



# enum: Enumerated Type

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An "enum" is a type with a fixed set of elements.



# What is "enum"

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"enum" (enumeration) defines a new data type that has a fixed set of values.

Example: an enum named **Size** with 3 fixed values:

```
public enum Size {  
    SMALL,  
    MEDIUM,  
    LARGE;  
}
```



# Define an enum

An "enum" defines a type, just like a class.

```
public enum Size {  
    SMALL,  
    MEDIUM,  
    LARGE;  
}
```

List each element  
followed by a *COMMA*,  
except last one.

```
// correct usage  
Size size = Size.SMALL;  
  
// enum can be parameter  
public void setSize(Size s) ...  
  
// Illegal: no new instances  
Size size = new Size( );
```



# Using an enum

enum type can be a variable, parameter, or return type

```
// can be type of an attribute or local var:
private Size mysize;
// can be parameter:
public void setSize(Size size) { this.mysize = size; }
// can compare values using ==
public double getPrice( ) {
    if (mysize == Size.SMALL) return 20.0;
    if (mysize == Size.MEDIUM) return 30.0;
    if (mysize == Size.LARGE) return 40.0;
    else return 0; // possible if size is null
}
```



# Why use enum?

Compiler can check if values are legal.

## Better Type Safety

Example: suppose the Coffee size is a *String*.

```
public class Coffee {  
    private String size;  
    // size must be "small","medium","large"  
    public Coffee( String size ) {  
        this.size = size;  
    }  
}
```

NO ERROR

Coffee sbucks = new Coffee( "*Grande*" );



# Coffee class with Size enum

```
public class Coffee {  
    private Size size;  
    // size must be an enum member  
    public Coffee( Size size ) {  
        this.size = size;  
    }  
}
```

ERROR

Coffee sbucks = new Coffee( "*Grande*" );



# Another Example: Font class

The Font constructor is:

```
new Font(String name, int style, int size)
```



Font.PLAIN = 0  
Font.BOLD = 1  
Font.ITALIC = 2

**Correct:** Arial BOLD, size 20pt

```
Font font = new Font("Arial", 1, 20);
```

**Incorrect**, but **no error** at compile or runtime:

```
Font font = new Font("Arial", 20, 1);
```

*Result is a tiny font with pointsize 1*



# Design a Better Font Class

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If the font style were an enum, this error would not occur

```
public enum FontStyle {  
    PLAIN,  
    BOLD,  
    ITALIC,  
    BOLD_ITALIC;  
}
```

```
Font font =  
    new Font("Arial", FontStyle.BOLD, 20);
```





# Applying enum to Coffee

```
public class Coffee {  
    private Size size;  
    public Coffee( Size size ) {  
        this.size = size;  
    }  
  
    public double getPrice( ) {  
        switch( size ) {  
            case SMALL: return 20.0;  
            case MEDIUM: return 30.0;  
            case LARGE: return 40.0;  
            default: return 0;  
        }  
    }  
}
```



# Use of enum

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1. You can declare a variable of an enum type:

```
Size size; // size is of type "Size"
```

2. You can assign a value to an enum variable:

```
Size s = Size.SMALL;
```

3. You can compare values using ==

```
if ( size == Size.SMALL ) price = 20.0;
```

4. You can use enum in switch.

```
switch( size ) { case SMALL: ... }
```

5. You can print the values (implicit toString() ).

```
System.out.println("Size is " + size );
```



# values( ) method

- Every **enum** has a **values( )** method that returns an array of the members of the **enum**.

```
> Size.values( )
```

```
Size[ ]{ SMALL, MEDIUM, LARGE }
```

Automatic conversion to String with same name as enum elements:

```
> for( Size s: Size.values() )
```

```
System.out.println( s );
```

```
SMALL
```

```
MEDIUM
```

```
LARGE
```



# Other Enum methods

- Every enum also has these methods

<code>compareTo(E other)</code>	<code>&gt; Size.SMALL.compareTo( Size.LARGE)</code> <code>-2</code>
<code>name( )</code>	<code>&gt; Size.SMALL.name()</code> <code>"SMALL"</code>
<code>valueOf( String )</code>	Get enum member with the String value: <code>&gt; Size.valueOf( "LARGE" )</code> <code>(Size) Size.LARGE</code>
<code>toString()</code>	Returns declared name as String, like <code>name( )</code> <code>&gt; Size.SMALL.toString()</code> <code>"SMALL"</code>

# enum can have attributes (properties)

- **enum** can have **properties and methods**, just like a class.

