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1. Introduction

1.1. Purpose

This document describes the rules when writing C code within the software development department. The rules in this document are complementary rules to MISRA-C:2004 (chapter 2) and MISRA-C++:2008 and are structured in the same way as in the MISRA-C:2004-document. The MISRA-C:2004 contains no subjective style rules but this document does (chapter 3). It also contains rules related to portability (chapter 4) and finally rules for metrics (chapter 5).

1.2. Intended Audience

This document is intended for all persons involved in the development and maintenance of software under the responsibility of the software development department.

1.3. References/Related Documents

Reference	Number	Title
[MISRAC]	MISRA-C:2004	Guidelines for the use of the C language in critical systems 2004
[MISRAC++]	MISRA-C++:2008	Guidelines for the use of the C++ language in critical systems 2008
[LINT]		Reference Manual for PC-lint/FlexeLint 9.00

Table 1: References

1.4. Abbreviations and Definitions

Abbreviation	Definition

Table 2: Abbreviations and Definitions

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1.5. Conventions

1.5.1. Rule numbering

The purpose of the rule numbering in this document is to allow for adding of rules at the end of each subchapter without causing renumbering of all rules. Removing rules or adding rules in between will cause renumbering within the current subchapter but not in the other subchapters.

The rule numbering scheme is as follows:

XXXYY where:

XXX is three digits forming the subchapter number. YY is a sequential number (starting with 01) within the subchapter.

1.5.2. Use of colours

In the code examples found in the rules, the normal colour is green. To highlight code that does not follow the rules or is bad example of code, red and italic is used. To highlight parts of the code that the rule is describing, blue and bold is used.

1.5.3. Automatic documentation of code

Automatic code documentation by DOXYGEN shall be supported by the code.



2. Complementary rules to MISRA-C and MISRA-C++

The rules in this chapter are complementary rules to MISRA-C:2004 and MISRA-C++:2008 and are structured in the same way as in the MISRA-document [MISRAC]. This implies that there are chapters without any rules if there are no complementary rules for that MISRA chapter.

Rule 20001 (M) Every time a rule is broken, this must be clearly C C++ documented.

There is one rule which can never be broken: this rule. If any other rule must be broken by some reason, it must be documented in the project as a project deviation.

2.1. Environment

Rule 20101 (M) Always compile with the highest warning level to C C++ eliminate as many warnings as possible. A tool for static code analysis shall be used, e.g. PC-lint.

Code that is accepted by a compiler is not always correct. In order to reduce the amount of code that must be rewritten, let the compiler produce warnings if non-ANSI features and extended keywords are used. Use PC-lint or an equivalent tool to track down potential error sources.

Rule 20102 (M) Optimize code only if you know that you have a C C++ performance problem. Think twice before you begin.

Various tests are said to have demonstrated that programmers generally spend a lot of time optimizing code that is never executed. If your program is too slow, use a tool to determine the exact nature of the problem before beginning to optimize. Let the compiler perform optimizations for you where possible.

Rule	20103	(M)	Filenames shall only contain letters a to z (lower case	C	C++
			only), digits 0 to 9, underscores, and one dot followed		
			by the file type extension.		

Rule	20104	(M)	Implementation files in C always have the file name C	\mathbb{C}	C++
			extension ".c", in C++ ".cpp"		

Rule 20105 (M) Include files in C always have the file name extension C C++ ".h".

Rule 20106 (M) File names shall be unique within the project. C++

Dependencies on the directory path would prevent the reorganization of the project directory structure without changing file names at a later time. Use operating system facilities (e.g. user environment variables) for defining directory path names that may change from configuration to configuration. Exception: Automatic generated files in subdirectories may have the same name because of its

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2.2. Language extensions

No complementary rules.

2.3. Documentation

Rule 20301 (M) Automatic code documentation generation with C C++ DOXYGEN shall be supported by comments of the code.

2.4. Character sets

Rule 20401 (M) The Unicode character set with UTF-8 encoding shall C C++ be used.

2.5. Identifiers

No complementary rules.

2.6. *Types*

Rule 20601 (M) Use standard type names for commonly used types C C++ See also [MISRAC], rules 6.3.

