

Programming Paradigms

CT331 Week 3 Lecture 2

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User Defined Types: Enums

Enum

Enumeration:

enumeration

/ɪnju:mə'reɪʃ(ə)n/ 

noun

the action of mentioning a number of things one by one.
"the complete enumeration of all possible genetic states"

- *formal*
the action of establishing the number of something.
"detailed enumeration of the income of the household"

User Defined Enums

Use keyword enum:

```
enum flag {constant1, constant2, ... constantN};
```

Eg:

```
enum State {Working = 1, Failed = 0};
```

```
enum week{Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri, Sat, Sun};
```

User Defined Enums

Constants are immutable

Constants must have a value

Enum creates constants with default values

User Defined Enums

```
#include<stdio.h>

enum year{Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul,
          Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec};

int main()
{
    int i;
    for (i=Jan; i<=Dec; i++)
        printf("%d ", i);

    return 0;
}
```

```
$Output> 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
```

User Defined Enums

Enum constants may have the same value:

```
enum State {Working = 1, Failed = 0, Freezed = 0};
```

User Defined Enums

Enum constants may have the same value:

```
enum State {Working = 1, Failed = 0, Freezed = 0};
```

Enum constants may have mixed default & assigned values:

```
enum day {sunday = 1, monday, tuesday = 5, wednesday,  
thursday = 10, friday, saturday};
```


User Defined Enums

Enum constants must be unique (within their scope):

```
enum state {working, failed};
```

```
enum result {failed, passed};
```

> compiler error

Using Enums

```
//create a variable check of type boolean  
enum boolean { false, true };  
enum boolean check;
```

```
//or
```

```
enum boolean  
{  
    false, true  
} check;
```

Using Enums

```
#include <stdio.h>

enum Suits {HEARTS, DIAMONDS, SPADES, CLUBS};
enum Suits current;

int main(int arg, char* argv[]){

    current = DIAMONDS;

    printf("current suit: %d\n", current);

    return 0;

}
```

Enum links

<https://www.programiz.com/c-programming/c-enumeration>

<http://www.geeksforgeeks.org/enumeration-enum-c/>