

Lecture 06 – Practice Tasks

Delegates, Lambda Expressions & Events

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Task 1: Calculator Delegate

Description

Create a delegate that can reference methods with the signature `double Method(double, double)`. Create Add, Subtract, Multiply, and Divide methods and use the delegate to call them.

A delegate is like a variable that holds a reference to a method.

Example

```
// Declare delegate type  
public delegate double MathOperation(double a, double b);  
  
// Create delegate instance  
MathOperation operation = Calculator.Add;  
double result = operation(10, 5); // result = 15  
  
// Reassign to different method  
operation = Calculator.Multiply;  
result = operation(10, 5); // result = 50
```

Illustration

DELEGATE CONCEPT:

A delegate is a "pointer" to a method.

DELEGATE DECLARATION:

```
public delegate double MathOp(double a, double b);  
          ↑           ↑           ↑  
      return     name       parameters  
      type
```

DELEGATE AS METHOD REFERENCE:

```
MathOp operation = Calculator.Add;
```

```
graph TD; DV[Delegate variable] --- MBR[Method being referenced]
```

The diagram illustrates the structure of a delegate assignment statement. It consists of two main components: a delegate variable on the left and a method being referenced on the right. The delegate variable is represented by a vertical line with a bracket below it, labeled "Delegate variable". The method being referenced is represented by a vertical line with a bracket above it, labeled "Method being referenced". An arrow points from the delegate variable to the method being referenced, indicating the assignment relationship.

operation(10, 5) → Calls Calculator.Add(10, 5) → Returns 15

REASSIGNING DELEGATE:

```
operation = Calculator.Add;           → Points to Add()
```

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```
operation = Calculator.Multiply; → Now points to Multiply()
```



```
operation = Calculator.Divide; → Now points to Divide()
```

SAME DELEGATE, DIFFERENT METHODS!

Task 2: Multicast Delegate

Description

Create a delegate that holds references to MULTIPLE methods. Use the `+=` operator to add methods and `-=` to remove them. When invoked, all methods are called in order.

Example

```
NotifyHandler notify = SendEmail;  
notify += SendSMS;  
notify += LogToFile;  
  
notify("Order confirmed!");  
// Output:  
// Email sent: Order confirmed!  
// SMS sent: Order confirmed!  
// Logged: Order confirmed!  
  
notify -= SendSMS;  
notify("Shipped!");  
// Now only Email and Log are called
```

Illustration

MULTICAST DELEGATE:

One delegate → Multiple methods

ADDING METHODS (`+=`):

```

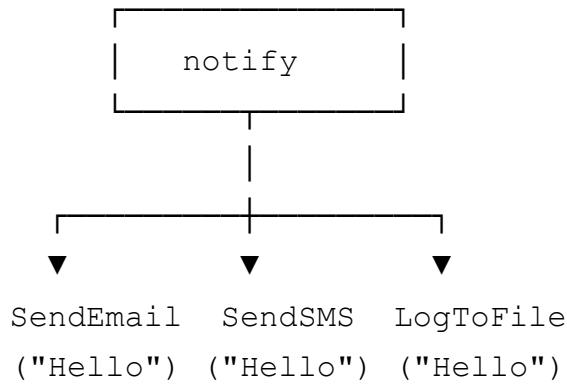
notify = SendEmail;
notify += SendSMS;
notify += LogToFile;

          notify → SendEmail
          notify → SendEmail
          |        ↘ SendSMS
          |        ↘ LogToFile
          |        ↘ LogToFile

```

INVOKING MULTICAST DELEGATE:

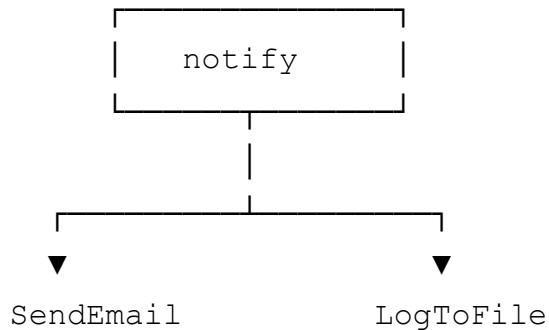
```
notify("Hello!");
```



All 3 methods called in order!

REMOVING METHODS (-=) :

```
notify -= SendSMS;
```



SMS removed, only 2 methods remain.

Task 3: Array Filter Delegate

Description

Create a `FilterArray` method that accepts a delegate as a parameter. The delegate determines which elements to keep. This pattern separates the filtering algorithm from the filter criteria.

Example

