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# **Style Guide Document**

## **1. Files**

### **1.1. PHP Tags**

PHP code **MUST** use the long `<?php ?>` tags or the short-echo `<?= ?>` tags; it **MUST NOT** use the other tag variations.

PHP keywords **MUST** be in lower case.

The PHP constants `true`, `false`, and `null` **MUST** be in lower case.

## 1.2. Character Encoding

PHP code **MUST** use only UTF-8 without BOM.

## 1.3. Lines

All PHP files **MUST** end with a single blank line.

Lines **SHOULD NOT** be longer than 80 characters; lines longer than that **SHOULD** be split into multiple subsequent lines of no more than 80 characters each.

There **MUST NOT** be more than one statement per line.

# 2. Namespace and Class Names

Each class is in a file by itself, and is in a namespace of at least one level: a top-level vendor name.

Class names **MUST** be declared in `StudlyCaps`.

For example:

```
<?php
// PHP 5.3 and later:
namespace Vendor\Model;

class Foo
{
}
```

# 3. Class Constants, Properties, and Methods

The term "class" refers to all classes, interfaces, and traits.

## 3.1. Constants

Class constants **MUST** be declared in all upper case with underscore separators. For example:

```
<?php
namespace Vendor\Model;

class Foo
{
    const VERSION = '1.0';
    const DATE_APPROVED = '2012-06-01';
}
```

## 3.2. Methods

Method names **MUST** be declared in `camelCase()`.

Method names **MUST NOT** be declared with a space after the method name. The opening brace **MUST** go on its own line, and the closing brace **MUST** go on the next line following the body. There **MUST NOT** be a space after the opening parenthesis, and there **MUST NOT** be a space before the closing parenthesis.

A method declaration looks like the following. Note the placement of parentheses, commas, spaces, and braces:

```
<?php
namespace Vendor\Package;

class ClassName
{
    public function fooBarBaz($arg1, &$arg2, $arg3 = [])
    {
        // method body
    }
}
```

In the argument list, there **MUST NOT** be a space before each comma, and there **MUST** be one space after each comma.

Method arguments with default values **MUST** go at the end of the argument list.

```
<?php
namespace Vendor\Package;

class ClassName
{
    public function foo($arg1, &$arg2, $arg3 = [])
    {
        // method body
    }
}
```

## 3.3. abstract, final, and static

When present, the `abstract` and `final` declarations **MUST** precede the visibility declaration.

When present, the `static` declaration **MUST** come after the visibility declaration.

```
<?php
namespace Vendor\Package;

abstract class ClassName
{
    protected static $foo;

    abstract protected function zim();

    final public static function bar()
    {
        // method body
    }
}
```

## 3.4. Extends and Implements

The `extends` and `implements` keywords **MUST** be declared on the same line as the class name.

The opening brace for the class **MUST** go on its own line; the closing brace for the class **MUST** go on the next line after the body.

```
<?php
namespace Vendor\Package;

use FooClass;
use BarClass as Bar;
use OtherVendor\OtherPackage\BazClass;

class ClassName extends ParentClass implements \ArrayAccess, \Countable
{
    // constants, properties, methods
}
```

Lists of implements **MAY** be split across multiple lines, where each subsequent line is indented once. When doing so, the first item in the list **MUST** be on the next line, and there **MUST** be only one interface per line.

```
<?php
namespace Vendor\Package;

use FooClass;
use BarClass as Bar;
use OtherVendor\OtherPackage\BazClass;

class ClassName extends ParentClass implements
    \ArrayAccess,
    \Countable,
    \Serializable
{
    // constants, properties, methods
}
```

## 4. Control Structures

- There **MUST** be one space after the control structure keyword
- There **MUST NOT** be a space after the opening parenthesis
- There **MUST NOT** be a space before the closing parenthesis
- There **MUST** be one space between the closing parenthesis and the opening brace
- The structure body **MUST** be indented once
- The closing brace **MUST** be on the next line after the body

The body of each structure **MUST** be enclosed by braces. This standardizes how the structures look, and reduces the likelihood of introducing errors as new lines get added to the body.

## 4.1. if, elseif, else

An `if` structure looks like the following. Note the placement of parentheses, spaces, and braces; and that `else` and `elseif` are on the same line as the closing brace from the earlier body.

```
<?php
if ($expr1) {
    // if body
} elseif ($expr2) {
    // elseif body
} else {
    // else body;
}
```

## 4.2. switch, case

A `switch` structure looks like the following. Note the placement of parentheses, spaces, and braces. The `case` statement **MUST** be indented once from `switch`, and the `break` keyword (or other terminating keyword) **MUST** be indented at the same level as the `case` body. There **MUST** be a comment such as `// no break` when fall-through is intentional in a non-empty `case` body.

```
<?php
switch ($expr) {
    case 0:
        echo 'First case, with a break';
        break;
    case 1:
        echo 'Second case, which falls through';
        // no break
    case 2:
    case 3:
    case 4:
        echo 'Third case, return instead of break';
        return;
    default:
        echo 'Default case';
        break;
}
```

## 4.3. while, do while

A **while** statement looks like the following. Note the placement of parentheses, spaces, and braces.

```
<?php
while ($expr) {
    // structure body
}
```

```
<?php
do {
    // structure body;
} while ($expr);
```

## 4.4. for

A **for** statement looks like the following. Note the placement of parentheses, spaces, and braces.

```
<?php
for ($i = 0; $i < 10; $i++) {
    // for body
}
```

## 4.5. foreach

A **foreach** statement looks like the following. Note the placement of parentheses, spaces, and braces.

```
<?php
foreach ($iterable as $key => $value) {
    // foreach body
}
```



## 4.6. try, catch

A `try catch` block looks like the following. Note the placement of parentheses, spaces, and braces.

```
<?php
try {
    // try body
} catch (FirstExceptionType $e) {
    // catch body
} catch (OtherExceptionType $e) {
    // catch body
}
```

# 5. Comments

## 5.1. Headers

Should follow this example comment.

```
/* File: photos.php
   Description: This file contains functions related to
   uploading and displaying photos.
*/
```

## 5.2. Functions

Should follow this example comment.

```
// Upload a photo to the server so that you can later <display> it.  
  
public function upload($file_name, $new_name, $new_width, new_$height, $directory)  
{  
    ...  
    ...  
    returns true or false.  
}
```