Typename	Type representation
UINT8	unsigned 8 bit integer
INT8	signed 8 bit integer
UINT16	unsigned 16 bit integer
INT16	signed 16 bit integer
UINT32	unsigned 32 bit integer
INT32	signed 32 bit integer
UINT64	unsigned 64 bit integer
INT64	signed 64 bit integer
REAL32	floating-point
REAL64	double floating-point
CHAR	char
BOOL	int
UTF16	wide character

Table 3: Basic Data Types

#define FALSE ((BOOL)(0U != 0U))
#define TRUE ((BOOL)(0U == 0U



2.7. Constants

Rule 20701 (M) Do not use numeric values in code; use symbolic C C++ values instead.

Numerical values in code ("Magic Numbers") should be viewed with suspicion. They can be the cause of difficult problems if and when it becomes necessary to change a value. A large amount of code can be dependent on such a value never changing, the value can be used at a number of places in the code (it may be difficult to locate all of them), and values as such are rather anonymous (it may be that every '2' in the code should not be changed to a '3').

From the point of view of portability, absolute values may be the cause of more subtle problems. The type of anumeric value is dependent on the implementation. Normally, the type of a numeric value is defined as the smallest type which can contain the value.

Exception:

0,1,-1 and formula

Other exceptions such as bitmasks and bitshifts shall be agreed in review, e.g. 0xFFFF0000UL is more readable and maintainable than UPPER16BITOF32MASK.

Rule 20702 (M) Use pre-defined names (defined in a header file) C C++ wherever possible.

In particular, note the following definitions:

- Use NULL for zero pointer tests.
- Use FUNCPTR or VOIDFUNCPTR for pointer-to-function types (VxWorks example).

```
typedef int (*FUNCPTR) (); /* ptr to function returning int */
typedef void (*VOIDFUNCPTR) (); /* ptr to function returning void*/
```

2.8. Declarations and definitions

Rule	20801	(M)	Avoid using global variables. Use global variables only	C	C++
			when necessary.		

Rule 20802 (M) For basic type variables, the type appears first on the $\,$ C $\,$ C++ line and is separated from the identifier by one or more spaces

The definition should be completed by a meaningful one-line comment.

Each variable declaration shall be on a separate line.

Example: Basic definition:

UINT32 rootMemBytes; /* memory for TCB and root stack */

Rule 20803 (M) The reference operator '*' should be directly C C++ connected with the name in declarations and definitions. The character '*' should be written together with the name of variables instead of with the type of variables in order to emphasize that they are part of the name.

Instead of saying that i is an int*, say *i is an int. Traditionally, C recommendations indicate that '*' should be written together with the variable name, since this reduces the probability of making a mistake.

Example: Pointer declarations:

FooNode *pFooNode; /* foo node pointer */

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FooNode **ppFooNode; /* pointer to a foo node pointer */

Rule 20804 (M) Static variables, types, constants, macros and #defines C C++ shall be described at least where they are declared. The description shall be done according to the following DOXYGEN example.

Example:

```
/** Process data receiving information */
typedef struct
                 srcIpAddress;  /**< source IP address for filtering
dstIpAddress;  /**< destination IP address for filtering
seqCount;  /**< sequence counter
proff()</pre>
   UTNT32
   UTNT32
   UINT32
                seqCount;
                                     /**< Protociol version
/**< Protocol ('PD', 'MD', ...)
   UINT16
                  protVersion;
   TRDP MSG_T msgType;
                                    /**< ComID
/**< received topocount
   UINT32
                comId;
   UINT32
                  topoCount;
                                      /**< substitution
   BOOT
                  subs;
                  offsetAddress; /**< offset address for ladder architecture
replyComId; /**< ComID for reply (request only)</pre>
   UINT16
   UTNT32
                 replyIpAddress; /**< IP address for reply (request only)
   UINT32
   TRDP ERR T resultCode; /**< error code, user stat ???
 } TRDP PD INFO T;
```

2.9. Initialization

Rule 20901 (M) If possible, always use initialization instead of C C++ assignment.

By always initializing variables, instead of assigning values to them before they are first used, the code is made more efficient since no temporary objects are created for the initialization. For objects having large amounts of data, this can result in significantly faster code. Example:

INT16 i = 5;

2.10. Arithmetic type conversions

Rule 21001 (M) Do not write code which depends on functions that use C C++ implicit type conversions.

