

Java Naming Conventions

Below are some naming conventions of for java programming language. They **1.5** must be followed while developing software in java for good maintenance and readability of code. Java uses CamelCase as a practice for writing names of methods, variables, classes, packages and constants.

Camel case in Java Programming : It consists of compound words or phrases such that each word or abbreviation begins with a capital letter or first word with a lowercase letter, rest all with capital.

1. **Classes and Interfaces :**

- Class names should be **nouns**, in mixed case with the **first** letter of each internal word capitalized. Interfaces name should also be capitalized just like class names.
- Use whole words and must avoid acronyms and abbreviations.

Examples:

```
Interface Bicycle
Class MountainBike implements Bicycle

Interface Sport
Class Football implements Sport
```

2. **Methods :**

- **Methods should be verbs, in mixed case with the first letter lowercase and with the first letter of each internal word capitalized.**

Examples:

```
void changeGear(int newValue);  
void speedUp(int increment);  
void applyBrakes(int decrement);
```

3. **Variables** : Variable names should be short yet meaningful.

- Should **not** start with underscore('_') or dollar sign '\$' characters.
- Should be mnemonic i.e, designed to indicate to the casual observer the intent of its use.
- **One-character variable names should be avoided** except for temporary variables.
- Common names for temporary variables are i, j, k, m, and n for integers; c, d, and e for characters.

Examples:

```
// variables for MountainBike class  
int speed = 0;  
int gear = 1;
```

4. **Constant variables**:

- Should be **all uppercase** with words separated by underscores ("_").
- There are various constants used in predefined classes like Float, Long, String etc.

Examples:

```
static final int MIN_WIDTH = 4;  
  
// Some Constant variables used in predefined Float class  
public static final float POSITIVE_INFINITY = 1.0f / 0.0f;  
public static final float NEGATIVE_INFINITY = -1.0f / 0.0f;  
public static final float NaN = 0.0f / 0.0f;
```

5. **Packages**:

- The prefix of a unique package name is always written in **all-lowercase ASCII letters** and should be one of the top-level domain names, like com, edu, gov, mil, net, org.
- Subsequent components of the package name vary according to an organization's own internal naming conventions.

Examples:

```
com.sun.eng  
com.apple.quicktime.v2
```

```
// java.lang packet in JDK  
java.lang
```

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