

10.11 Java SE 9 `private` Interface Methods

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As you know, a class's `private` helper methods may be called only by the class's other methods. As of Java SE 9, you can declare helper methods in *interfaces* via **private interface methods**. An interface's `private` instance methods can be called directly (i.e., without an object reference) only by the interface's other instance methods. An interface's `private static` methods can be called by any of the interface's instance or `static` methods.



Common Programming Error 10.7

Including the `default` keyword in a `private` interface method's declaration is a compilation error—`default` methods must be `public`.