```
public delegate bool IntFilter(int value);

public static int[] FilterArray(int[] array, IntFilter filter)
{
    // For each item, call filter(item)
    // If true, keep the item
}

int[] numbers = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10};

int[] evens = FilterArray(numbers, IsEven);           // [2,4,6,8,10]
int[] odds = FilterArray(numbers, IsOdd);            // [1,3,5,7,9]
int[] big = FilterArray(numbers, IsGreater Than 5); // [6,7,8,9,10]
```

Illustration

DELEGATE AS PARAMETER:

```
FilterArray(int[] array, IntFilter filter)
          ↑
          Delegate parameter
```

HOW IT WORKS:

```
int[] numbers = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10};
```

```
FilterArray(numbers, IsEven);
```

↓

```
foreach (int item in numbers)
{
    if (filter(item))   ← Calls IsEven(item)
        result.Add(item);
}
```

```
Item: 1 → IsEven(1) = false → Skip  
Item: 2 → IsEven(2) = true → Add to result  
Item: 3 → IsEven(3) = false → Skip  
Item: 4 → IsEven(4) = true → Add to result  
...  
  
Result: [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
```

DIFFERENT FILTERS, SAME METHOD:

FilterArray(nums, IsEven)	→ [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
FilterArray(nums, IsOdd)	→ [1, 3, 5, 7, 9]
FilterArray(nums, IsGreater Than 5)	→ [6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
FilterArray(nums, IsPrime)	→ [2, 3, 5, 7]

Algorithm stays same, only filter changes!

Task 4: Anonymous Method

Description

Use anonymous methods (C# 2.0) to create delegate implementations inline, without declaring a separate named method. Use the `delegate` keyword followed by parameters and body.

Example

```
// Named method approach:  
bool IsEven(int n) { return n % 2 == 0; }  
NumberFilter filter = IsEven;  
  
// Anonymous method approach:  
NumberFilter filter = delegate(int n)  
{  
    return n % 2 == 0;  
};
```

```
// Use directly as argument:  
int[] evens = FilterArray(nums, delegate(int n) { return n % 2 == 0; });
```

Illustration

ANONYMOUS METHOD SYNTAX:

```
delegate(parameters)  
{  
    // method body  
    return value;  
}
```

COMPARISON:

NAMED METHOD:

```
// Separate method  
bool IsEven(int n)  
{  
    return n % 2 == 0;  
}  
  
filter = IsEven;
```

ANONYMOUS METHOD:

```
// Inline with delegate  
delegate(int n)  
{  
    return n % 2 == 0;  
}
```

WHEN TO USE:

- One-time use (don't need method elsewhere)
- Keep code where it's used
- Short logic

CLOSURE (Accessing Outer Variables):

```
int threshold = 5;
```

```
NumberFilter f = delegate(int n)
{
    return n > threshold; ← Can access outer variable!
};

f(10); // true (10 > 5)
```

Task 5: Lambda Expression Filter

Description

Use lambda expressions (C# 3.0) as an even shorter syntax for anonymous methods. Use the `=>` (arrow) operator. Works great with List methods like Find, FindAll, Exists.

Example

```
// Anonymous method:
NumberFilter f = delegate(int n) { return n % 2 == 0; };

// Lambda expression (much shorter!):
NumberFilter f = n => n % 2 == 0;

// With List<T> methods:
List<int> numbers = new List<int> {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10};

int first = numbers.Find(n => n > 5); // 6
List<int> evens = numbers.FindAll(n => n % 2 == 0); // [2,4,6,8,10]
bool hasNeg = numbers.Exists(n => n < 0); // false
```

Illustration

LAMBDA SYNTAX:

parameters `=>` expression

```
| n => n % 2 == 0
|   ↑   ↑
|   |   └ Expression (body)
```

```
| └ Parameter
```

```
| Read as: "n goes to n % 2 == 0"
```

EVOLUTION OF SYNTAX:

1. Named Method:

```
bool IsEven(int n) { return n % 2 == 0; }
```

2. Anonymous Method (C# 2.0):

```
delegate(int n) { return n % 2 == 0; }
```

3. Lambda Expression (C# 3.0):

```
n => n % 2 == 0
```

↓ Shorter and cleaner!

LAMBDA VARIATIONS:

Single parameter: $n \Rightarrow n > 0$

Multiple parameters: $(a, b) \Rightarrow a + b$

No parameters: $() \Rightarrow \text{DateTime.Now}$

Statement block: $n \Rightarrow \{ \text{if } (n > 0) \text{ return true; return false; } \}$

WITH LIST<T>:

```
numbers.Find(n => n > 10)                    // First match
numbers.FindAll(n => n % 2 == 0)                // All matches
numbers.Exists(n => n < 0)                      // Any match?
numbers.RemoveAll(n => n > 100)                // Remove matches
numbers.ForEach(n => Console.WriteLine(n))    // Action on each
```

Task 6: Lambda Sort

Description

Use lambda expressions with the `Sort` method to sort lists by different criteria. The lambda compares two items and returns negative (a before b), zero (equal), or positive (a after b).

Example

