# Coding Conventions

### 1 Consistency

Adopt PascalCase across the entire codebase to ensure clarity and uniformity. Follow consistent standards in naming, indentation, and overall structure in PHP, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and SQL.

## 2 Naming Conventions

• Variables (PHP and JavaScript): Use PascalCase for variable names. Ensure names are descriptive and meaningful.

```
$UserName = "JohnDoe";
$UserEmail = "john.doe@example.com";
```

• Functions and Methods: Name functions and methods using PascalCase, with each word starting with a capital letter. The function name should clearly describe the action it performs.

```
public function GetUserDetails() {
    return ['UserName' => $this->UserName, 'UserEmail' => $this->UserEmail];
}
```

• Classes: Class names should follow PascalCase.

```
class User {
    // Class content here
}
```

• Database Tables and Columns (MySQL): Use PascalCase for naming tables and columns.

```
CREATE TABLE Users (
UserId INT AUTO INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
UserName VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,
UserEmail VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL
);
```

• Files and Directories: All files and directories should be named using PascalCase.

```
ProjectRoot/
   HealthMonitoring/
     DatabaseConfig.php
     UtilityFunctions.php

─ PatientRecords.php

   ├─ HealthReports.php
   Education/
   ─ DatabaseConfig.php
   ─ UtilityFunctions.php
   StudentProfile.php
   ─ CourseManager.php
  - Security/
   ├─ DatabaseConfig.php
     UtilityFunctions.php
   LoginHandler.php
   UserProfile.php
   Css/
   ├─ MainStyles.css
     AttendanceScript.js
     HealthScript.js
      - EducationScript.js
      SecurityScript.js
```

### 3 Comments and Documentation

• PHP DocBlocks: Every function, class, and method must be documented using DocBlocks. The documentation should use PascalCase and include details on the purpose, parameters, and return values.

```
/**

* GetUserDetails returns user details.

* @return array Returns user details like UserName and UserEmail.

*/
public function GetUserDetails() {
    return ['UserName' => $this->UserName, 'UserEmail' => $this->UserEmail];
}
```

• Inline Comments: Use inline comments to clarify complex logic in the code.

### 4 HTML Format

• HTML Elements: Use PascalCase for HTML element IDs and class names.

### 5 CSS Format

• CSS Selectors: All CSS selectors should follow PascalCase.

```
.MainContainer {
    padding: 20px;
    background-color: #f9f9f9;
}
.Header {
    font-size: 24px;
    color: #333;
}
```

# 6 Exception Handling

Use try-catch blocks to handle exceptions in a graceful and organized manner.

```
try {
    if (document.getElementById('UserName').textContent === "") {
        throw new Error("UserName is empty.");
    }
} catch (error) {
    console.error("Error:", error.message);
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}
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### 7 Routing in PHP

Use **PascalCase** for routing endpoints to maintain consistency with the naming conventions.

```
// Routing endpoint example
$router->get('/UserDetails', function() {
    // handle the route
});
```

### 8 Indentation

- Use **4 spaces** per indentation level to ensure readability across all languages (JavaScript, PHP, HTML, CSS, and MySQL).
- **Spaces** are preferred over tabs for consistency across different editors and platforms.

```
def CalculateTotal(Amount, TaxRate):
   Total = Amount + (Amount * TaxRate)
   return Total
```

## 9 Maximum Line Length and Line Breaks

- Limit all lines to a maximum of **79 characters** to ensure readability on smaller screens.
- Indent continued lines appropriately to maintain logical structure.
- When breaking a line, ensure the break occurs in a logical place (preferably before or after an operator or other meaningful divider), maintaining readability.

• For new code, breaking lines before operators is recommended when possible, to improve clarity.

