

Hiding Information



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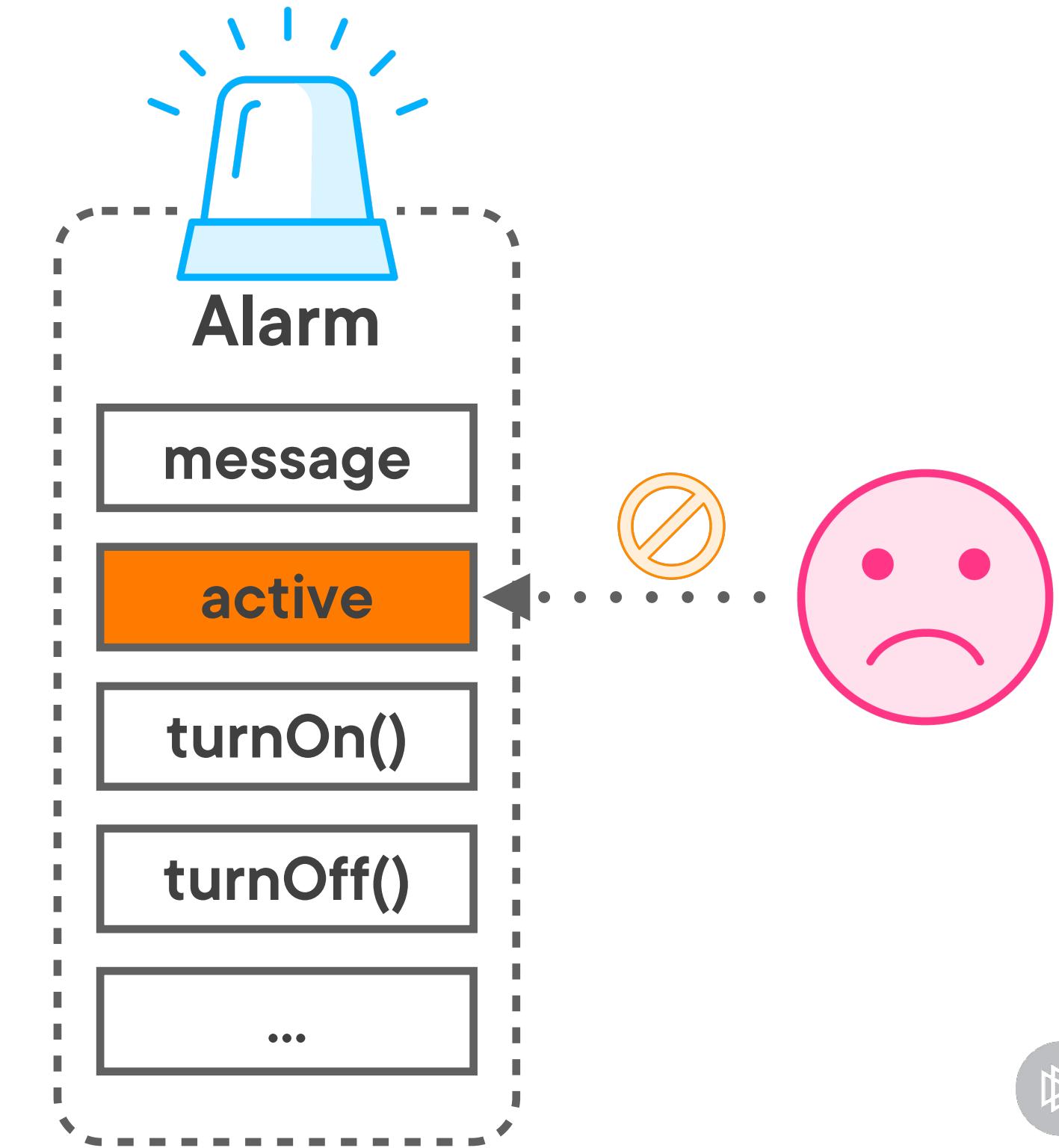
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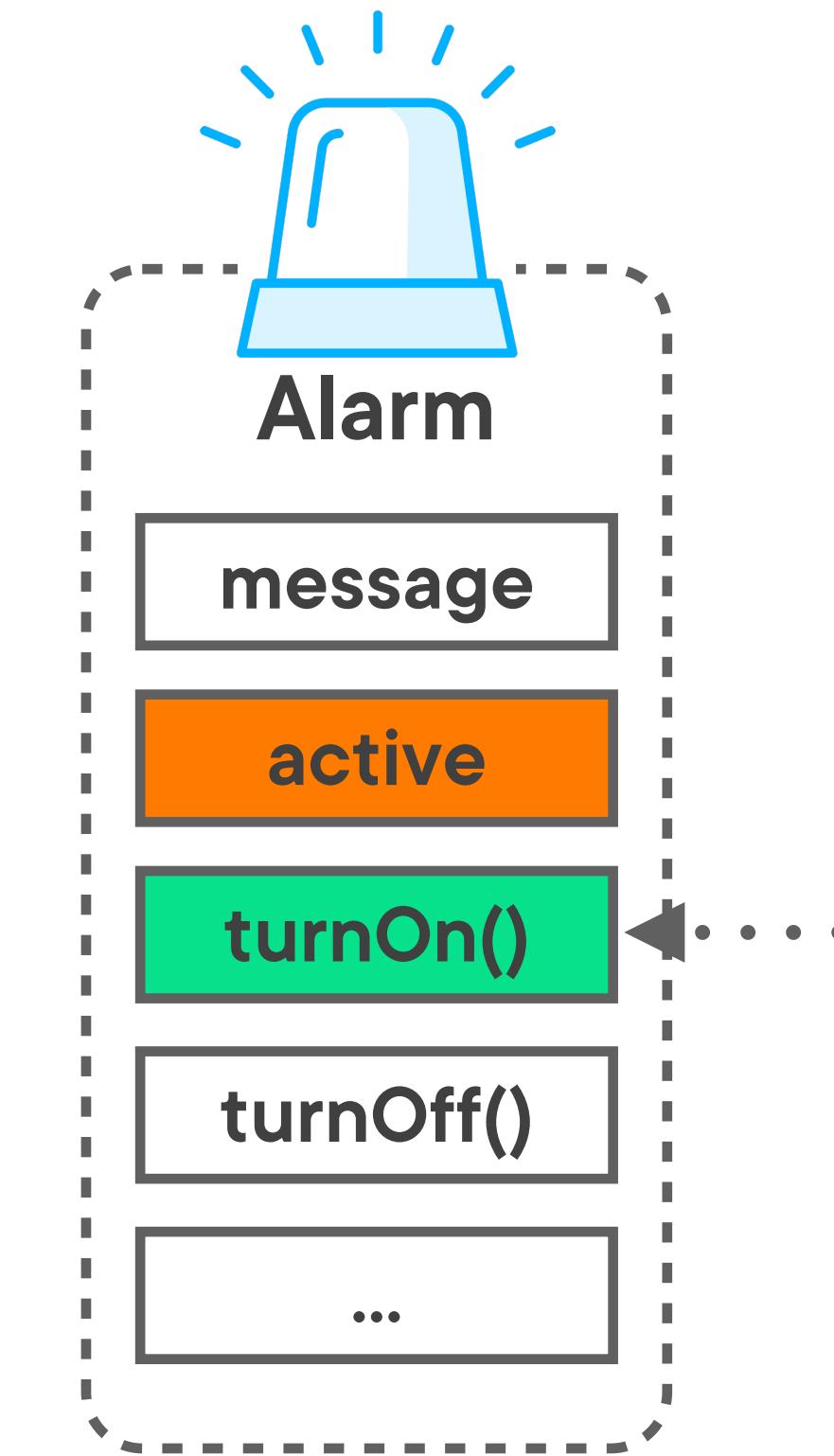
Hiding Fields and Methods

```
class Alarm {  
    final String message;  
    ➔ private boolean active;  
  
    Alarm(String message) {  
        this.message = message;  
    }  
  
    void turnOn() {  
        active = true;  
    }  
  
    void turnOff() {  
        active = false;  
    }  
}
```