There are two kinds of implicit type conversions: either there is a conversion function from one type to another, written by the programmer, or the compiler does it according to the language standard. Both cases can lead to problems.

Some of these conversions can result in loss of information (e.g. conversions to a narrower type).

As a general principle, avoid mixing arithmetic of different precisions in the same expression, and avoid mixing signed and unsigned integers in the same expression. Mixed arithmetic normally entails implicit promotions and balancing of types (i.e. conversions), some of which can lead to unexpected behavior.

Extra care is necessary when using small integer types (char, short, bit-field and enum) because these are always converted to type int or unsigned int before an arithmetic operation. This is called integral promotion. See also [1], rule 10.5 regarding integral promotion when using bitwise operators ", <<, and >>.



Rule 21002 (M) Do not make pointer conversions from a "shorter" C C++ type to a "longer" one.

A processor architecture often forbids data of a given size to be allocated at an arbitrary address. For example, a word must begin on an "even" address for MC680x0. If there is a pointer to a char which is located at an "odd" address, a type conversion from this char pointer to an int pointer will cause the program to crash when the int pointer is used, since this violates the processor's rules for alignment of data.

2.11. Pointer type conversions

```
Rule 21101 (M) NULL shall be defined as
#ifndef NULL
#define NULL ((void*)0)
#endif
Uinitialized pointers shall be tested against NULL
```

2.12. Expressions

Rule 21201 (M) Mixed precision arithmetic shall use explicit casting to C C++ generate the desired result.

In an expression, sub-expressions are evaluated at the precision appropriate to the types of the operands. This may be less than the precision of the final result. It is therefore possible to be misled into creating sub-expressions which are evaluated at the wrong precision, which may result in values which are not as the programmer intended.

Example:

```
UINT16 i = 65535U;

UINT16 j = 10U;

UINT32 eO = i + j; /* incorrect = 9 */

UINT32 ei = (UINT32)(i + j); /* incorrect = 9 */

UINT32 e2 = (UINT32) i + j; /* correct = 65545 */

UINT32 e3 = (UINT32) i + (UINT32) j; /* correct = 65545 */
```

2.13. Control statement expressions

Rule 21301 (M) Tests of a value against zero should be made explicit, C C++ also for Boolean.

Rule 13.2 in [1] makes an exception for Booleans but this exception is overruled by this rule. Example

```
Boolean flag = FALSE;
if (!flag) ... /* not correct */
if (flag == FALSE) ... /* correct */
```

2.14. Control flow

Rule 21401 (M) Always use inclusive lower limits and exclusive upper C C++ limits.



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It is best to use inclusive lower and exclusive upper limits. Instead of saying that x is in the interval $x \ge 23$ and

x<=42, use the limits x>=23 and x<43. The following important claims then apply:

- The size of the interval between the limits is the difference between the limits.
- The limits are equal if the interval is empty.
- The upper limit is never less than the lower limit.

By being consistent in this regard, many difficult errors will be avoided.

Example: Good and bad ways of setting limits for loop variables:

Rule 21402 (M) All functions shall have bounded execution.

A function shall never be able to enter an "infinite" loop. There shall always exist a provable or explicit finite exit criterion. For example, a function comparing two null-terminated text strings shall have a parameter in the parameter list that specifies the maximum number of characters to compare. If the compare has not been finished when the last characters have been compared, the function has failed. If it can be proved that the function will stop after a finite number of iterations, there is no need to provide an explicit limit.

There are two exceptions to this rule:

- The function represents a task that shall run forever.
- An infinite loop is entered intentionally, e.g. entering a "fail safe" state in a task, which shall never be exited.

However, in this case it would probably be better to halt or kill the task.

2.15. Switch statements

No complementary rules.

2.16. Functions

Rule 21601 (M) A function shall be described at least where it is C C++ declared. The description shall comprise functionality, input- and output arguments as well as return values. The description shall be done according to the following DOXYGEN example.

