

# Access Modifier

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# Java Modifier

We divide modifiers into two groups:

**Access Modifiers** - controls the access level

**Non-Access Modifiers** - do not control access level, but provides other functionality

```
final class Vehicle {  
    protected String brand = "Ford";  
    public void honk() {  
        System.out.println("Tuut, tuut!");  
    }  
}
```

Try compile...

```
class VehicleMain extends Vehicle { //Error  
    private String modelName = "Mustang";  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        VehicleMain myFastCar = new VehicleMain();  
        myFastCar.honk();  
        System.out.println(myFastCar.brand + " " + myFastCar.modelName);  
    }  
}
```

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## Access Modifiers

For **classes**, you can use either `public` or *default*:

Modifier	Description
<code>public</code>	The class is accessible by any other class
<i>default</i>	The class is only accessible by classes in the same package. This is used when you don't specify a modifier. You will learn more about packages in the <a href="#">Packages chapter</a>

For **attributes, methods and constructors**, you can use the one of the following:

Modifier	Description	Try it
<code>public</code>	The code is accessible for all classes	<a href="#">Try it »</a>
<code>private</code>	The code is only accessible within the declared class	<a href="#">Try it »</a>
<i>default</i>	The code is only accessible in the same package. This is used when you don't specify a modifier. You will learn more about packages in the <a href="#">Packages chapter</a>	<a href="#">Try it »</a>
<code>protected</code>	The code is accessible in the same package and <b>subclasses</b> . You will learn more about subclasses and superclasses in the <a href="#">Inheritance chapter</a>	<a href="#">Try it »</a>

```
class DefaultVehicle {  
    protected String brand = "Ford";  
    int plateNumber = 123;  
    public void honk() {  
        System.out.println("Tuut, tuut!");  
    }  
}
```

Fix the code to be compiled.

```
class VehicleMain extends DefaultVehicle {  
    private String modelName = "Mustang";  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        VehicleMain myFastCar = new VehicleMain();  
        myFastCar.honk();  
        System.out.println(myFastCar.brand + " " + myFastCar.modelName);  
        System.out.println( "Plate Number " + plateNumber);  
    }  
}
```

# Non-Access Modifiers

For **classes**, you can use either `final` or `abstract` :

