages help in code organization and avoiding name conflicts.
- ✓ Use import to access classes easily.
- **✓** Compile using -a . to maintain package structure.

```
package mypackage; // Declaring the package

public class My_Package {
    public static float i;
    public void displayMessage() {
        float j=(i*9.5f)/100;
        i=i+j;
        System.out.println("Hello from MyClass in mypackage!"+i);
    }
}
```

```
import java.util.Scanner;
import mypackage.My_Package;
public class hello {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner sc=new Scanner(System.in);
        My_Package m=new My_Package();
        System.err.println("Enter Ammount");
        m.i=sc.nextFloat();
        m.displayMessage();
}

m.displayMessage();
```