Features of OOP

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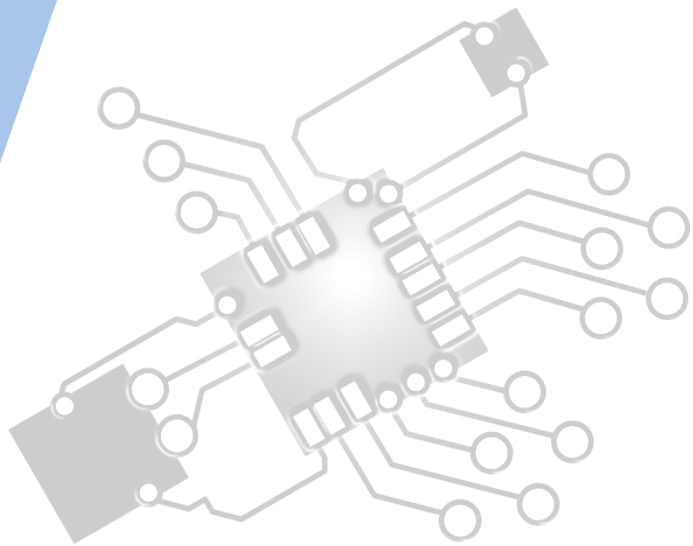

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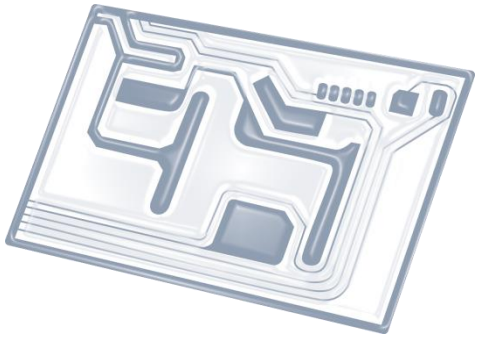

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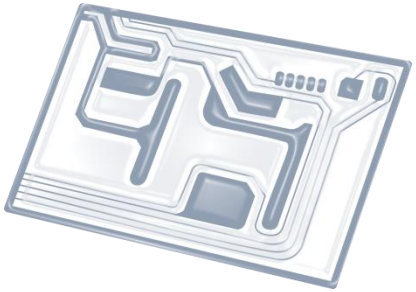
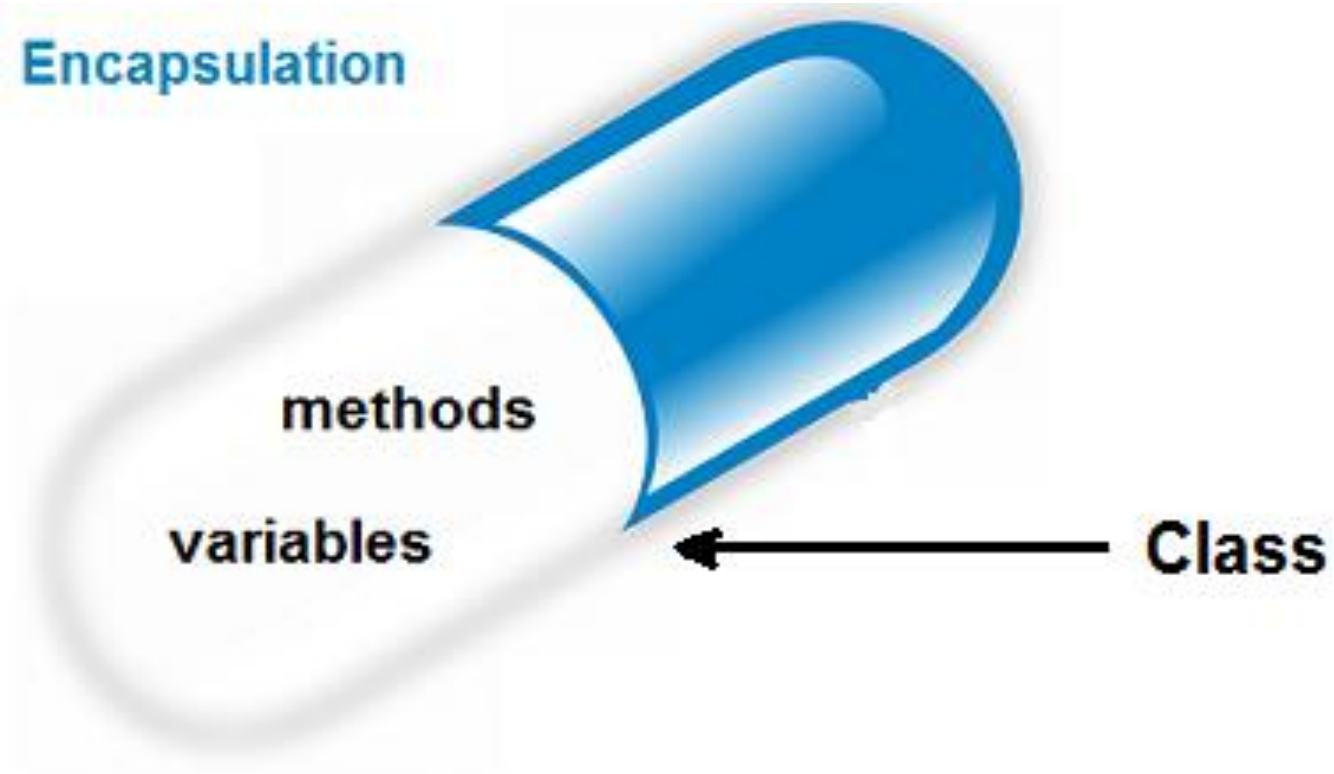


