

Chapter 28: Access Control

Section 28.1: Basic Example using a Struct

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In Swift 3 there are multiple access-levels. This example uses them all except for open:

```
public struct Car {  
  
    public let make: String  
    let model: String //Optional keyword: will automatically be "internal"  
    private let fullName: String  
    fileprivate var otherName: String  
  
    public init(_ make: String, model: String) {  
        self.make = make  
        self.model = model  
        self.fullName = "\(make)\(model)"  
        self.otherName = "\(model) - \(make)"  
    }  
}
```

Assume myCar was initialized like this:

```
let myCar = Car("Apple", model: "iCar")
```

Car.make (public)

```
print(myCar.make)
```

This print will work everywhere, including targets that import Car.

Car.model (internal)

```
print(myCar.model)
```

This will compile if the code is in the same target as Car.

Car.otherName (fileprivate)

```
print(myCar.otherName)
```

This will only work if the code is *in the same file* as Car.

Car.fullName (private)

```
print(myCar.fullName)
```

This won't work in Swift 3. `private` properties can only be accessed within the same `struct/class`.

```
public struct Car {  
  
    public let make: String //public  
    let model: String //internal  
    private let fullName: String! //private  
  
    public init(_ make: String, model model: String) {  
        self.make = make  
    }  
}
```

```
        self.model = model
        self.fullName = "\(make)\(model)"
    }
}
```

If the entity has multiple associated access levels, Swift looks for the lowest level of access. If a private variable exists in a public class, the variable will still be considered private.

Section 28.2: Subclassing Example

```
public class SuperClass {
    private func secretMethod() {}
}

internal class SubClass: SuperClass {
    override internal func secretMethod() {
        super.secretMethod()
    }
}
```

Section 28.3: Getters and Setters Example

```
struct Square {
    private(set) var area = 0

    var side: Int = 0 {
        didSet {
            area = side*side
        }
    }
}

public struct Square {
    public private(set) var area = 0
    public var side: Int = 0 {
        didSet {
            area = side*side
        }
    }
    public init() {}
}
```