Example:



```
If called in non-blocking mode, and no data available, VOS NODATA ERR will be returned.
                                  socket descriptor
   @param[in]
                              pointer to applications data buffer
   @param[out]
                  pBuffer
   @param[in,out] pSize
                                 pointer to the received data size
                  pIPAddr
   @param[out]
                                  source IP
                                 source port
   @param[out]
                  pIPPort
   @ret.val
                  VOS NO ERR
                                 no error
                  VOS_PARAM_ERR sock descriptor unknown, parameter error
   @retval
   @retval
                  VOS IO ERR
                                  data could not be read
                  VOS NODATA ERR no data
   @retval
                  VOS BLOCK ERR Call would have blocked in blocking mode
   @retval
EXT DECL VOS ERR T vos sockReceiveUDP (
   INT32 sock,
           *pBuffer,
   UTNT8
   UINT32 *pSize,
   UINT32 *pIPAddr,
   UINT16 *pIPPort);
```

Rule 21602 (M) Always pass pointers to structures. Never pass C C++ structures directly.

Rule 21603 (M) Never return structures directly. Use pointers to C C++ structures.

2.17. Pointers and arrays

Rule 21701 (R) Pointers, pointing to different types of objects should C C++ be avoided.

Rule 21702 (R) Avoid pointers of type void.

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Usage of void pointers must always be checks during review but might be clearer than other casts.

Rule 21703 (M) Use a typedef to simplify program syntax when C C++ declaring function pointers.

Typedef is a good way of making code more easily maintainable and portable. Another reason to use typedef is that the readability of the code is improved. If pointers to functions are used, the resulting code can be almost unreadable. By making a type declaration for the function type, this is avoided. Function pointers can be used as ordinary functions; they do not need to be dereferenced.

Example: Syntax simplification of function pointers using a typedef:

```
#include <math.h>
/* Ordinary messy way of declaring pointers to functions: */
Real (*mathFunc) (Real) = &sqrt;
/*
* With typedef, life is filled with happiness (chinese proverb):
*/
typedef Real MathFuncType(Real);
MathFuncType *pfMathFunc = &sqrt;
void main()
{
    /* You can invoke the function in an easy or complicated way */
    Real returnValue1 = pfMathFunc(23.0);   /* Easy way */
    Real returnValue2 = (*pfMathFunc) (23.0); /* No! Correct, but complicated */
}
```

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2.18. Structures and unions

Rule 21801 (M) Structures (and unions) should always be defined by a C C++ typedef declaration.

Typically, the keyword struct appears on the first line with optional structure tag. The opening brace appears on the next line, followed by the elements of the structure, each placed on a separate line with the appropriate indentation and comment. If necessary, the comments can extend over more than one line; The definition is concluded by a line containing the closing brace, and the ending semicolon. Example: Structure definition:

```
typedef struct tag_BlockDev /* BLOCK_DEV */
{
    FUNCPTR pfBlockRead; /* function to read blocks */
    FUNCPTR pfBlockWrite; /* function to write blocks */
    FUNCPTR pfloctl; /* function to ioctl devices */
} BlockDev;
```

This format is used for other composite type definitions such as union and enum.

2.19. Preprocessing directives

Rule 21901 (R) Avoid C-macros. C C++

2.20. Standard libraries

Rule 22001 (M) Use only the string operation functions with length C C++ parameter.

Example:

use strncpy instead of strcpy, use snprintf instead of sprintf, ...

2.21. Run-time failures

No complementary rules.



3. Style related rules

This chapter contains rules related to programming style. The rules are subjective and there are almost as many styles as there are programmers but the rules defined here are considered to do the code easy to read, understand and maintain.

3.1. File headers and common layout of files

Rule 30101 (M) Every text-file shall be documented with an C C++ introductory comment (header) that provides information about the file.

The following sections shall be included in the following order:

- Copyright: Contain the appropriate copyright information.
- Component: The name of the component this file is a part of.
- File: The name of the file.
- Requirements: Requirements this file implements (fully or partly).
- Abstract: A short description of the file contents.
- **History:** History over changes made in the file. The history shall also contain the revision number of the file and preferably be generated automatically by the Configuration Management tool.

Note that depending on the tools used in the development environment, some of the information above can be excluded from the files if it can obtained in another way. E.g. the history for a file can perhaps be obtained from the Configuration Management tool used or the requirements can be traced with a Requirements Management tool or a Requirements Matrix.

Rule 30102 (M) Every source file shall follow the layout in the C C++ appendices.

The conventions in this section define the standard file layout that shall come at the beginning of every source file following the standard file heading.

