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1  // Lecture 82: Enums (Part I) – Basics
2  // Let's write a function to fill the background with
   • some colour
3  // We'll use an integer as an argument and we want to
   • represent the different colours. Instead of using
   • simple numbers to represent colours, we can use
   • symbolic constants, so we can either create macros
   • or we can create constants.
4  // Using macros
5  #define RED 0
6  // Using constants
7  const int RED = 0;
8  void FillColor(int color){
9      // Fill background with some color
10 }
11 // When you want to invoke the FillColor() and want to
   • specify a colour, you don't have to remember the
   • number, instead you can use the name of the colour,
   • so I can invoke FillColor() with RED as an argument,
   • by passing the macro or you can use the symbolic
   • constant.
12 int main()
13 {
14     FillColor(RED);
15 }
16 // but there is a problem with this function. The user
   • can invoke FillColor with any number as an argument.
   • And the function would not know what to do with this
   • value, as a result, it will have undefined behaviour.
17 // ideally, we should use a restricted range of values
   • that can be accepted by FillColor.
18 // This is where enumerated types will help us.
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22 // Lecture 83 – Enums (PART II) – Scoped Enums
   • (C++11)
23 enum Color{
24     RED,
25     GREEN,
26     BLUE
27 };

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28 // Can also be written as
29 enum Color{RED, GREEN, BLUE};
30 void FillColor(Color color)
31 {
32     // Fill background with some colour
33     if (color == RED) // do something
34     if (color == GREEN) // do something
35     if (color == BLUE ) // do something
36 }
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38 int main(){
39     Color c = RED; // you can assign an enum like this!
40     FillColor(c);
41     // OR
42     FillColor(BLUE);
43     //because an integer doesn't implicitly convert
44     • into an enum type, only a specific range of
45     • values are accepted.
46 }
47 // it is still possible to use integers with enums,
48 • but you will have to apply static_cast, but whatever
49 • value you cast should fall within the range of
50 • enumerator values, otherwise the result is undefined.
51 int main(){
52     FillColor(static_cast<Color> (2)); // BLUE!
53 }
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55 // Let's say we want to create an enum for traffic
56 • lights
57 enum TrafficLight{
58     RED,
59     YELLOW,
60     GREEN
61 };
62 // and compile it, you will get an error, because
63 • 'RED' and 'GREEN' are being redefined, and that's
64 • not allowed.
65 // Enumerators and Enumerated types have the scope in
66 • accordance to where they are defined, and in this
67 • code they have a global scope, so the redefinition
68 • of the same colours 'RED' and 'GREEN' ARE NOT
69 • ALLOWED. You cannot use these enumerators as

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- variable names or enumerators.

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58 // This may cause compilation errors or it may lead to
  • undefined results at runtime.
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61 //==== SCOPED_ENUMS
62 // C++11 solves this problem by SCOPED ENUMS. A scoped
  • enum is one in which the enumerator has a scope
  • within its enumerated type, so the enumerator is not
  • visible outside the scope of its type.
63 // To create a scoped enum, you have to use the class
  • keyword with the enum like this:
64 enum class Color{RED, GREEN, BLUE};
65 // now color is a scoped enum. Now the variables RED,
  • GREEN, BLUE are not visible in the global scope, so
  • when we want to reference the enumerator, we have to
  • write this instead:
66 void FillColor(Color color)
67 {
68     if (color == Color::RED ) // do smth
69 }
70 // Same thing in main() as well
71 int main()
72 {
73     FillColor(Color::RED);
74 }
75 // now, we can create this traffic light enum as a
  • scoped enum.
76 enum class TraffficLight{
77     RED, YELLOW, GREEN
78 };
79 // this way, the names of numerators do not clash. One
  • advantage is that the enumerator is not implicitly
  • convertible to int, so if we try to assign 'RED' to
  • an integer like
80 int x = Color::RED;
81 // this code will not compile.
82 // To resolve this error, you have to EXPLICITLY apply
  • a static_cast like this:
83 int x = static_cast<int>(Color::RED);
84 // the underlying type in scoped enums is always int,
  • but you can specify any other integral type as the

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- underlying type, and that can be done by doing this:

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85 enum class TrafficLight : /*underlying type*/ {RED,
•   GREEN, YELLOW};
86 // example:
87 enum class TrafficLight : char {RED = 'c', GREEN,
•   YELLOW};
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89 // Enum types can be initialised with values.
90 enum class TrafficLight:{RED = 6, GREEN, YELLOW};
91 // now green will have a value 6, yellow will have a
•   value 7.
92 // In the same way for enumerated type TrafficLight,we
•   can assign a different value to RED:
93 // then GREEN will have the value 'd' and YELLOW will
•   have the value 'e'. note that the ASCII values of
•   the characters are stored, not the characters
•   themselves. SO RED = 99, GREEN = 100, YELLOW = 101
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