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Access Modifiers in PHP

3. Access Modifiers

Access modifiers determine the visibility of properties and methods.

- **public**: Accessible from anywhere.
- private: Accessible only within the class itself.
- protected: Accessible within the class and by inherited classes.

Access Modifiers in PHP are keywords that define the visibility or scope of class properties and methods. They control how and where the properties and methods of a class can be accessed—whether inside the class, outside the class, or in child classes (in case of inheritance). The three primary access modifiers in PHP are public, private, and protected.

1. Public Access Modifier

- public is the most open access modifier, allowing the class's properties and methods to be accessed from anywhere in the code.
- If a property or method is declared as public, it can be accessed from:
 - Within the class itself.
 - Outside the class (from other parts of the program).
 - In child classes (if the class is inherited).

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♦ public_AM.php
      <?php
     class Car {
          public $make;
          public $model;
          public function setDetails($make, $model) {
               $this->make = $make;
               $this->model = $model;
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          public function getDetails() {
               return "This car is a " . $this->make . " " . $this->model;
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      // Creating an object and accessing public properties and methods
      $car = new Car();
      $car->setDetails("Honda", "Civic");
      echo $car->getDetails(); // Output: This car is a Honda Civic
     ?>
```

Private Accesses Modifier

2. Private Access Modifier

- private restricts access to properties and methods so that they are only accessible within the class itself.
- If a property or method is declared as private, it cannot be accessed:
 - From outside the class.
 - In child classes (even if the class is inherited).
- This is useful for encapsulating sensitive information or internal logic that shouldn't be exposed
 outside the class.

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      <?php
      class BankAccount {
          private $balance;
          public function __construct($initialBalance) {
               $this->balance = $initialBalance;
          public function deposit($amount) {
               $this->balance += $amount;
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          public function getBalance() {
 14
               return "Current balance: $" . $this->balance;
 15
 17
      $account = new BankAccount(100);
      // $account->balance = 200; // This will throw an error as balance is private
      $account->deposit(50);
      echo $account->getBalance(); // Output: Current balance: $150
 22
     ?>
```

Protected Accesses Modifier

3. Protected Access Modifier

- protected allows properties and methods to be accessed within the class itself and by classes that inherit from that class.
- However, like private, protected members cannot be accessed from outside the class.
- The main use of protected is in inheritance, where it allows child classes to use or override the properties and methods of the parent class.

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      <?php
      class Vehicle {
          protected $fuelType;
          public function setFuelType($fuel) {
               $this->fuelType = $fuel;
          protected function getFuelType() {
               return $this->fuelType;
 11
 12
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 14
      class Car extends Vehicle {
          public function showFuelType() {
               return "This car runs on " . $this->getFuelType();
 17
      $car = new Car();
      $car->setFuelType("Gasoline");
      echo $car->showFuelType(); // Output: This car runs on Gasoline
      ?>
```

4. Summary of Access Modifiers

Modifier	Accessibility Within Class	Accessibility Outside Class	Accessibility in Child Classes
public	Yes	Yes	Yes
private	Yes	No	No
protected	Yes	No	Yes

5. Importance of Access Modifiers in OOP

- Encapsulation: Access modifiers play a critical role in encapsulating the internal workings of a class. By restricting access to certain properties and methods, classes can hide sensitive data and expose only what is necessary.
- Security: Limiting access to sensitive or critical properties (e.g., user passwords or financial data)
 using private and protected prevents unauthorized manipulation from outside the class.
- Inheritance: With protected, developers can allow child classes to inherit and use certain properties and methods, while still preventing direct access from outside.
- Code Maintenance: By using access modifiers, developers can maintain a clean and clear interface for their classes. Only the relevant methods and properties are exposed to users, making the code easier to understand and manage.

Inheritance

1. Concept of Inheritance

Inheritance allows the child class to gain access to the attributes and behaviors defined in the parent class without needing to duplicate the code. This means that the child class can extend or modify the behavior of the parent class while still using its existing properties and methods.

Benefits of Inheritance:

- Code Reusability: Developers can reuse existing code, which reduces redundancy.
- Logical Hierarchy: Inheritance helps model real-world relationships in a structured way, making
 it easier to understand the code.
- Easy Maintenance: Changes made in the parent class automatically propagate to the child classes, making the code easier to maintain.

2. Types of Inheritance in PHP

- 1. **Single Inheritance**: A class can inherit from one parent class only. PHP does not support multiple inheritance, meaning a class cannot inherit from multiple classes.
- Multilevel Inheritance: A class can inherit from another class, which in turn can inherit from a different class, creating a chain of inheritance.
- 3. Hierarchical Inheritance: Multiple child classes inherit from a single parent class.

Example of Single Inheritance:

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php
<?php
class Animal {
   public function sound() {
       return "Animal makes a sound";
class Dog extends Animal {
    public function sound() {
       return "Dog barks";
$dog = new Dog();
echo $dog->sound(); // Output: Dog barks
?>
```

