

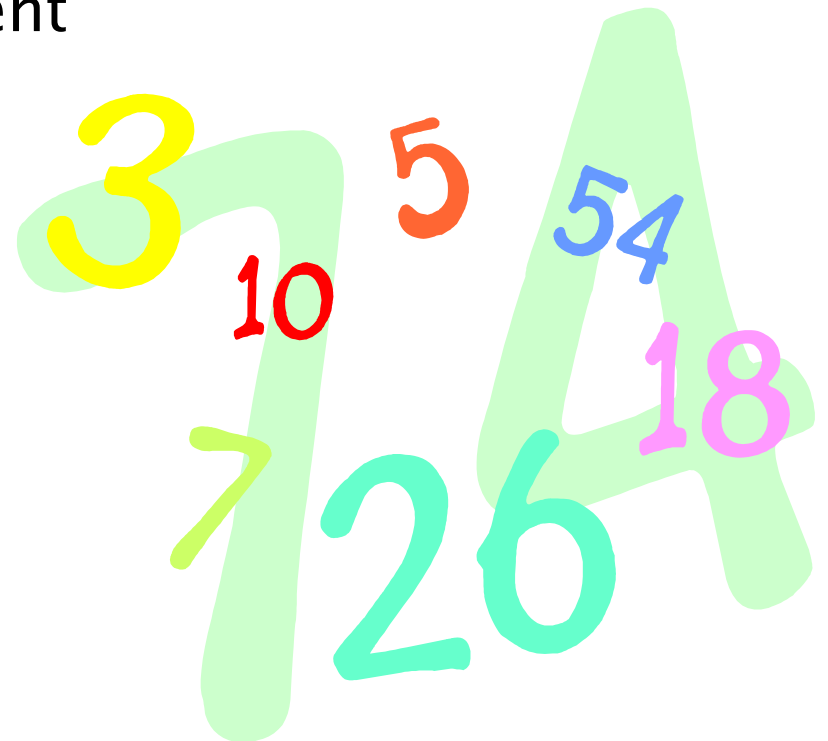
# Enumerations



# Overview

## ► Avoiding magic numbers

- Variables takes on a small set of values
- Use descriptive names instead of literal values
- Java enumerations
- Using in a switch statement



# Variables from a set of values

## ► Magic numbers

- Where did the value come from?
- What does it mean?
- What if you mistype the number?
- What if you want to keep value in specific range?



```
int direction = 0;

...

if ((direction == 1) || (direction == 3) ||
    (direction == 5) || (direction == 7))
{ /* TBD */ }

direction = 0;           // Valid???
direction = 8;           // Valid???
direction = -2729;       // Valid???
```

## ► Solution 1: Create final constants

- Descriptive names means everybody can read
- Bugs less likely, typo in name = compile error
- Keyword `final` ensures nobody can change value

```
final int NORTH      = 0;
final int NORTHEAST  = 1;
final int EAST       = 2;
final int SOUTHEAST  = 3;
final int SOUTH      = 4;
final int SOUTHWEST  = 5;
final int WEST       = 6;
final int NORTHWEST  = 7;
```

```
int direction = NORTH;
```

```
...
```

```
if ((direction == NORTHEAST) || (direction == SOUTHEAST) ||
    (direction == SOUTHWEST) || (direction == NORTHWEST))
{ // TBD }
```



# Constants not always ideal

```
final int NORTH      = 0;
final int NORTHEAST  = 1;
final int EAST       = 2;
final int SOUTHEAST   = 3;
final int SOUTH       = 4;
final int SOUTHWEST   = 5;
final int WEST        = 6;
final int NORTHWEST   = 7;
```

**Problem 1:** Tedious to type. Also easy to mess up, e.g. setting two constants to same value.

```
int direction = 0;
```

**Problem 2:** Not forced to use the friendly names.

```
...
```

```
if ((direction == NORTHEAST) || (direction == SOUTHEAST) ||
    (direction == SOUTHWEST) || (direction == NORTHWEST))
{ /* TBD */ }
```

```
direction = 0;           // Valid???
direction = 8;           // Valid???
direction = -2729;       // Valid???
```

**Problem 3:** Not forced to stay in range. What does it mean to be 8 or -2729 if you are a compass direction?

# Enumerations

- ▶ A better solution: **enumerations**
  - Specifies exact set of friendly names
  - Compiler ensures we stay in range

