

Shadowing Problem and this keyword

- If both local variable and instance variable have the same name inside the method then it would result in a name-clash and jvm will always give preference for local variable.

This approach is called the “Shadowing problem”.

Example

```
class Student
{
    private String name;
    private Integer id;
    private String address;

    Student(String name,Integer id, String address){
        name = name;
        id = id;
        address = address;
    }
    public void display()
    {
        System.out.println("Name is :: "+name);
        System.out.println("Id is :: "+id);
        System.out.println("Address is :: "+address);
    }
}

public class Demo
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Student std = new Student("sachin",10,"MI");
        std.display();
    }
}
```

Output

```
Name is :: null
Id is :: null
Address is :: null
```

- As noticed in the above program, the variables name,id,address are local variables and these values should be assigned to instance variables of student class.
- Inside the method the jvm will always give preference only for local variables, this problem is termed as “Shadowing”.
- To resolve this problem we need to use , “this” keyword.

Note:

this keyword would always point to current object, and this variable would hold the address of the active object present in the heap memory.

Program to resolve the problem of shadowing

```
class Student
{
    private String name;
    private Integer id;
    private String address;

    Student(String name,Integer id, String address){
        this.name = name;
        this.id = id;
        this.address = address;
    }
    public void display()
    {
        System.out.println("Name is :: "+name);
        System.out.println("Id is :: "+id);
        System.out.println("Address is :: "+address);
    }
}

class Demo
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Student std = new Student("sachin",10,"MI");
        std.display();
    }
}
```

Output

```
Name is :: sachin
Id is    :: 10
Address is :: MI
```