```
let result = price + tax + discount + shippingCost;
```

#### 10 Blank Lines

- Use **two blank lines** around top-level function and class definitions to visually separate them from other code.
- Use **one blank line** between method definitions inside a class to separate methods logically.
- Use blank lines sparingly to separate groups of related functions. Avoid excessive blank lines, especially between closely related functions.
- Use blank lines inside functions to indicate logical sections but do so sparingly

```
/**
  * Calculate discount for the given price.
  * @param float $price The original price.
  * @return float The discounted price.
  */
function CalculateDiscount($price) {
    return $price * 0.9;
}
```

## 11 Whitespace in Expressions and Statements

• Avoid extraneous whitespace in the following situations

- Immediately inside parentheses, brackets, or braces.
- Between a trailing comma and a following close parenthesis.

- Immediately before a comma, semicolon, or colon.

```
div {
    margin: 10px 15px;
}
```

• If operators with different priorities are used, consider adding whitespace around the operators with the lowest priority. Never use more than **one space** around an operator, and ensure that the amount of whitespace is consistent on both sides of a binary operator.

## 12 Documentation Strings (Docstrings)

- Write **docstrings** for all public modules, functions, classes, and methods in **PHP**, **JavaScript**, **and MySQL**. These should describe their purpose, parameters, and return values.
- Non-public methods should have comments that describe what they do.
- For one-liner docstrings, the closing """ should be kept on the same line.

```
/**

* Calculate discount for the given price.
* @param float $Price The original price.
* @return float The discounted price.
*/
function CalculateDiscount($Price) {
    return $Price * 0.9;
}
```

### 13 Comments

- Keep comments up-to-date with the code. Comments that contradict the code are worse than no comments at all.
- Always ensure comments are meaningful and describe the logic or reasoning behind code, especially if the logic is complex.
- Use comments to clarify sections of code that might be non-intuitive or tricky.

```
// Calculate the final price including tax
let FinalPrice = Price * (1 + TaxRate); // Add tax to price
```

### 14 JavaScript Specific Guidelines

- Use PascalCase for class names and constructor functions.
- Use **PascalCase** for variables, functions, and methods.
- Always use Const or Let for variable declarations instead of Var.
- Avoid using Eval() and With() for better security and maintainability.
- Add a space after If, For, While, etc., before the opening parenthesis.

```
ass Product {
   constructor(Name, Price) {
       this.Name = Name; // PascalCase for properties
      this.Price = Price;
   }

CalculatePriceWithTax() {
      return this.Price * 1.1;
   }
```

# 15 PHP Specific Guidelines

- Use PascalCase for class names.
- Use PascalCase for functions, methods, and variables.
- Always use <?php for opening PHP tags.
- Use Echo or Print for output, and prefer Echo for simple outputs.
- Indent all code blocks consistently, and never mix spaces and tabs.

```
<!php
class Product {
    public $ProductName;

public function SetProductName($Name) {
        $this->ProductName() {
        return $this->ProductName;
    }
}
```

## 16 HTML Specific Guidelines

- Use PascalCase for HTML element IDs and class names.
- Attribute names should be in lowercase (e.g., class="my-class").
- Always quote attribute values, even if they are numeric.
- Use semantic tags (Header, Footer, Article, Section) wherever possible for better accessibility and SEO.
- Avoid inline styling; use external CSS files instead.

## 17 CSS Specific Guidelines

- Use **PascalCase** for class names and IDs.
- Use **BEM** (Block, Element, Modifier) naming convention for classes.

- Indent nested CSS rules using 4 spaces.
- Always include Box-Sizing: Border-Box; for all elements for consistent layout calculations.
- Avoid using !Important unless absolutely necessary.

```
.ProductContainer {
    padding: 20px;
    background-color: #f9f9f9;
}
.ProductName {
    font-size: 24px;
}
```

## 18 MySQL Specific Guidelines

- Use PascalCase for table names and column names.
- Always use Inner Join or Left Join for joining tables explicitly.
- Write Select statements in uppercase.
- Prefer Limit and Offset over Select \* for performance optimization.
- Always include proper indexing on frequently searched columns.

```
CREATE TABLE Products (
    ProductId INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    ProductName VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,
    ProductPrice DECIMAL(10, 2) NOT NULL
);

SELECT ProductName, ProductPrice FROM Products WHERE ProductName = 'Laptop';
```