3. Key Components of Inheritance

- Parent Class: The class that provides properties and methods to the child class.
- Child Class: The class that inherits the properties and methods of the parent class. It can also have its own properties and methods or override inherited methods.

Example of Multilevel Inheritance:

Here:

- Vehicle is the parent class.
- Car is a child class that inherits from Vehicle.
- ElectricCar is a child class that inherits from Car.

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      <?php
      class Vehicle {
          public function type() {
               return "Vehicle";
      class Car extends Vehicle {
          public function model() {
               return "Car Model";
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 12
 13
      class ElectricCar extends Car {
          public function fuel() {
 15
               return "Electric";
 17
      $myElectricCar = new ElectricCar();
      echo $myElectricCar->type(); // Output: Vehicle
      echo $myElectricCar->model(); // Output: Car Model
      echo $myElectricCar->fuel(); // Output: Electric
      ?>
```

Overriding Methods

4. Overriding Methods

Child classes can override methods defined in the parent class. This means that the child class can provide its own implementation of a method that is already defined in the parent class.

Example of Method Overriding:

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      <?php
      class Shape {
           public function area() {
                return "Calculating area";
      class Circle extends Shape {
           public function area() {
                return "Calculating area of Circle";
 10
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      $circle = new Circle();
      echo $circle->area(); // Output: Calculating area of Circle
 16
```

5. Accessing Parent Class Methods and Properties

Child classes can access the parent class's properties and methods using the parent keyword. This is particularly useful when you want to extend the behavior of a parent method while still using its functionality.

Example:

Here, the Employee class extends the functionality of the greet() method by calling the parent method and appending additional information.

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      <?php
      class Person {
           public function greet() {
                return "Hello!";
      class Employee extends Person {
           public function greet() {
                return parent::greet() . " I am an employee.";
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      $employee = new Employee();
      echo $employee->greet(); // Output: Hello! I am an employee.
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      ?>
```

6. Abstract Classes and Interfaces

Inheritance can also be implemented using **abstract classes** and **interfaces** to define common methods and properties that must be implemented by child classes, promoting a more structured approach to OOP.

- Abstract Class: A class that cannot be instantiated on its own and may contain abstract methods (methods without implementation) that must be defined in derived classes.
- Interface: A contract that specifies a set of methods that a class must implement, allowing multiple classes to share a common interface.

Polymorphism

Polymorphism in PHP: Theoretical Explanation

Polymorphism is a fundamental concept in Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) that allows objects of different classes to be treated as objects of a common superclass. The term "polymorphism" comes from the Greek words "poly," meaning many, and "morph," meaning forms. In the context of PHP and other OOP languages, polymorphism enables a single interface to represent different underlying forms (data types).

1. Types of Polymorphism

Polymorphism can be classified into two main types:

- Compile-Time Polymorphism (also known as static polymorphism): This type is resolved during
 compile time. In PHP, this can be achieved through method overloading, although PHP does
 not support method overloading in the traditional sense like some other languages. Instead,
 similar behavior can be implemented using default arguments.
- Run-Time Polymorphism (also known as dynamic polymorphism): This type is resolved during runtime and is typically achieved through method overriding in child classes. This allows different classes to provide different implementations of the same method defined in a parent class.

2. Method Overriding

Method overriding is a common way to implement run-time polymorphism. In this scenario, a child class provides a specific implementation of a method that is already defined in its parent class. When the method is called on an object of the child class, the overridden method in the child class is executed, even if the object is referred to by a parent class reference.

Example of Method Overriding:

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◆ ► Overriding.php
  1 <?php
     class Animal {
          public function sound() {
               return "Some sound";
     class Dog extends Animal {
          public function sound() {
               return "Bark";
 11
     class Cat extends Animal {
          public function sound() {
               return "Meow";
     function animalSound(Animal $animal) {
          echo $animal->sound() . PHP_EOL;
     $dog = new Dog();
     $cat = new Cat();
     animalSound($dog); // Output: Bark
 28 animalSound($cat); // Output: Meow
 29 ?>
```

In this example:

- Both Dog and Cat classes override the sound() method defined in the Animal class.
- The animalSound() function accepts an Animal type reference, allowing it to handle any object derived from Animal. The correct sound() method is called based on the actual object type (either Dog or Cat).