```
List<Person> people = ...;

// Sort by Age (ascending)
people.Sort((a, b) => a.Age.CompareTo(b.Age));

// Sort by Age (descending)
people.Sort((a, b) => b.Age.CompareTo(a.Age)); // Note: b, a

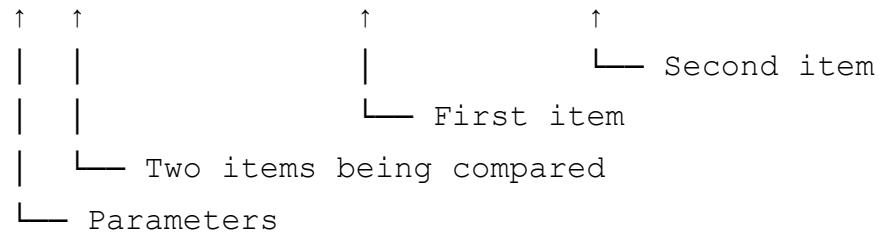
// Sort by Name
people.Sort((a, b) => a.Name.CompareTo(b.Name));

// Sort by multiple criteria
people.Sort((a, b) => {
    int result = a.Department.CompareTo(b.Department);
    if (result != 0) return result;
    return a.Name.CompareTo(b.Name);
});
```

Illustration

SORT LAMBDA SYNTAX:

```
list.Sort((a, b) => a.Value.CompareTo(b.Value));
```



COMPARISON RETURN VALUES:

CompareTo returns:

< 0 \rightarrow a should come BEFORE b
 $= 0$ \rightarrow a and b are EQUAL

```
| > 0 → a should come AFTER b |
```

ASCENDING vs DESCENDING:

ASCENDING (low to high):

```
(a, b) => a.Age.CompareTo(b.Age)  
↑                      ↑  
first                second
```

DESCENDING (high to low):

```
(a, b) => b.Age.CompareTo(a.Age)  
↑                      ↑  
second                first  
(swapped!)
```

EXAMPLE:

People: Ahmed(30), Sara(25), Omar(35)

Sort ascending by age:

```
(a, b) => a.Age.CompareTo(b.Age)
```

Result: Sara(25), Ahmed(30), Omar(35)

Task 7: Temperature Monitor Events

Description

Create an event-based system with a temperature sensor (sender) that fires events when temperature changes, and monitor classes (listeners) that respond to those events.

Example

```
// SENDER class:  
public event TemperatureHandler TemperatureHigh;
```

```

public void SetTemperature(double temp)
{
    if (temp > 30)
    {
        if (TemperatureHigh != null)
            TemperatureHigh("Warning!", temp);
    }
}

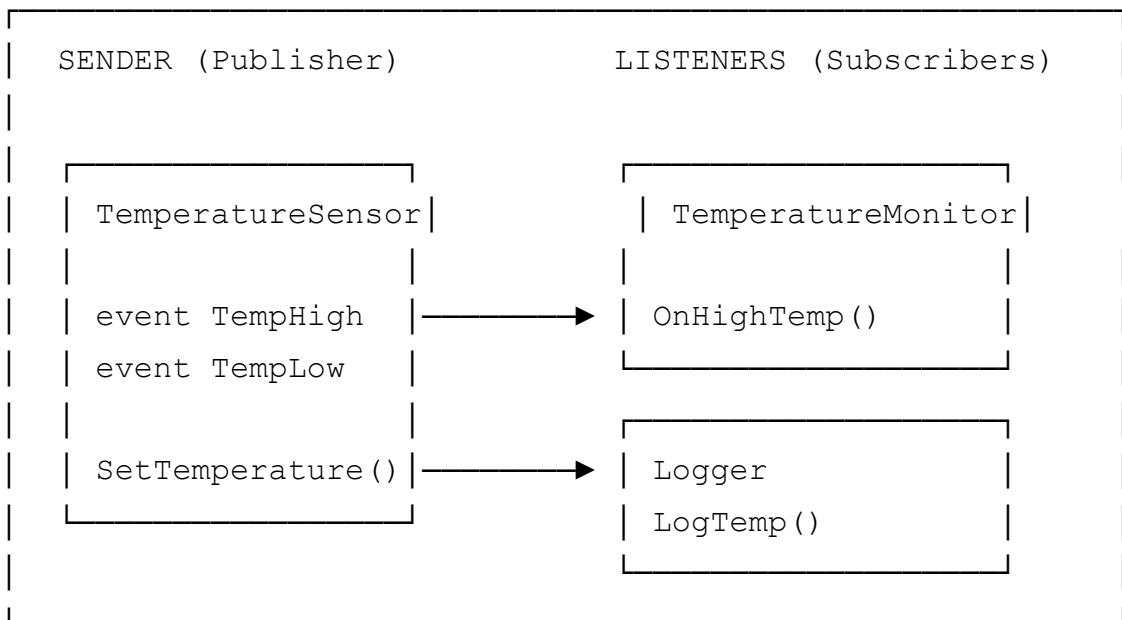
// LISTENER subscribes:
sensor.TemperatureHigh += monitor.OnHighTemperature;

