Day 6

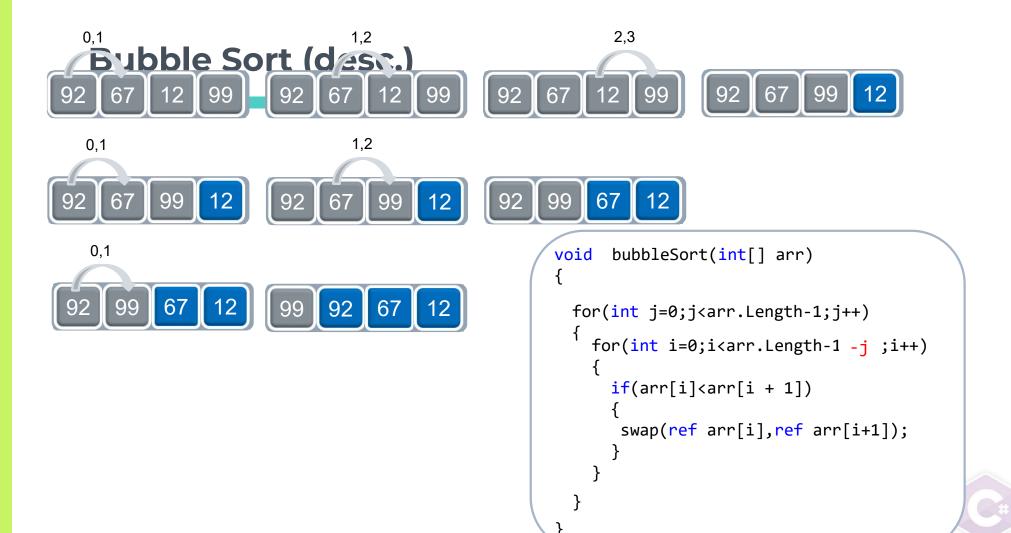
Delegates and Events

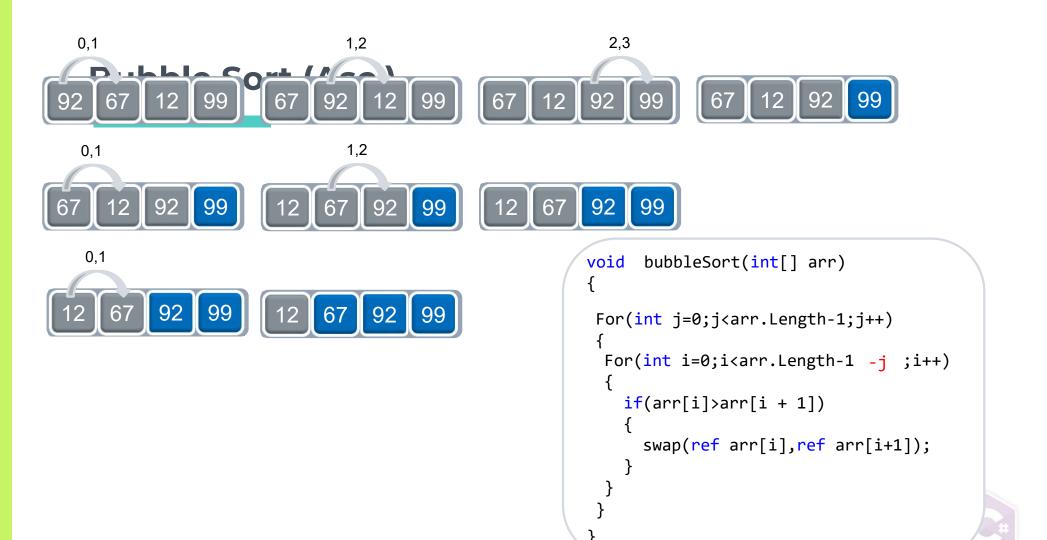


Agenda for Day 6

- What are Delegates?
- Declaring, Instantiating, and Invoking Delegates
- Multicast Delegates
- What are Events?
- Event-Driven Programming Model
- Declaring, Raising, and Handling Events
- Built-in Delegates (Action, Func , Predicate)







Why Delegate

```
static bool sortAscending(int L, int M)
{
    return (L > M);
}
```

```
static bool sortDescending(int L, int M)
{
    return (L < M);
}</pre>
```

What is a Delegate?

- Definition: A type that represents references to methods with a specific signature.
- "Type-safe function pointers" or "method pointers."
- Enables passing methods as arguments.
- Foundation for event handling.



Delegate Declaration

- Syntax:
- public delegate [return_type] DelegateName([parameters]);
- Defines the signature (return type and parameters) that methods must match.
- Example:

public delegate void NotificationDelegate(string message);



Delegate Instantiation and Invocation

- Instantiation:
- NotificationDelegate del = new NotificationDelegate(MyMethod);
- Shorthand: NotificationDelegate del = MyMethod;
- Invocation:
 - Call the delegate instance like a method: del("Hello!");
- Methods that can be assigned: Static, Instance, Lambda Expressions.