3. Interfaces and Polymorphism

Another way to achieve polymorphism in PHP is through the use of **interfaces**. An interface defines a contract that implementing classes must adhere to, allowing for multiple classes to implement the same interface in different ways.

Example Using Interfaces:

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♦ Interfaces.php
     <?php
    interface Shape {
         public function area();
     class Rectangle implements Shape {
         private $width;
         private $height;
         public function __construct($width, $height) {
              $this->width = $width;
 11
              $this->height = $height;
 12
 13
         public function area() {
              return $this->width * $this->height;
 15
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     class Circle implements Shape {
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         private $radius;
 21
         public function __construct($radius) {
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              $this->radius = $radius;
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          public function area() {
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              return pi() * ($this->radius ** 2);
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     function calculateArea(Shape $shape) {
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          echo "Area: " . $shape->area() . PHP_EOL;
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     $rectangle = new Rectangle(10, 5);
     $circle = new Circle(3);
 35
     calculateArea($rectangle); // Output: Area: 50
     calculateArea($circle); // Output: Area: 28.274333882308
 38
     ?>
 39
```

In this example:

- The Shape interface declares a method area().
- Both Rectangle and Circle implement the Shape interface, providing their own definitions for the area() method.
- The calculateArea() function can accept any object that implements the Shape interface, demonstrating polymorphism.

4. Benefits of Polymorphism

- **Flexibility**: Polymorphism allows for flexibility in code, as different classes can be treated as instances of the same class or interface.
- Code Reusability: It promotes code reuse, as functions can operate on base class types, allowing different derived types to be passed in.
- Maintenance: Polymorphism facilitates easier code maintenance and extension. New classes can be added without changing existing code, as long as they adhere to the same interface or base class.

Abstraction in PHP

Abstraction is a fundamental concept in Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) that focuses on exposing only the essential features of an object while hiding the complex implementation details. It allows developers to define a clear interface for interacting with objects, making it easier to work with complex systems. In PHP, abstraction can be achieved using **abstract classes** and **interfaces**.

1. Key Concepts of Abstraction

- Hiding Complexity: Abstraction helps in reducing complexity by hiding the internal workings of
 a class. Users of the class need only to understand its interface, not the implementation.
- Defining Interfaces: By defining a clear interface for an object, abstraction ensures that the
 essential properties and behaviors of the object are accessible, while the underlying complexity
 is concealed.
- Improving Code Maintainability: By separating the interface from the implementation, abstraction improves code maintainability. Changes to the implementation do not affect code that relies on the interface.

2. Abstract Classes

An **abstract class** in PHP is a class that cannot be instantiated on its own and may contain abstract methods (methods without implementation) that must be implemented by its derived classes. This is useful when you want to provide a common base class for a group of related classes.

Example of Abstract Class:

In this example:

- The Animal class is abstract and contains an abstract method sound().
- The Dog and Cat classes extend the Animal class and provide their own implementations of the sound() method.
- The eat() method is a regular method that can be used by all subclasses.

3. Interfaces

An **interface** defines a contract that classes must follow. An interface can contain abstract methods, which means that any class that implements the interface must provide an implementation for those methods. Unlike abstract classes, an interface cannot have any implementation, only method declarations.

Example of Interface:

In this example:

- The Shape interface defines a contract with the area() method.
- Both the Rectangle and Circle classes implement the Shape interface, providing their own implementation of the area() method.

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               × Abstract.php
     <?php
     interface Shape {
          public function area();
     class Rectangle implements Shape {
          private $width;
          private $height;
          public function __construct($width, $height) {
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              $this->width = $width;
 11
              $this->height = $height;
 12
 13
 14
          public function area() {
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              return $this->width * $this->height;
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◀ ▶ Interfaces.php
     class Circle implements Shape {
          private $radius;
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          public function __construct($radius) {
 24
              $this->radius = $radius;
 25
 27
          public function area() {
              return pi() * ($this->radius ** 2);
 28
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 31
     $rectangle = new Rectangle(10, 5);
     $circle = new Circle(3);
 34
     echo "Rectangle area: " . $rectangle->area() . PHP_EOL; // Output: Rectangle area: 50
     echo "Circle area: " . $circle->area() . PHP_EOL; // Output: Circle area: 28.274333882308
     ?>
```