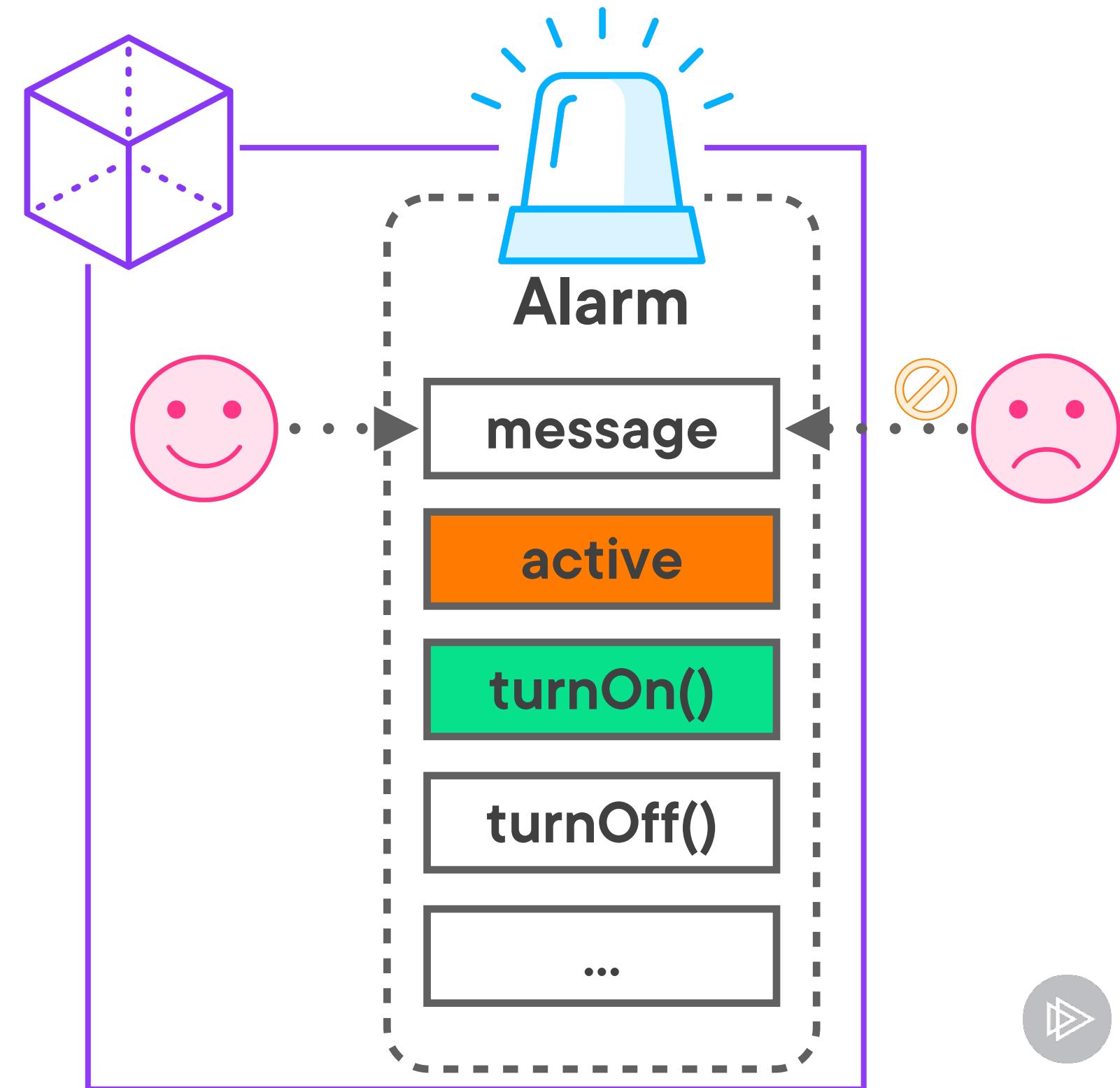
Hiding Fields and Methods

```
class Alarm {  
    final String message;  
    private boolean active;  
  
    Alarm(String message) {  
        this.message = message;  
    }  
  
    → public void turnOn() {  
        active = true;  
    }  
  
    void turnOff() {  
        active = false;  
    }  
}
```