What are Events?

- Concept: A mechanism for communication between objects.
- Publisher: The object that raises (publishes) the event.
- Subscriber: The object that listens for (subscribes to) the event and reacts.
- Event-Driven Programming: Program flow determined by events.



Why Use Events?

- Loose Coupling: Publisher and subscriber don't need direct knowledge of each other.
- Scalability: Easy to add/remove subscribers without changing publisher.
- Modularity: Encapsulates notification logic.



Declaring an Event

- Uses the event keyword.
- Typically based on a delegate (often EventHandler or EventHandler<TEventArgs>).
- Syntax: public event [DelegateType] EventName;
- Example:

public event EventHandler<OrderProcessedEventArgs>
OrderProcessed;

event keyword protection: Only declaring class can raise; external classes only add/remove handlers.



Standard Event Pattern in .NET

- Delegate: EventHandler` or `EventHandler<TEventArgs>.
 - **object sender**: The object that raised the event.
 - TEventArgs e : An object derived from EventArgs containing event data.
- Custom EventArgs: Create a class inheriting from EventArgs to pass custom data.
- Example:

```
public class OrderProcessedEventArgs : EventArgs { /* ... */ }
```



Raising an Event

- Typically done within a protected virtual void OnEventName(EventArgs e) method.
- Null-conditional operator (?.): Check for subscribers before invoking.
- Example:

```
OrderProcessed?.Invoke(this, new OrderProcessedEventArgs(...));
```



Subscribing to an Event

- Use the += operator to attach an event handler method.
- Handler method signature must match the event's delegate.
- Example:
 publisher.OrderProcessed += MyEventHandlerMethod;
- Unsubscribing: Use -= to detach (important for memory management).



Event Demo

- Scenario: Order Processing System
- Publisher: OrderProcessor (raises OrderProcessed event).
- Subscribers: EmailService, SmsService, Logger (handle the event).
- Show: Event declaration, custom EventArgs, raising, subscribing, and handling.



Built-in Delegates

- C# provides generic delegates for common scenarios.
- Reduce need for custom delegate declarations.
- Action: For methods that return void.
- Func: For methods that return a value.
- Predicate: For methods that return bool and take one parameter.



Action Delegates

- Purpose: Represents a method that takes parameters but does not return a value (void).
- Syntax: Action<T1, T2, ... >
- Example:
- Action<string> print = msg ⇒ Console.WriteLine(msg);
- Demo: Simple Action usage.



Func Delegates

- Purpose: Represents a method that takes parameters and returns a value.
- Syntax:
- Func<T1, T2, ..., TResult>` (last type is return type).
- **Example**: Func<int, int, int> add = $(a, b) \Rightarrow a + b$;
- Demo: Simple Func usage, often with LINQ.



Predicate<T> Delegate

- Purpose: Represents a method that takes one parameter of type `T` and returns a bool value.
- Syntax: Predicate<T>
- Example:

```
Predicate<int> isEven = num ⇒ num % 2 == 0;
```

Demo: Using Predicate with List<T>.FindAll().



Day 6 Recap

- Delegates: Type-safe function pointers, enable callbacks.
- Multicast Delegates: Invoke multiple methods.
- Events: Publisher-subscriber model, loose coupling, event keyword.
- Standard Event Pattern: EventHandler<TEventArgs>.
- Built-in Delegates: Action, Func, Predicate for common scenarios.



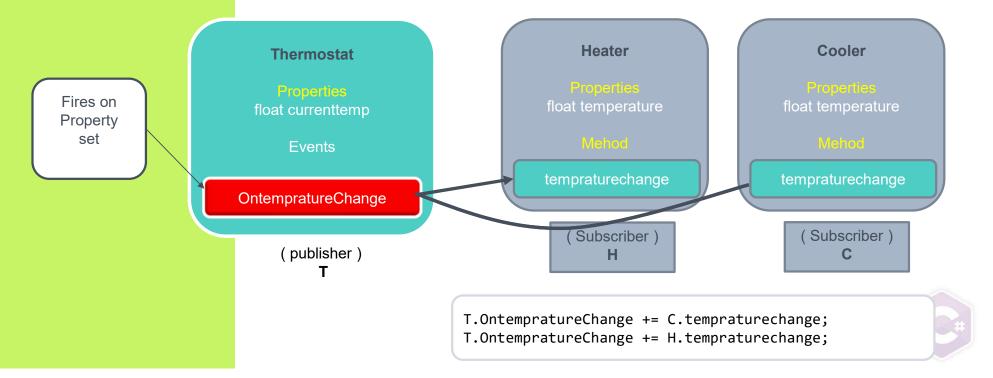
Q&A and Next Steps

- Questions?
- Tomorrow: Advanced Topics!



