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Part 1: Event-driven programming

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- **Event-driven:** behaviour defined by responses to **events**

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- In Java: often use the **Observer** design pattern.

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- Not well-supported in Java; see `java.util.concurrent`

Part 2: Enumerated types

What is an enum?

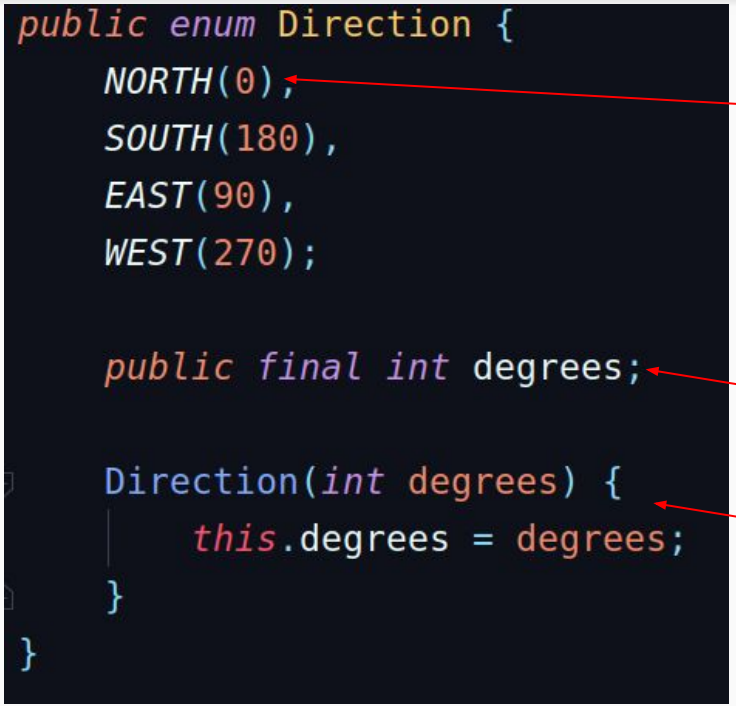
- A class with **a set number of** instances

```
public enum Direction {
    NORTH,
    SOUTH,
    EAST,
    WEST;
}
```

Why `enum`?

- More clearly express intent
- Better than `String` with constants: invalid values are syntax errors

Enums are classes



Can you think of examples?

Part 3: Functional Java with streams

The Strategy pattern

```java
interface ValidationStrategy {
    boolean test(String username);
}

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    public boolean test(String username) {
        return username.length() > 5;
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- A strategy to test a condition is so common that it’s built in: `Predicate<T>`

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Anonymous classes

- A class that is only used once adds unnecessary complexity.

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    Predicate<String> lengthValidator = new Predicate<String>() {
        @Override
        public boolean test(String username) {
            return username.length() > 5;
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    };
    validateUsernames(Arrays.asList("hello", "eleanor"), lengthValidator);
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- lengthValidator is an instance of an **anonymous class**.

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A further simplification: lambda functions

- Notice that we use lengthValidator *as though it were a function*!
- Introduce **lambda functions:** anonymous classes that act like functions.

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Method references

- We can also use existing methods as though they were anonymous classes (similar to **function pointers**).

```
public static boolean validateLength(String username) {
    return username.length() > 5;
}

public static void main(String[] args) {
    Predicate<String> lengthValidator = Program::validateLength;
    validateUsernames(Arrays.asList("hello", "eleanor"), lengthValidator);
}
```

Demonstration of Java streams using lambda functions