“Package Private”

```
class Alarm {  
    final String message;  
    private boolean active;  
  
    Alarm(String message) {  
        this.message = message;  
    }  
  
    public void turnOn() {  
        active = true;  
    }  
  
    void turnOff() {  
        active = false;  
    }  
}
```



Controlling Access to Classes

```
→ public class Alarm {  
    final String message;  
    private boolean active;  
  
    Alarm(String message) {  
        this.message = message;  
    }  
  
    public void turnOn() {  
        active = true;  
    }  
}
```

```
void turnOff() {
```



Controlling Access



A class can be:

- **public**: visible to code in other packages
- “**package private**”: visible to code in its package

A field, method, or constructor can be:

- **public**: visible to code in other packages
- “**package private**”: visible to code in its package
- **private**: only visible to code in the same class



More Ways to Control Access

protected

Another keyword like
public and ***private***.

Private Classes

Applies to “inner”
(nested) classes.

Modules

Yet another way to
control access.



The *Alarm* Class

```
class Alarm {  
    boolean active;  
    final String message;  
  
    Alarm(String message) {  
        this.message = message;  
    }  
  
    void turnOn() {...}  
    void turnOff() {...}  
    String getReport() {...}  
    String getReport(boolean uppercase) {...}  
    void sendReport() {...}  
}
```