The file shall consist of the blocks described below; the blocks shall be separated by one or more blank lines. If there are no declarations to write in a block, the block heading shall be kept empty for future use.

Header file:

- **Includes**: The includes block consists of one or more C pre-processor #include directives. This block groups all header files included in the file in one place.
- **Defines:** The defines block consists of one or more C pre-processor #define directives. This block groups all definitions made in the file in one place.
- **Typedefs:** The typedefs block consists of one or more C typedef statements, one per line. The block groups all type definitions made in the file in one place.
- **Global Variables:** The global variables block consists of one or more declarations, one per line. This block groups together all declarations in the file that are intended to be visible outside the file.
- Global Function Declarations: The global functions block consists of one or more ANSI C functions. This block groups together all functions in the file that are intended to be visible outside the file.

C-code file:

- **Includes**: The includes block consists of one or more C pre-processor #include directives. This block groups all header files included in the file in one place.
- **Defines:** The defines block consists of one or more C pre-processor #define directives. This block groups all definitions made in the file in one place.
- **Typedefs:** The typedefs block consists of one or more C typedef statements, one per line. The block groups all type definitions made in the file in one place.
- Local Function Declarations: The local function declarations block consists of prototypes of one or

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more ANSI C functions defined in the local function definitions block.

- Local Variables: The local variables block consists of one or more C declarations, one per line. This block groups together all declarations in the file that are intended not to be visible outside the file
- **Global Variables:** The global variables block consists of one or more declarations, one per line. This block groups together all declarations in the file that are intended to be visible outside the file.
- Local Function Definitions: The local function definitions block consists of one or more ANSI C functions. This block groups together all functions in the file that are intended not to be visible outside the file.
- Global Function Definitions: The global function definitions block consists of one or more ANSI C functions. This block groups together all functions in the file that are intended to be visible outside the file.

Rule 30103 (M) Every function definition shall be documented with an C C++ introductory comment.

These comments shall encompass the following information:

- Abstract: A complete description of what the function does and how to use it.
- Return value: Description of the function return value.
- Global variables: Description of global variables used in this function.

See also Rule 21601 regarding documentation of input and output arguments and Rule 30403 regarding function declarations.

3.2. Coding in general

Rule 30201 (M) Write ANSI compatible code.

Rule 30202 (M) Braces ('{', '}') shall enclose all blocks even if a block C C++ only consists of one statement.

Rule 3202

Example: Braces enclosing blocks:

```
/* NO!!*/
for (i = 0; i < xLength; i++)
x[i] = 2 * i;
/* Yes */
for (i = 0; i < xLength; i++)
{
    x[i] = 2 * i;
}</pre>
```

Rule 30203 (M) If some bits of bit fields are not used they shall be C C++ defined by dummy names (reservedx).

Rule 30204 (M) Not used (reserved) parts of structures or bit fields C C++ shall be set to 0.

3.3. Indentation and spacing

Rule 30301 (M) Use spaces instead of tabs. C C++



Ordinary spaces shall be used instead of tabs. Since different editors treat tab characters differently, the work in perfecting a layout may have been wasted if another editor is later used. Tab characters can be replaced by spaces by the editor. Code will then have a uniform appearance regardless of who has written it.

Rule	30302	(M)	One	indentation	level	shall	consist	of	four	(4)	C	C++
			chara	acters								

Rule 30303 (M) Indent one indentation level after function C C++ declarations, conditionals, looping constructs, switch statements, case labels, and structure definitions in a typedef

Rule 30304 (M) The file and function headings and the function C C++ declarations shall start in column one.

Rule 30305 (M) Continuation lines shall line up with the part of the C C++ preceding line they continue. This applies also for structures.

Example: Layout for continued lines:

```
a = (b + c) *
(d + e);
status = fooList(foo, a, b,
c, d, e);
if ((a == b) &&
(c == d))
```

Exception: If the left part of the expression is exceptionally long (including indentation) the continuation line can line up with the left part of the expression but indented one level:

theExceptionallyLongLeftPartOfExpression = firstVariable +

secondVariable + thirdVariable + fourthVariable +

fifthVariable + sixthVariable;

Rule 30306 (M) In a function call always write the left parenthesis C C++ directly after a function name. In a function declaration always write a space between the function name and the left parenthesis.

