

Enum → short form of Enumeration

Variable has value which can take some values  
ie. Constants like Week { MON, TUE, WED, THURS, FRID, SAT, SUN } it is a special type of class

Example:      public enum Level {  
                         HIGH,  
                         MEDIUM,  
                         Low  
                         }

→ To Refer

Level l = Level.HIGH

Declaration of enum in Java: (How Enum is stored internally)

⇒ Enum declaration can be done outside a class (or) inside a class but not inside a method.

} we can't declare  
enum inside a method

Every enum internally implemented by using class:

→ A class is created for each enum

Class Level {

```
public static final Level HIGH = new Level();  
public static final Level MEDIUM = new Level();  
public static final Level Low = new Level();  
:  
}
```

→ Each value is  
a object of that  
class

## Declaring Constructors, Methods and Variables in an enum:

⇒ enum really is a special kind of class, can do more than just enumerated constant values.

⇒ We can add constructors, instance variables and methods.

java.lang.Enum

So Enum can hold constructor, method & so on

```
enum coffesize {  
    BIG,  
    HUGE,  
    OVERWHELMING  
};
```

Internally 3 object is created BIG,  
HUGE & OVERWHELMING acts  
reference to once object!!

```
enum coffeeSize {
```

```
    BIG(8), HUGE(10), OVERWHELMING(16);
```

```
    coffeeSize (int ounces) {
```

```
        this.ounces = ounces;
```

```
    }
```

```
    private int ounces; //instance variable
```

```
    public int getOunces() {
```

```
        return ounces;
```

```
    }
```

this

tells HUGE value is 16

Constructor

enum constructor is private  
⇒ you can't call it

Name see for each BIG,  
HUGE & OVERWHELMING,  
constructor is called & BIG

Value is set into ounces & then  
BIG refers to 8 HUGE to 10 &

OVERWHELMING to 16

→ Points to remember:-

↳ We can never invoke an enum constructor directly.

↳ The enum constructor is invoked automatically with the arguments, you define after the constant value.

Ex: BIG(8) invokes the coffeeSize constructor that takes int.

↳ We can define more than one argument to the constructor, and you can overload enum constructors.

New size refers to that  
object which BIG is referring to

```
class Coffee {  
    coffeeSize size;  
    public static void main( String[] args) {  
        Coffee drink1 = new Coffee();  
        drink1.size = coffeeSize.BIG;  
        Coffee drink2 = new Coffee();  
        drink2.size = coffeeSize.HUGE;  
    }  
}
```



## Values(), ordinal() and valueOf() methods:

→ These methods are present inside `java.lang.Enum` class.

→ `Values()`: can be used to return all the values present inside enum.

→ By using `ordinal()` method, each enum constant index can be found, just like an array index.

→ `valueOf()` method returns constant of the specified string value, if exists.

```
| public class Test {
```

```
enum color {  
    RED,  
    GREEN,  
    BLUE;  
}
```

```
Color arr[] = Color.values();
```

lets see an Example ⇒

```
public enum UserStatus {  
    PENDING,  
    ACTIVE,  
    INACTIVE,  
    DELETED;  
}
```

```
public class Test {  
    public static void main (String[] args) {  
        System.out.println (UserStatus.ACTIVE); //ACTIVE  
  
        for (UserStatus status : UserStatus.values()) {  
            System.out.println (status);  
        }  
  
        UserStatus status1 = UserStatus.PENDING;  
        if (status1 != UserStatus.ACTIVE) {  
            System.out.println ("Not an active User");  
        }  
    }  
}
```