

Access Specifiers inside java

- they are known as access modifiers in java
- they specify access levels for class, methods or variables

there are 4 access specifier are there

(A) Default

(B) Public

(C) Private

(D) Protected

Inner
attributes

A class can have

(I) Variables

(II) functions/methods

(III) Class (inner class)

⊛ we can use access modifiers on

⊛ For inner attributes you can use any access modifier but for outer class you can use only default & public

```
class Demo {
```

```
    int a = 10;
```

```
    void meth() {
```

```
    }
```

```
    class inner {
```

```
    }
```

only public
& default
can be
used.

→ for these
you can
use
anything

⊛ How can you
use your class?

⇒ you can create
object

⇒ you can extend
class to form
inheritance

* has A & is A

has A

class AA {

}

```
class zzz {
```

```
    AA a = new AA();
```

```
}
```

class zzz has A
object of class AA

⊛ Inheritance lead to
is A relation

⊛ Object creations leads
to has A relation.

```
class BB extends AA {
```

```
}
```

class BB is A child
of AA

See two packages

Package A
 class P₁ {
 —||—
 —||—
 }
 class P₂ extends P₁ {
 —||—
 —||—
 }

Package B
 class Q₁ {
 P₁ q = new P₁();
 }
 class Q₂ extends Q₁ {
 —||—
 —||—
 }

For P₁ & P₂
 P₂ is subclass
 of P₁
 so P₂ ~~share has~~
 is subclass of
 P₁ in same
 packet

from above we can infer some 4 relations

- ① Q₁ is using P₁ so Q₁ & P₁ share non-subclass Relation
- ② Q₂ ~~has~~ is A subclass Relation of P₁ in ~~diff~~ its interpacket relation
- ③ Q₁ & Q₂ are not related at all, (same packet non subclass)

so we can draw table for that

	Default	Private	Protected Public	public
Same class	✓	✓	✓	✓
Same packet sub class	✓	X	✓	✓
Same packet non-sub class	✓	X	✓	✓
Different packet subclass	X	X	✓	✓
same Different packet non-sub class	X	X	X	✓

It easy table just try to brainstorm
 ⇒ Default will allow permission only for same packet

③ for default class from same packet can access anything but from different ~~class~~ packet it will not

⇒ you can only access ~~from~~ private members if you are in same class else no way possible

⇒ Protected is keyword which allow inheritance to happen so for ~~no~~ different packet subclass relation protected will able to access

⇒ Protected will decline for non subclass relation from different packet

④ Trick

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Default ⇒ only for packet itself

public ⇒ available to all

protected ⇒ self packet or inheritance (subclass ~~relation~~)

private ⇒ no entry except same class

Redraw table

	Default	private	protected	public
Same class	✓	✓	✓	✓
Same packet subclass	✓	X	✓	✓
Same packet non-subclass	✓	X	✓	✓
Diff. Packet subclass	X	X	✓	✓
Diff packet non-subclass	X	X	X	✓

⑤ Follow above table and you will get all possible cases for Access specifier