

Enumerated Variables

Just like the other types you've seen, you can create a variable of an enumerated type and initialize the variable with a scoped member of the type like this:

```
Coin c1 = Coin::penny;  
// Coin c2 = 1;    // error
```

Note that you **can't** initialize the variable **c2** with its underlying **int** representation. The second line in the example above is an error. You may, however, initialize or assign an integral value, by **explicitly** using a **static_cast**.

```
Coin c3 = static_cast<Coin>(5); // OK, but why do this?  
Coin c4 = static_cast<Coin>(3); // Just wrong. No 3-cent coin
```

As you can see, using **static_cast** in this way is **error prone**, and turns off the error checking that C++ provides. The variable **c4** in the example above is simply **undefined**.

Don't do this.

However, if you want to get the "underlying" value of an enumerated type, you can use **static_cast<int>(c)** where **c** is a **Coin** variable like those shown above. Unlike casting from **int** to **Coin**, casting from **Coin** to **int** **is always safe**.



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