Assignment

- Implement and Trace Bubble Sort using delegate
- Write a program for heater, cooler and thermostat



Day 7

Advanced Topics



Agenda for Day 7

- Extension Methods
- Anonymous Types
- Lambda Expressions (Review & Advanced Usage)
- Asynchronous Programming (async/await)
- Attributes



Extension Methods

- Concept: Add new methods to existing types without modifying them.
- Syntax:
 - Defined in a static class.
 - First parameter preceded by this keyword.
- Example:

```
public static int WordCount(this string s) { ... }
```

Usage: Call as if it's an instance method: myString.WordCount();



Benefits of Extension Methods

- Readability: Fluent API style.
- Reusability: Centralize utility methods.
- **Extensibility**: Add functionality to **sealed** classes or types you don't own.
- LINQ: All LINQ query operators are extension methods.



Anonymous Types

- Concept: Compiler-generated types for temporary, read-only data structures.
- Characteristics:
 - No explicit class definition.
 - Properties are read-only.
 - Type name generated by compiler (not accessible in code).
- Syntax: var person = new { Name = "Alice", Age = 30 };
- Use Cases: Primarily with LINQ projections.



Anonymous Types Example

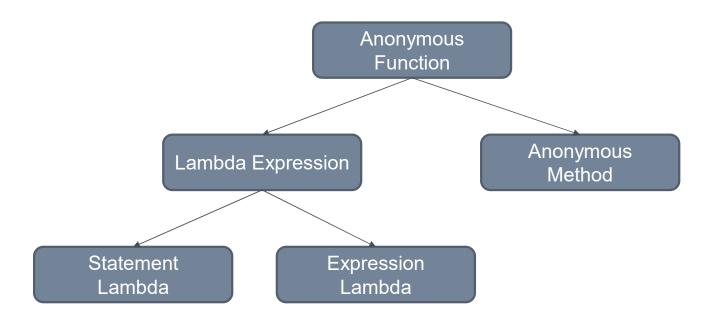
Code Example:

Limitations: Cannot be passed across method boundaries easily.



Anonymous Function

An anonymous function is an "inline" statement or expression that can be used wherever a delegate type is expected





Anonymous Method

```
public delegate bool Mydelegate(int L, int M); //Declare Delegate

void bubbleSort(int[] arr, Mydelegate d) //Declare Method
{ ... }
```

Anonymous Method



Anonymous Method

anonymous method could access outer method variables (like

local method)

Lambda Expression

- Code could be represented as Expression that compiled to delegate
- Delegate Types
 - □ Action delegate → no return
 - □ Func delegate → return
- Lambda expression anatomy

```
Func<int, int> square = x \Rightarrow x * x;
Console.WriteLine(square(5)); // 25
```



Lambda Expression

Statement Lambda

One parameter



Parameterles



Lambda Expression

Expression Lambda

```
bubbleSort( arr, (a, b) ⇒ a < b );</pre>
Expression
Lambda
```



Lambda Expressions (Review)

- Concept: Concise way to write anonymous methods.
- Syntax: parameters \Rightarrow expression or parameters \Rightarrow {statements; }
- Benefits: Conciseness, readability, flexibility.
- Use Cases: LINQ, Delegates (`Action`, `Func`, `Predicate`), Event Handlers.



Lambda Expressions: Advanced Usage

- Closures: Lambdas can "capture" variables from their surrounding scope.
- Example:

```
int factor = 2;
Func<int, int> multiply = x => x * factor; // 'factor' is captured
Console.WriteLine(multiply(5)); // 10
```

Caution: Be aware of potential side effects with captured variables.



Asynchronous Programming: The Problem

- Responsiveness: Long-running operations (network, file I/O) block the main thread, freezing UI.
- Scalability: Blocking threads limits concurrent requests in server apps.
- Traditional Solutions: Complex callbacks, BackgroundWorker.



async and await: The Solution

- Concept: Keywords that simplify asynchronous code.
- async keyword: Marks a method as asynchronous; allows await inside.
- await keyword: Pauses execution of the async method until the awaited Task completes.
- Crucially: Does not block the calling thread.



async / await Flow

- When `await` is encountered:
 - Control returns to the caller.
 - Calling thread remains unblocked.
 - When awaited Task completes, execution resumes in the async method.
- Return Types: Task, Task<TResult>, void (avoid `void` unless event handler).



async / await Example

Code Example:

```
public async Task<string> FetchDataAsync()
{
    Console.WriteLine("Fetching data...");
    await Task.Delay(3000); // Simulate network call
    return "Data fetched!";
}

// In Main:
string result = await FetchDataAsync();
Console.WriteLine(result);
```

Benefits: Simplicity, Responsiveness, Performance