Easiest to declare outside class.  
Semicolon is optional.

```
public enum Compass {NORTH, NORTHEAST, EAST, SOUTHEAST,  
                    SOUTH, SOUTHWEST, WEST, NORTHWEST}
```

```
public class CompassTest
```

```
{
```

```
    public static void main(String [] args)
```

```
    {
```

```
        Compass direction = Compass.NORTH;
```

```
        if ((direction == Compass.NORTHEAST) ||
```

```
            (direction == Compass.SOUTHEAST) ||
```

```
            (direction == Compass.SOUTHWEST) ||
```

```
            (direction == Compass.NORTHWEST))
```

```
        { /* TBD */ }
```

```
        direction = 0;
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

Now a compile error.  
Way to watch our back compiler!

# Enumeration tricks

## ► Enumerations

- Actually classes with a few handy methods:

<code>toString()</code>	Print out friendly name corresponding to value of variable
<code>values()</code>	Returns array of all the possible values type can take on

```
public enum Compass {NORTH, NORTHEAST, EAST, SOUTHEAST,  
                    SOUTH, SOUTHWEST, WEST, NORTHWEST}
```

```
...
```

```
for (Compass d : direction.values())
```

```
{
```

```
    if (checkMonster(hero, d))
```

```
        System.out.println("You see a monster to the " +  
                           d.toString());
```

```
}
```

for-each loop, goes over all values of the enumeration

# switch statement

```
Compass direction = Compass.NORTH;
```

```
switch (direction)
{
    case NORTH:
        hero.move(0, 1);
        System.out.println("Walking north");
        break;
    case SOUTH:
        hero.move(0, -1);
        System.out.println("Walking south");
        break;
    case EAST:
        hero.move(1, 0);
        System.out.println("Walking east");
        break;
    case WEST:
        hero.move(-1, 0);
        System.out.println("Walking west");
        break;
}
```

Note: normally you need "Compass.", but not in switch case since Java knows type

You can have as many statements as you want between case and break.



# Example: Days of the Week

In the file Day.java

```
public enum Day {  
    SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY,  
    THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY }
```

# Example: Days of the Week

```
public class EnumTest {  
    Day day;  
  
    public EnumTest(Day day) {  
        this.day = day;  
    }  
  
    public void tellItLikelyIs() {  
        switch (day) {  
            case MONDAY:  
                System.out.println("Mondays are bad.");  
                break;  
            case FRIDAY:  
                System.out.println("Fridays are better.");  
                break;  
            case SATURDAY: case SUNDAY:  
                System.out.println("Weekends are best.");  
                break;  
            default:  
                System.out.println("Midweek days are so-so.");  
                break;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

In the file EnumTest.java  
(Part 1)

# Example: Days of the Week

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    EnumTest firstDay = new EnumTest(Day.MONDAY);  
    firstDay.tellItLikeItIs();  
    EnumTest thirdDay = new EnumTest(Day.WEDNESDAY);  
    thirdDay.tellItLikeItIs();  
    EnumTest fifthDay = new EnumTest(Day.FRIDAY);  
    fifthDay.tellItLikeItIs();  
    EnumTest sixthDay = new EnumTest(Day.SATURDAY);  
    sixthDay.tellItLikeItIs();  
    EnumTest seventhDay = new EnumTest(Day.SUNDAY);  
    seventhDay.tellItLikeItIs();  
}  
}
```

In the file EnumTest.java  
(Part 2)

# Example: Planets

```
public enum Planets {  
    MERCURY (3.303e+23, 2.4397e6),  
    VENUS   (4.869e+24, 6.0518e6),  
    EARTH   (5.976e+24, 6.37814e6),  
    MARS    (6.421e+23, 3.3972e6),  
    JUPITER (1.9e+27,    7.1492e7),  
    SATURN  (5.688e+26, 6.0268e7),  
    URANUS  (8.686e+25, 2.5559e7),  
    NEPTUNE (1.024e+26, 2.4746e7);
```

In the file Planets.java  
(Part 1)

```
private final double mass;    // in kilograms  
private final double radius; // in meters
```

```
Planets(double mass, double radius) {  
    this.mass = mass;  
    this.radius = radius;  
}
```

# Example: Planets

```
// universal gravitational constant (m3 kg-1 s-2)
public static final double G = 6.67300E-11;

double surfaceGravity() {
    return G * mass / (radius * radius);
}

double surfaceWeight(double otherMass) {
    return otherMass * surfaceGravity();
}

public static void main(String[] args) {
    double earthWeight = Double.parseDouble(args[0]);
    double mass = earthWeight/EARTH.surfaceGravity();
    for (Planets p : Planets.values())
        System.out.printf("Your weight on %s is %f%n",
                           p, p.surfaceWeight(mass));
    }
}
```

In the file Planets.java  
(Part 2)

# Summary

- ▶ **Magic numbers considered harmful!**
  - Use Java enumerations instead
    - Descriptive names for what each value means
    - Can be used in a switch statement
    - Can easily loop over all values or print out name