A New Feature: Snoozing

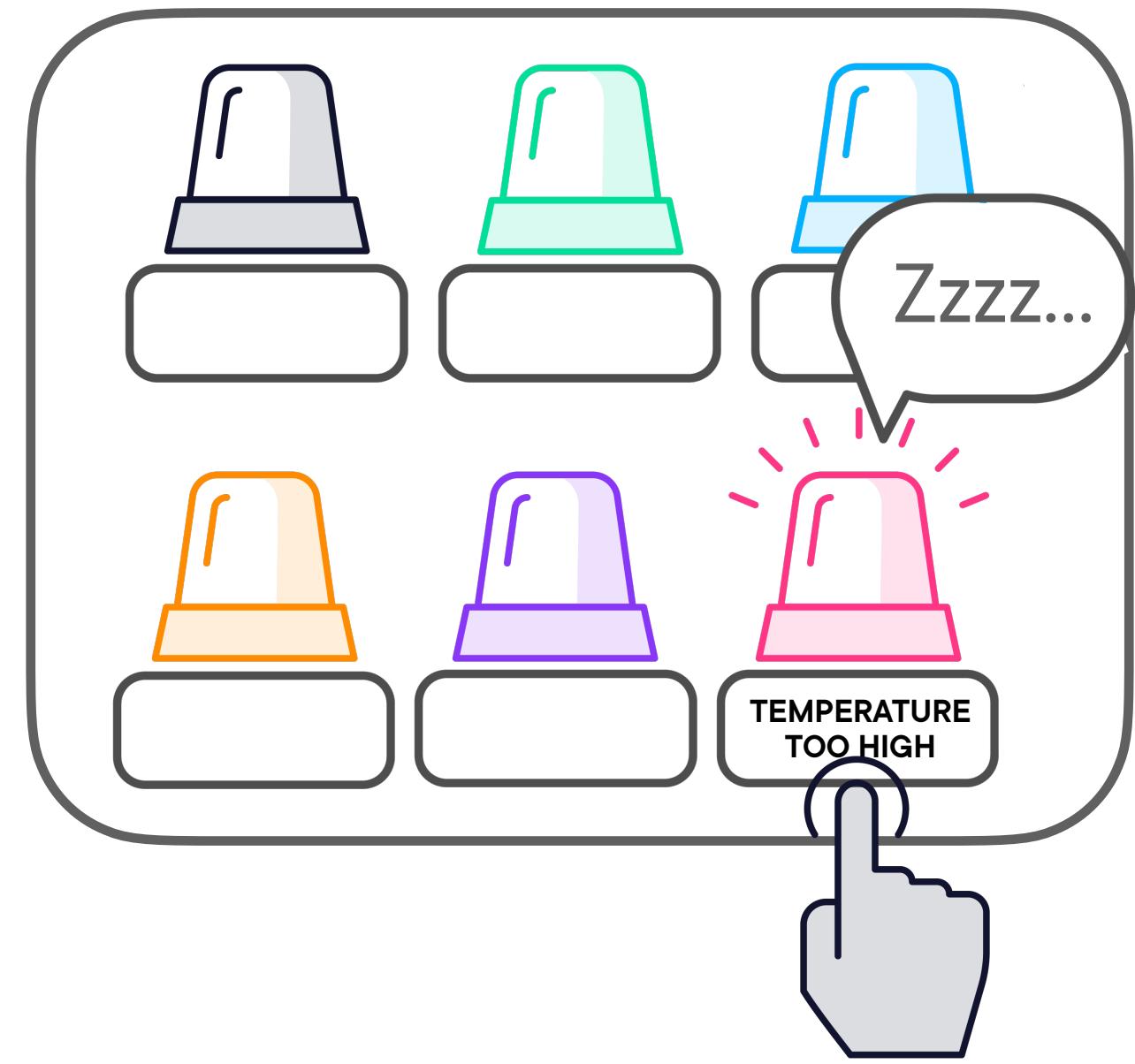


You can snooze an alarm

- A snoozed alarm stays active, but `getReport()` returns an empty string
- Snoozing ends automatically after 5 minutes



Useful on a Control Panel



We Have a Problem

```
Alarm alarm = new Alarm("Temperature too high");  
alarm.snooze();  
alarm.turnOn();
```



We Have More Than One Problem

```
Alarm alarm = new Alarm("Temperature too high");  
alarm.turnOn();  
alarm.snooze();  
alarm.turnOff();  
alarm.turnOn();
```



Another Inconsistent Alarm

```
Alarm alarm = new Alarm("Temperature too high");  
alarm.turnOn();  
alarm.snooze();  
alarm.active = false;
```



Fixed!

```
Alarm alarm = new Alarm("Temperature too high");
alarm.turnOn();
alarm.snooze();
alarm.active = false;
```