// Handler method:
public void OnHighTemperature(string msg, double temp)
{
    Console.WriteLine($"Alert: {temp} °C - {msg}");
}

```

Illustration

EVENT PATTERN:



EVENT FLOW:

1. Listener subscribes:

```
sensor.TempHigh += monitor.OnHighTemp;
```

2. Something happens:

```
sensor.SetTemperature(35);
```

3. Sender fires event:

```
if (TempHigh != null)  
    TempHigh("Warning!", 35);
```

4. Listener responds:

```
OnHighTemp("Warning!", 35)  
→ "Alert: High temperature!"
```

SUBSCRIBE / UNSUBSCRIBE:

```
sensor.TempHigh += handler; // Subscribe (+=)  
sensor.TempHigh -= handler; // Unsubscribe (-=)
```

Task 8: Button Click Events

Description

Create a complete event system simulating GUI buttons. Each button has a Click event, and multiple handlers can subscribe. Use both methods and lambda expressions as event handlers.

Example

```
// Button class with event  
public event ClickHandler Click;  
  
public void PerformClick()  
{  
    if (Click != null)  
        Click(this, buttonName);  
}  
  
// Subscribe handlers  
button.Click += handler.OnClick;  
button.Click += logger.LogClick;
```

```
button.Click += (sender, name) => Console.WriteLine($"Clicked: {name}");  
  
// Trigger  
button.PerformClick(); // All 3 handlers called!
```

Illustration

COMPLETE EVENT SYSTEM:

1. DECLARE DELEGATE:

```
public delegate void ClickHandler(object sender,  
                                 string buttonName);
```

2. DECLARE EVENT (in Button class):

```
public event ClickHandler Click;
```

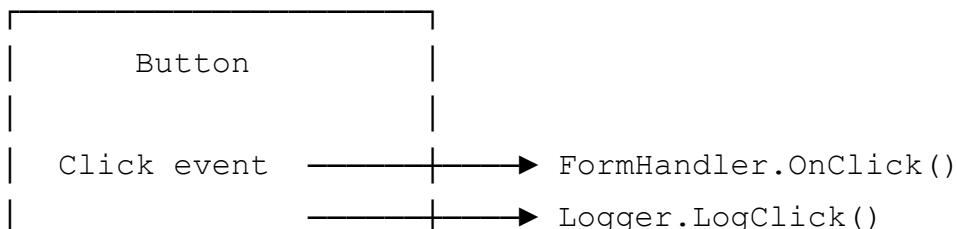
3. FIRE EVENT:

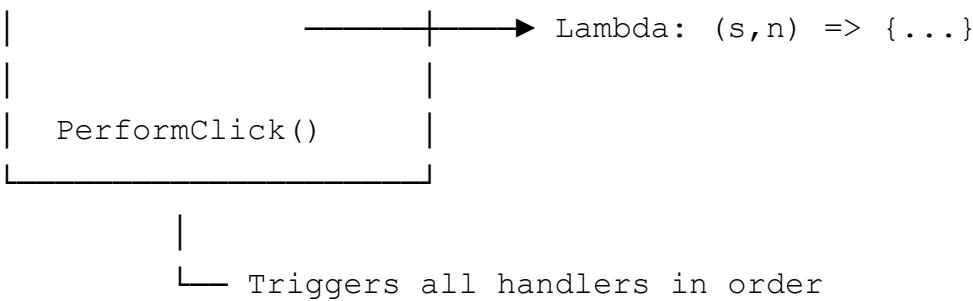
```
if (Click != null)  
    Click(this, name);
```

4. SUBSCRIBE:

```
button.Click += handler.OnClick;  
button.Click += logger.LogClick;  
button.Click += (s, n) => Console.WriteLine(n);
```

BUTTON WITH MULTIPLE HANDLERS:





EVENT vs DELEGATE:

- Event is a RESTRICTED delegate
 - Only sender class can fire (invoke) the event
 - Subscribers can only += or -= (cannot invoke)
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Good Luck!

Notes:

- Test your code with different scenarios
 - Make sure your code compiles without errors
 - Understand the evolution: Named → Anonymous → Lambda
 - Events follow the publisher-subscriber pattern
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