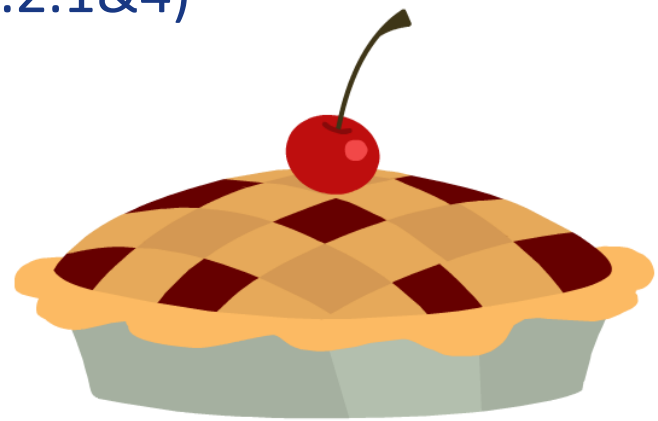
Topic D.2.1

Define the term: **encapsulation**



Four OOP fundamentals:

- **A**bstraction (*See* Topic 4.1.17-20)
- **P**olymorphism (*See* Topic D.2.3&6)
- **I**nheritance (*See* Topic D.2.2&5)
- **E**ncapsulation (*See* Topic D.2.1&4)