Example: The left parenthesis always directly after the function name:

```
void foo (void); /* Declaration! */
void foo(void); /* Call! */
```

Rule 30307 (M) Braces ('{', '}') which enclose a block shall be placed in C C++ the same column, on separate lines directly before and after the block.

It is easier to check whether an opening brace has a matching closing brace.

Example: Braces enclosing blocks:

```
while (i < iLength)
{
    cout += i;
}
if (condition)
{
    statements</pre>
```



```
else if (condition)
{
    statements
}
else
{
    statements
}
switch (input)
{
    case 'a':
    ...
break;
    case 'b':
    ...
break;
default:
    ...
break;
}
```

Rule 30308 (M) Do not use spaces around '.' or '->', nor between C C++ unary operators and operands.

Code is more readable if spaces are not used around the . or -> operators. The same applies to unary operators (those that operate on one operand), since a space may give the impression that the unary operator is actually a binary operator.

Example:

```
foo.index = aNumber;
pFoo->index = aNumber;
++unaryOperation;
aNumber = 3 - (-2);
```

Rule 30309 (M)

Put spaces around binary operators (+, *, /, %, -), bitwise operators (&, |, <<, >>), logical operators (&&, |, <<, >>), logical operators (&&, |, <), equality operators (=, !=), assignment operators $(=, *=, /=, %=, -=, <<=, >>=, \&=, ^=, |=)$, after commas. Do not put spaces before opening brackets of array subscripts.

Example: Horizontal spacing:

```
status = fooGet(foo, i + 3, &value);
fooArray[(max + min) / 2] = aBinaryValue << aNumber;
string[0] = aCharacter;
if (a != b)
{
    ...
}</pre>
```

3.4. Comments

It is necessary to document source code. By properly choosing names for variables and functions and by properly structuring the code, there is less need for comments within the code.

Rule 30401 (M) All comments shall be written in English.

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Rule 30402 (M) Use strategic comments.

C C++

A strategic comment describes what section of code is intended to do, and is placed before this code with the same indentation as the following code. Example:



```
/* A short strategic comment */
{
    /*
    * A longer strategic comment over several lines. The comment can
    * e.g. explain a following bubble sort algorithm and why it is used
    */
    aVariable = anotherVariable;
    ...
```

Rule 30403 (M) Comments shall not be nested.

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C does not support the nesting of comments. After a / * begins a comment, the comment continues until the first * / is encountered, with no regard for any nesting which has been attempted.

3.5. Naming conventions

In this chapter, it is important to distinguish between identifiers and names. The name is that part of an identifier that shows its meaning.

An identifier is defined to consist of (in the specified order):

[<tag_prefix>][<scope_prefix>][<ptr_prefix>]<name_part>[<suffix>] where the prefixes and the suffix are optional.

<tag_prefix>

tag_ preceding the tag identifier in a *struct*, *union* or *enum* typedef, see Rule 3503 and Rule 3507 <*scope_prefix*>

The possible scope prefixes are:

priv_ a variable declared *static* at file scope with internal linkage <component name>

The name or abbreviation of a component followed by an underscore. Usually, the component name will be the name of the header file (excluding the file extension) exporting the interface. The length of the *<component_name>_* should not exceed 8 characters, therefore an abbreviation may be used (which shall be defined and documented within the project) to avoid this. Since file names shall be in lower case letters (see Rule 20103), the component name shall also be in lower case letters. The component name is used for types and objects exported from a component, see Rule 30504 and Rule 30506.

<ptr_prefix>|<func_ptr_prefix>

The possible prefixes are:

p pointer to a variable with one level of indirection

pp pointer to a variable with two level of indirection

pf pointer to a function with one level of indirection

ppf pointer to a function with two level of indirection

prefixes such as b (bool), f(flag), sem(semaphore), en(enum) could be helpful in special places. <name part>

Shows the meaning of the identifier.

<_suffix>

Currently, the naming convention does not specify any suffix. However, suffixes may be introduced by a project, e.g. as a result of design patterns. The suffix shall be preceded by an underscore to be able to distinguish it from the name part.

An **object name**, is an identifier that represents an object with an unqualified or qualified type, i.e. variables, pointers, functions, and function pointers.