**Example:** add a **price** attribute to Size enum.

```
enum Size {  
    SMALL(20.0) ,  
    MEDIUM(30.0) ,  
    LARGE(40.0) ;  
    private final double price;  
    /** constructor sets the price */  
    private Size(double price) {  
        this.price = price;  
    }  
    public double getPrice() { return price; }
```

Declare attributes **after**  
the enum members.



# Private Constructor

- ❑ **enum** can have **constructors**, but they must be **private**.
- ❑ Private is the **default** for "enum" constructors.

```
enum Size {  
    SMALL(20),  
    MEDIUM(30),  
    LARGE(40);  
    public final double price;  
    Size(double price) { this.price = price; }  
    public double getPrice() { return price; }  
}
```

"private" by default.



# Using enum Attributes

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We can use enum price attribute to simplify getPrice.

```
class Coffee {  
    private Size size;  
    public Coffee( Size size ) { ... }  
  
    public double getPrice() {  
        return size.getPrice();  
    }  
}
```



# Attributes should make sense

enum represent *constants*. enum can have multiple uses.

But **price** is something likely to vary or change.

```
class Pizza {  
    Size size; // size of the pizza  
    double getPrice() {  
        return size.getPrice();  
    }  
}
```

Arrrrrgh! This is the coffee price!



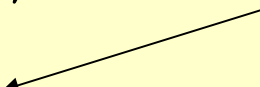


# enum for Length

Use enum for values of length in a UnitConverter

```
public enum Length {  
    METER("meter", 1.0),  
    KILOMETER("km", 1000.0),  
    MILE("mile", 1609.344),  
    WA("wa", 2.0);  
    public final double value;  
    public final String name;  
    public Length( String name, double val ) {  
        this.value = val; this.name = name; }  
    public String toString() { return name; }  
}
```

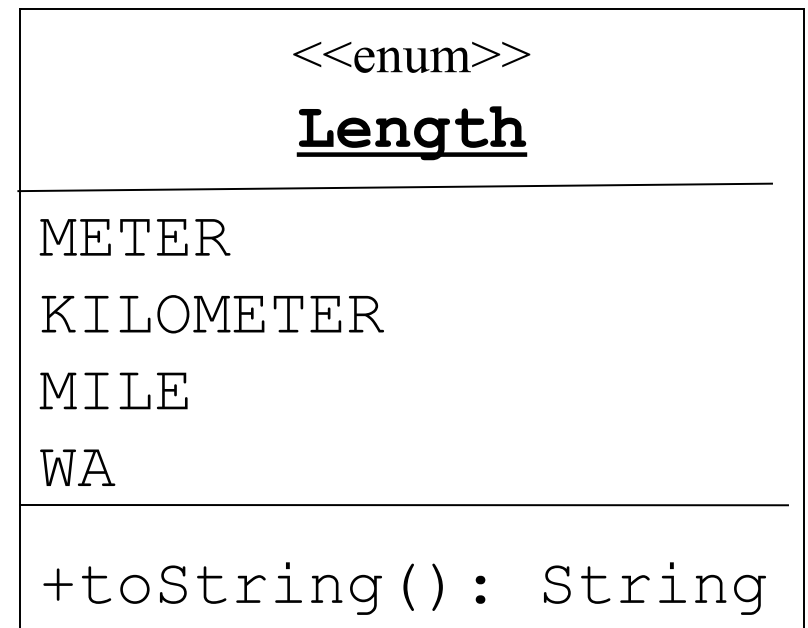
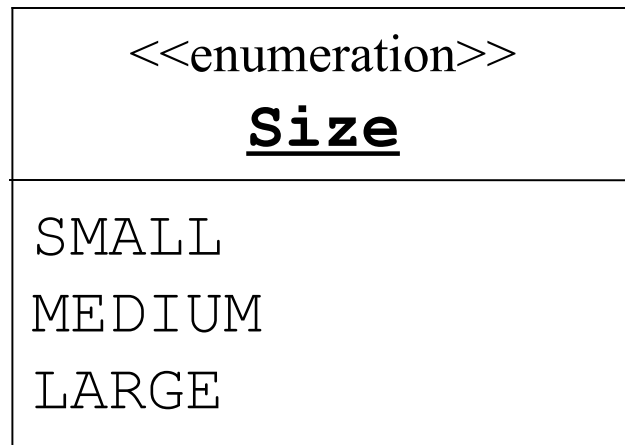
Attributes as public constants





# UML for Enumeration

enum with no methods:



*UML Distilled* has notation for enum in UML.