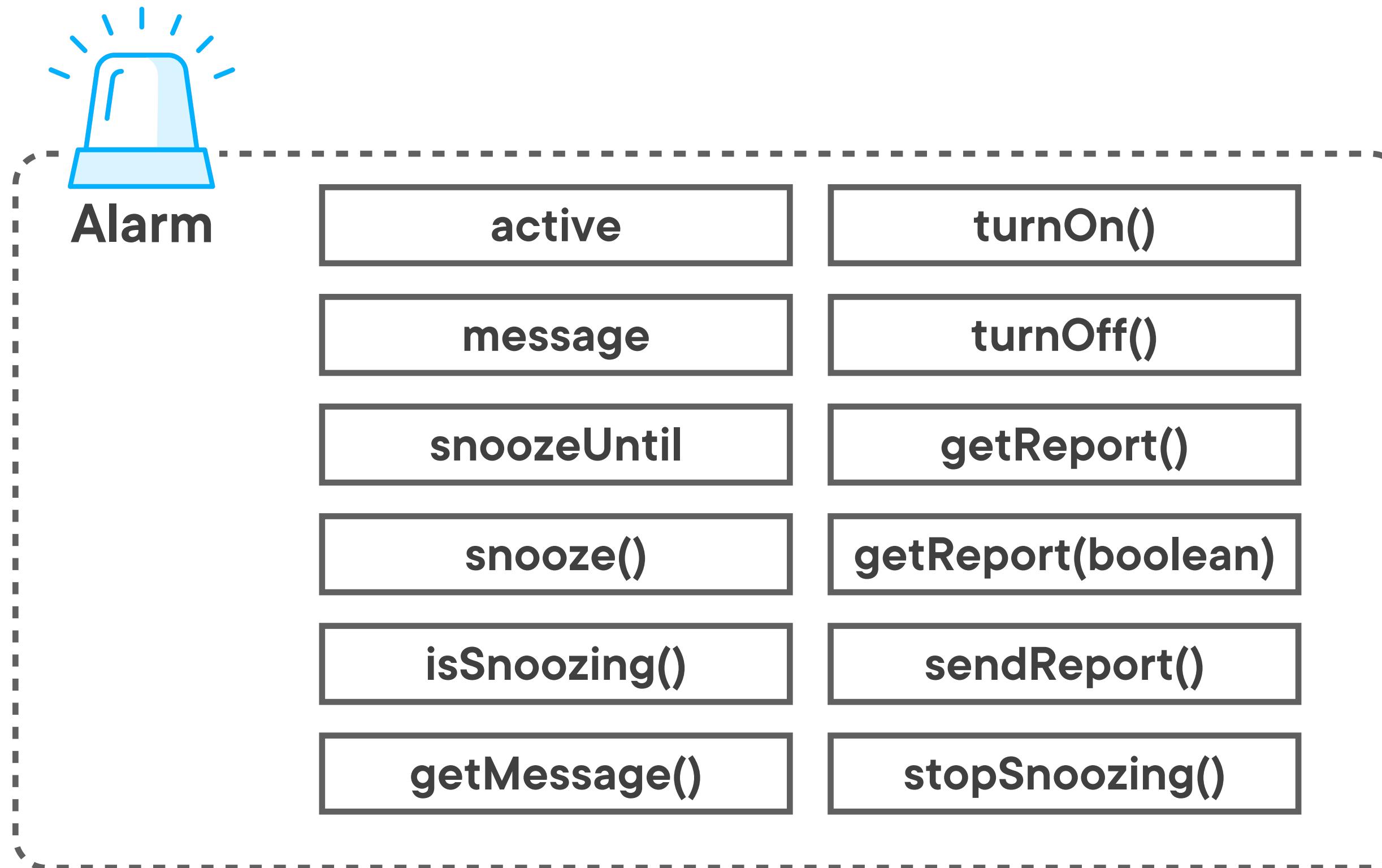


The *Alarm* Class, Updated

```
public class Alarm {  
    private boolean active;  
    private final String message;  
    private LocalDateTime snoozeUntil;  
  
    public Alarm(String message) {  
        this.message = message;  
        stopSnoozing();  
    }  
  
    public void snooze() {  
        if (active)  
            snoozeUntil = LocalDateTime.now().plusMinutes(5);  
    }  
}
```



The *Alarm* Class



Interface and Implementation



Alarm

active

message

snoozeUntil

stopSnoozing()

turnOn()

turnOff()

getReport()

getReport(boolean)

sendReport()

snooze()

isSnoozing()

getMessage()



Thanks to Encapsulation, Classes Are...