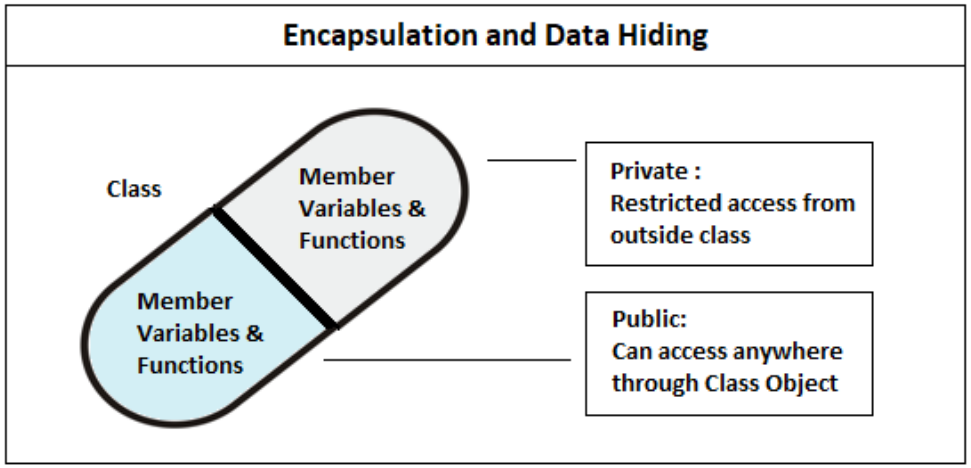


Definition: Encapsulation

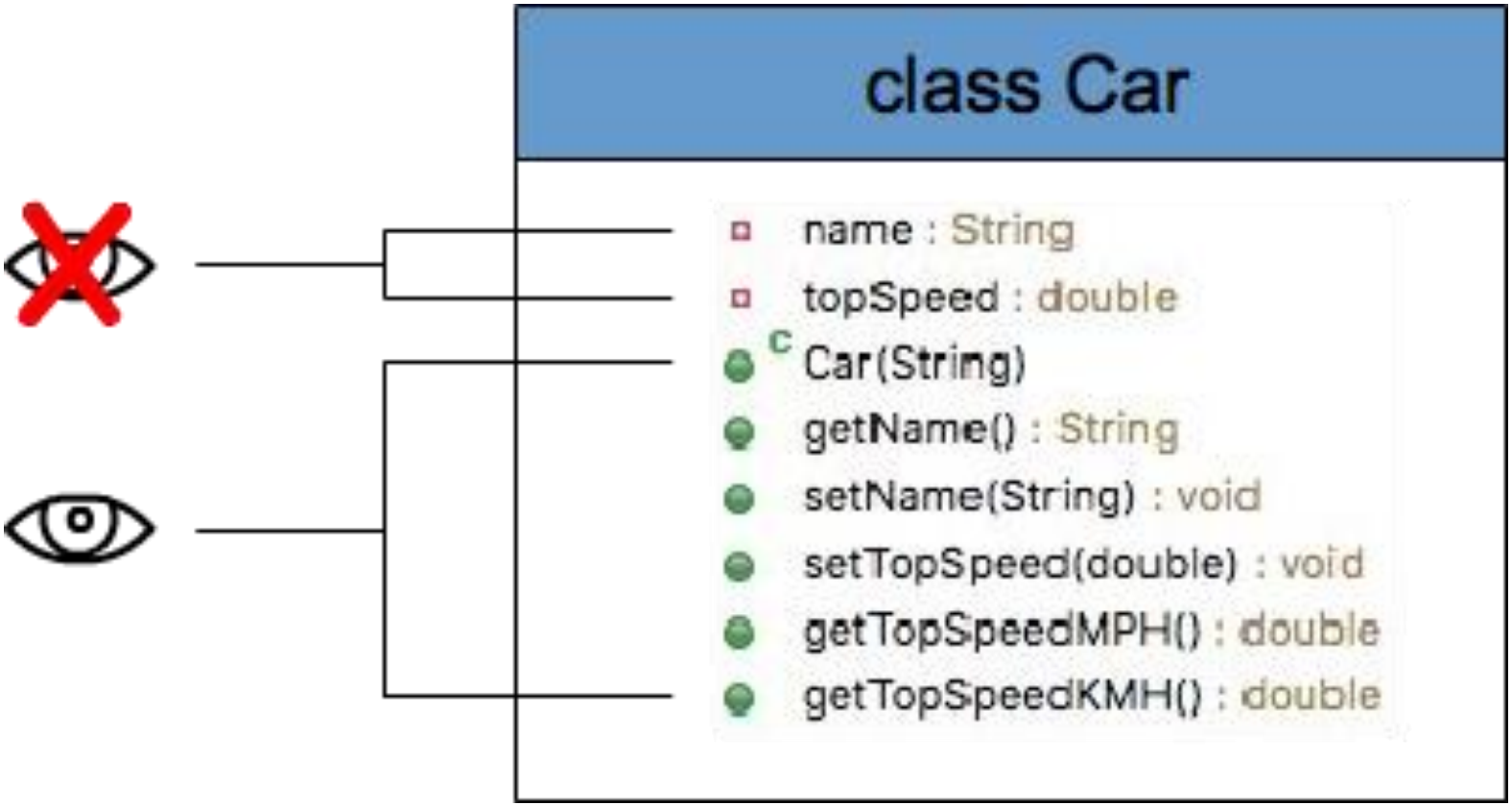
- Encapsulation is the technique of making the **states** in a class **private** and providing access to those states via **public behaviours (methods)**.
- **In short**: **data and actions are limited to the object in which they are created**

Encapsulation = Data Hiding

- If a state is declared **private**, it **cannot be accessed by any method outside the class**, thereby hiding the states (and their contents) within the class.
- For this reason, encapsulation is also referred to as **data hiding**.



Example: UML


class Car
name : String
topSpeed : double
Car(String)
getName() : String
setName(String) : void
setTopSpeed(double) : void
getTopSpeedMPH() : double
getTopSpeedKMH() : double

Example: Java

```
1. class Student{
2.     private String name;
3.     public String getName(){
4.           return name;
5.     }
6.     public void setName(String newName){
7.           name = newName;
8.     }
9. }
10.class Execute{
11.    publi                                    []){
12.
13.
14.          localName = s1.getName();
15.    }
16.}
```

The public methods are the access points to a class's private fields(attributes) from the outside class.

Side note: Java keyword `this`

Within a method/constructor, **`this`** is a reference to the **current object** (the object whose method/constructor is being called)

```
public class Point {
    public int x = 0;
    public int y = 0;

    //constructor
    public Point(int a, int b){
        x = a;
        y = b;
    }
}
```

```
public class Point {
    public int x = 0;
    public int y = 0;

    //constructor
    public Point(int x, int y){
        this.x = x;
        this.y = y;
    }
}
```

Example of non-encapsulation: Java

```
4  class Employee{
5      Integer id; //No encapsulation - field isn't private
6  }
7
8  /** JavaMadeSoEasy.com */
9  public class EncapsulationTest {
10     public static void main(String[] args) {
11         Employee emp=new Employee();
12         emp.id="1"; //As field isn't private, it could be accessed outside class.
13
14     }
15 }
```

This is potentially very dangerous as methods outside the class can directly change an object's state values.