The purpose of naming rules is to make programs more readable for all members of a project. When a programmer sees a name, it might be out of context. A name that seems cute or easy to type can cause trouble to someone trying to decipher code. Remember, code is read many more times than it is written. One rule of thumb is that a name which cannot be pronounced is a bad name. A long name is normally better than a short, cryptic name.

Abbreviations can always be misunderstood. Global variables, functions and constants shall have long enough names to avoid name conflicts, but not too long.

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Names shall be written in English. Rule 30501 **(M)** C++ All identifiers being an object name shall be in camel 30502 Rule (\mathbf{M}) $\mathbb{C}++$ casing, i.e. the words are written together with the first character capitalized in each word except for the word. first The prefixes <ptr prefix>, <func_ptr_prefix>, if present, comprises the first

Example:

```
UINT32 *pMessageBuffer; /* Local pointer */
UINT32 messageLength; /* Local variable */
UINT32 messageBufferIndex; /* Local variable */
UINT32 TLC bufferAdd(UINT32 newItem);/* Global function in TLC component*/
```

Rule 30503 (M) Type identifiers, i.e. defined by use of typedef, shall be written in camel casing with the first character capitalized.

Example:

```
typedef UINT32 (*FooPtr) (U32 arg1, U32 arg2);
typedef struct tag_MessageHeader
{
    UINT32 messageId;
    UINT32 length;
} MessageHeader;
```

Rule 30504 (M) Type identifiers defined and exported by a component shall have a <scope_prefix> ::=<component_name>_ in lower case letters. In C++ namespaces shall be used instead.

Example:

```
typedef struct tag_log_MessageHeader
{
    UINT32 messageId;
    UINT32 length;
} log_MessageHeader;
```

Exception:

Common type identifiers with no relation to any specific component do not need to have any <scope prefix>.

Typically, common type identifiers could be type identifiers replacing basic numerical types (see e.g. [1], rule 6.3 and Rule 20601).

Rule 30505 (M) Variables declared at file scope with internal linkage, i.e. declared static, shall be prefixed by <scope_prefix> ::= priv_. The <scope_prefix> is not considered part of the first word.

Example: Variables with internal linkage:

```
static UINT32 *priv_pMessageBuffer;
static UINT32 priv_logBuffer[MAX BUFFER SIZE];
```

The rationale behind the trailing underscore in the scope prefix is to avoid ambiguities when the scope prefix needs to be combined with any other prefixes.

Rule 30506 (M) Global object names, i.e. objects declared at file scope with external linkage shall be prefixed in C by <scope_prefix> ::= <component_name>_ in lower case

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letters. The *<component_name>_* is not considered part of the first word. In C++ namespaces shall be used instead.

```
extern BOOL log_enabledFlag;
extern UINT32 log_sendMessage(const Char * const msg);
```

The rationale behind the trailing underscore in the component name prefix is to avoid ambiguities when the component name prefix needs to be combined with any other prefixes.

Rule 30507 (M)

The names of constants (via #define), enumeration constants (members of enumerations), macros (via #define), and preprocessor names are to be written completely with uppercase letters with underlines separating the words in the name.

If the name shall be globally accessible, it shall be prefixed with a <scope_prefix> ::= <COMPONENT_NAME>_ (i.e. the <component_name>_ but with all letters in upper case).

Example:

```
#define CC_PRE_CONDITION(expr) (...)
#define USING_OBJECT_STORE 1
typedef enum

{
    MONITOR_STATE_IDLE,
    MONITOR_STATE_INACTIVE,
    MONITOR_STATE_INACTIVE,
    MONITOR_STATE_ERROR
} MONITOR_STATES_T;
#define MONITOR_ENABLED (TRUE)
```

Rule 30508 (M) Pointer variable names shall have a $\langle ptr_prefix \rangle ::= p$ C C++

Example: Pointer prefixes:

FooNode *pFooNode;
FooNode **ppFooNode;

Rule 30509 (M)

Pointers to functions shall have a $< func_ptr_prefix>$::= pf, with one additional p for each additional level of indirection.

Example: Pointer prefixes: FuncPointer *pfFooFunc; FuncPointer **ppfFooFunc;



4. Portability related rules

Portability across operating systems and compilers may not be the major concern of a project. But the appearance of new versions of operating systems or C compilers, or the move to another hardware platform might cause some problems if some elementary conventions are not observed.