...easier to use

You only care about the interface, not the implementation

...harder to misuse

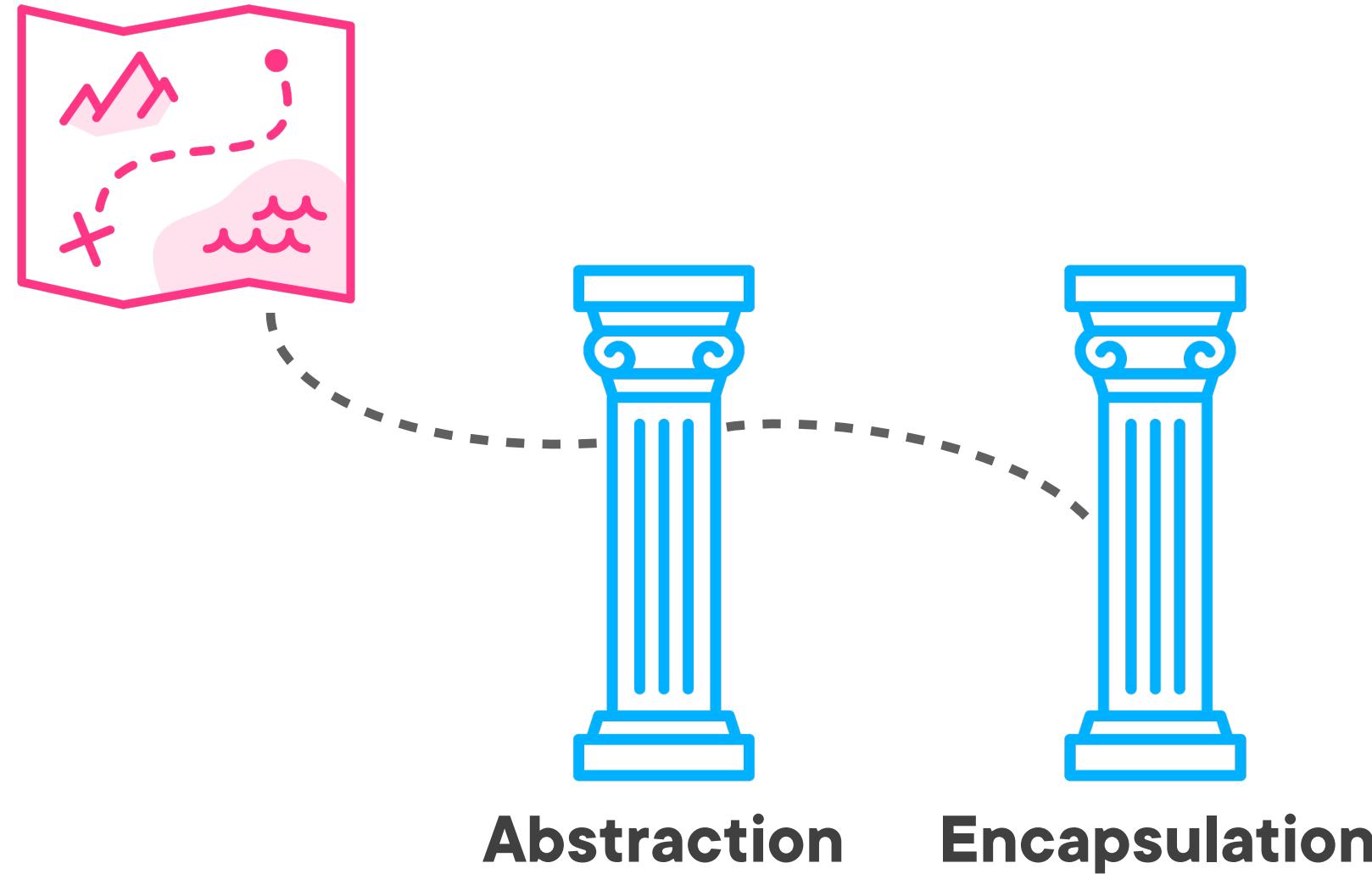
You protect objects from inconsistent changes

...easier to change

You can change the implementation without breaking clients



Encapsulation



Summary

**Access modifiers: *public*, *private*,
“package private”**

Separating interface and implementations

The benefits of encapsulation

Up Next:

Designing with Abstraction and Encapsulation