4. Benefits of Abstraction

- Reduced Complexity: By hiding implementation details, abstraction simplifies the interface of complex systems.
- Enhanced Code Organization: Abstraction leads to better organization of code by separating interface from implementation.
- Improved Code Reusability: Common functionalities can be defined in abstract classes or interfaces, making it easier to reuse code across different parts of the application.
- Easier Maintenance and Extensibility: Changes in implementation can be made without
 affecting the code that relies on the interface, improving maintainability.

Encapsulation in PHP

Encapsulation is a fundamental concept in Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) that involves bundling the data (attributes) and methods (functions) that operate on that data into a single unit called a class. It restricts direct access to some of an object's components, which is a means of preventing unintended interference and misuse of the methods and data. Encapsulation helps in protecting the integrity of the object's state and provides a controlled way to access and modify it.

1. Key Concepts of Encapsulation

- Data Hiding: Encapsulation promotes the concept of data hiding, where the internal state of an
 object is kept private and can only be accessed or modified through public methods. This
 protects the object's state from unintended changes and maintains data integrity.
- Public, Private, and Protected Modifiers:
 - Public: Properties and methods declared as public can be accessed from anywhere.
 - Private: Properties and methods declared as private can only be accessed within the class itself. They are hidden from any outside access.
 - Protected: Properties and methods declared as protected can be accessed within the class and by derived classes.
- Getters and Setters: To provide controlled access to the private properties, getter and setter
 methods are often used. Getters retrieve the value of a property, while setters allow modification
 of that property.

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     <?php
     class BankAccount {
         // Private properties
         private $accountNumber;
         private $balance;
         // Constructor to initialize the properties
         public function __construct($accountNumber, $initialBalance) {
             $this->accountNumber = $accountNumber;
             $this->balance = $initialBalance;
 11
 12
         // Getter for accountNumber
         public function getAccountNumber() {
             return $this->accountNumber;
         // Getter for balance
         public function getBalance() {
             return $this->balance;
 21
         // Method to deposit money
         public function deposit($amount) {
             if ($amount > 0) {
                  $this->balance += $amount;
                  return true;
             return false;
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◀ ▶ Encapsulation.php

         // Method to withdraw money
         public function withdraw($amount) {
             if ($amount > 0 && $this->balance >= $amount) {
                 $this->balance -= $amount;
                 return true;
             return false;
    // Example usage
    $account = new BankAccount("123456789", 1000);
     echo "Account Number: " . $account->getAccountNumber() . PHP EOL; // Output: Account Number: 123456789
     echo "Initial Balance: " . $account->getBalance() . PHP EOL;  // Output: Initial Balance: 1000
     $account->deposit(500);
     echo "Balance after deposit: " . $account->getBalance() . PHP EOL; // Output: Balance after deposit: 1500
    if ($account->withdraw(300)) {
         echo "Withdrawal successful. New Balance: " . $account->getBalance() . PHP EOL; // Output: Withdrawal
         successful. New Balance: 1200
 50 } else {
         echo "Insufficient funds for withdrawal." . PHP EOL;
52 }
```

In this example:

- The BankAccount class encapsulates the accountNumber and balance properties as private,
 meaning they cannot be accessed directly from outside the class.
- The constructor initializes these properties when a new object is created.
- Getters (getAccountNumber() and getBalance()) provide controlled access to the private properties, allowing other classes or functions to read these values without modifying them.
- The deposit() and withdraw() methods allow controlled modification of the balance,
 ensuring that only valid operations can be performed.

3. Benefits of Encapsulation

- Data Integrity: By restricting direct access to properties, encapsulation helps maintain the integrity of the object's state, preventing invalid data from being set.
- Improved Maintainability: Encapsulation allows for changes in the internal implementation of a class without affecting external code that uses it, leading to easier maintenance and refactoring.
- Controlled Access: Getters and setters provide a way to control how properties are accessed
 and modified, allowing for additional logic (e.g., validation) to be implemented when properties
 are set.
- Enhanced Security: Encapsulation protects sensitive data by hiding it from direct access, which
 is crucial in scenarios like financial applications.

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