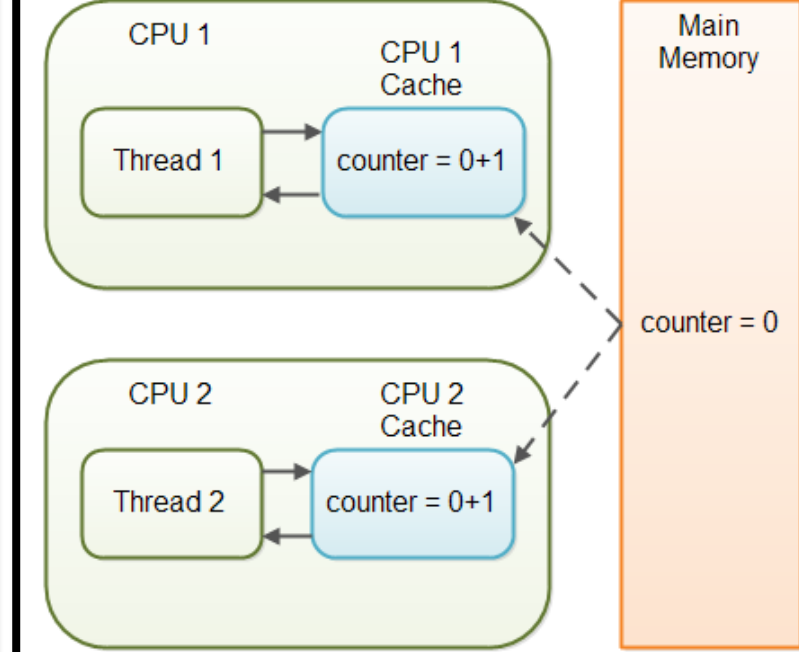
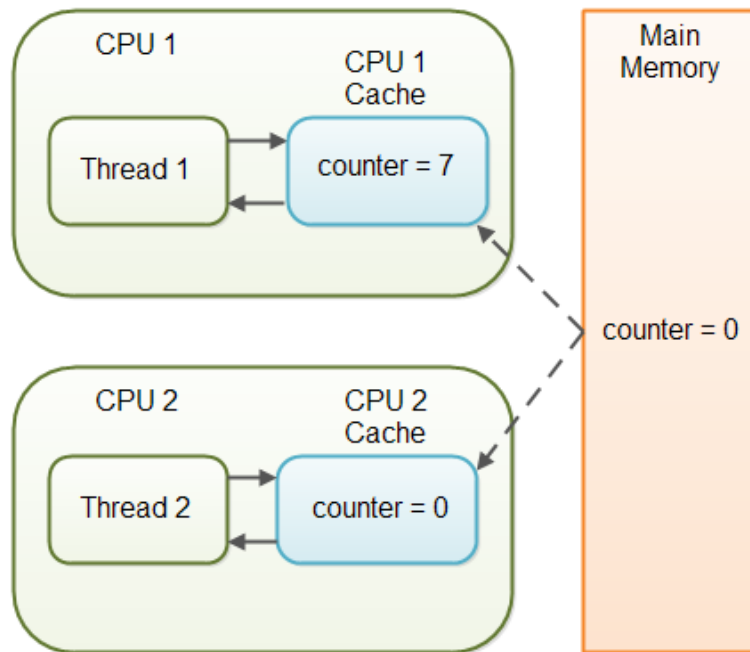
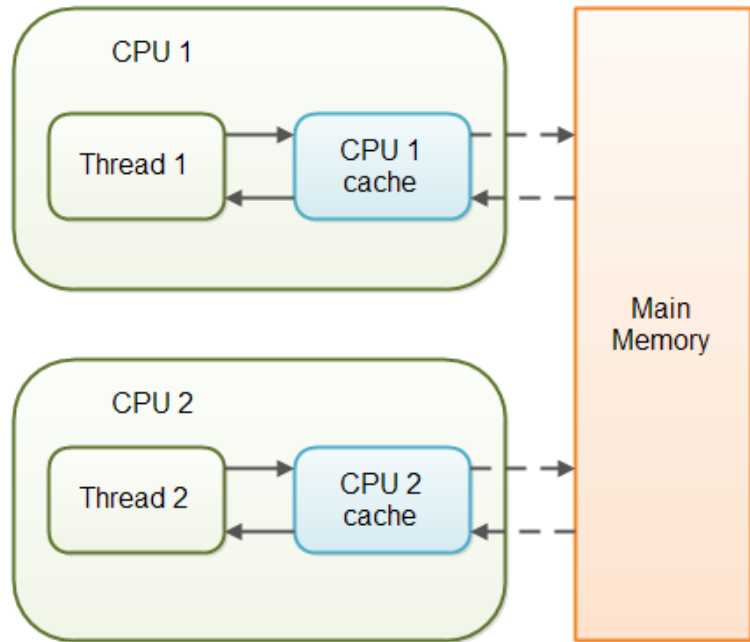
Modifier	Description	Try it
<code>final</code>	The class cannot be inherited by other classes (You will learn more about inheritance in the <a href="#">Inheritance chapter</a> )	<a href="#">Try it »</a>
<code>abstract</code>	The class cannot be used to create objects (To access an abstract class, it must be inherited from another class. You will learn more about inheritance and abstraction in the <a href="#">Inheritance</a> and <a href="#">Abstraction</a> chapters)	<a href="#">Try it »</a>

For **attributes and methods**, you can use the one of the following:

Modifier	Description
<code>final</code>	Attributes and methods cannot be overridden/modified
<code>static</code>	Attributes and methods belongs to the class, rather than an object
<code>abstract</code>	Can only be used in an abstract class, and can only be used on methods. The method does not have a body, for example <b><code>abstract void run();</code></b> . The body is provided by the subclass (inherited from). You will learn more about inheritance and abstraction in the <a href="#">Inheritance</a> and <a href="#">Abstraction</a> chapters
<code>transient</code>	Attributes and methods are skipped when serializing the object containing them
<code>synchronized</code>	Methods can only be accessed by one thread at a time
<code>volatile</code>	The value of an attribute is not cached thread-locally, and is always read from the "main memory"



# The Java volatile Visibility Guarantee



```
public class VolatileData
{
    private volatile int counter = 0;
    public int getCounter()
    {
        return counter;
    }
    public void increaseCounter()
    {
        ++counter;
    }
}
```

```
public class VolatileThread extends Thread
{
    private VolatileData data;
    public VolatileThread(VolatileData data)
    {
        this.data = data;
    }
    @Override
    public void run()
    {
        int oldValue = data.getCounter();
        System.out.println("[Thread " + Thread.currentThread().getId() + "]:
            Old value = " + oldValue);
        data.increaseCounter();
        int newValue = data.getCounter();
        System.out.println("[Thread " + Thread.currentThread().getId() + "]:
            New value = " + newValue);
    }
}
```

## Implication of this program...

```
public class VolatileMain
{
    private final static int noOfThreads = 3;
    public static void main(String[] args) throws InterruptedException
    {
        VolatileData volatileData = new VolatileData();
        Thread[] threads = new Thread[noOfThreads];
        for(int i = 0; i < noOfThreads; ++i)
            threads[i] = new VolatileThread(volatileData);
        for(int i = 0; i < noOfThreads; ++i)
            threads[i].start();
    }
}
```

```
[Thread 10]: Old value = 0  
[Thread 12]: Old value = 0  
[Thread 11]: Old value = 0  
[Thread 12]: New value = 2  
[Thread 10]: New value = 1  
[Thread 11]: New value = 3
```

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