The following topics without rule number are already mentioned in the other rules.

Avoid the direct use of pre-defined data types in declarations.

Do not assume that an int and a long have the same size and do not assume that an int is a 32 bits long (it may be only 16 bits long on another platform). See rule 6.3 in [1].

An excellent way of transforming your world to a "vale of tears" is to directly use the pre-defined data types in declarations. If it is later necessary, due to portability problems, to change the return type of a function, it may be necessary to make changes at a large number of places in the code. One way to avoid this is to declare a new type name using typedefs to represent the types of variables used. In this way, changes can be more easily made. This may be used to give data a physical unit, such as kilogram or meter. Such code is more easily reviewed. (For example, when the code is functioning poorly, it may be noticed that a variable representing meters has been assigned to a variable representing kilograms). It should be noted that a typedef does not create a new type, only an alternative name for a type. This means that if you have declared typedef int Error, a variable of the type Error may be used anywhere that an int may be used. It is recommended to use PC-lint's support for strong type checking. For example:

/*lint -strong(AcJX, Speed)

typedef unsigned long Speed;

This means that variables of type *Speed* can be only assigned values of type *Speed*, ignoring assignment of constants. For more information regarding strong type checking in PC-lint, please see chapter 9 of [2].

Be careful not to make pointer conversions from a "shorter" type to a "longer" one. See Rule 21003. A processor architecture often forbids data of a given size to be allocated at an arbitrary address. For example, a word must begin on an "even" address for MC680x0. If there is a pointer to a char which is located at an "odd" address, a type conversion from this char pointer to an int pointer will cause the program to crash when the int pointer is used, since this violates the processor's rules for alignment of data.

Rule 40001 (M) Do not assume that you know how an instance of a data type is represented in memory.

Exception: When using dual ported RAM and memory mapped IO, it is necessary to understand and enforce the reprentation in memory.

Rule 40002 (M) Do not assume that longs, floats, doubles or long doubles may begin at arbitrary addresses.

The representation of data types in memory is highly machine-dependent. By allocating data structures to certain addresses, a processor may execute code more efficiently. Code which depends on a specific representation is, of course, not portable.

Rule	40003	(M)	Do not assume that the operands in an expression are evaluated in a definite order.	C	C++
Rule	40004	(M)	Do not assume that you know how the invocation mechanism for a function is implemented.	C	C++



Rule 40005 (M) Do not assume that static objects are initialized in any c C++

5. Metrics related rules

This chapter contains rules related to metrics that need to be applied.

5.1. *Files*

Rule 50101 (R) The maximum number of lines of code per file should C C++

All lines are counted. This includes comments, header and history.

5.2. Functions

Rule	50201	(R)	The nesting of blocks should not exceed 5 levels excluding function block.	C	C++
Rule	50202	(R)	The maximum number lines of code per function should be 250.	C	C++
Rule	50203	(R)	The maximum number of arguments passed to a function should be 7.	C	C++
Rule	50204	(R)	The maximum Cyclomatic Complexity of a function should be 30.	C	C++
Rule	50205	(R)	The maximum number of functions that may be called from one function is 10. If the same function is called more than once, this counts as one call.	C	C++

5.3. *Lines*

Rule 50301 (M) The maximum number for statements per line is 1. C C++

The only exceptions are the for statement, where the initial, conditional, and loop statements may be written on a

single line, and the switch statement where the actions are short and nearly identical.

The if statement is not an exception: the executed statement always goes on a separate line from the conditional

expression(s).

Example:

```
/* The general form of the switch statement is: */
switch (input)
{
    case 'a':
    ...
break;
    case 'b':
```

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```
break;
default:
. . .
break;
^{\star} If the actions are very short and nearly
* identical in all cases, an alternate form of
* the switch and if/elseif statement is acceptable:
switch (input)
case "a": x = aVar; break;
case "b": x = bVar; break;
default: x = dVar; break;
if (a) { callx(); }
else if (b) { cally(); }
else if (c) { callz(); }
            { callError(); }
if ((a == b) \mid \mid (c == d)) e = f; /* wrong, not execution
statement on same line */
if ((a == b) || (c == d))
{
    e = f; /* correct */
}
```

Rule 50302 (M) The maximum number of Variables defined per line is C C++

Example: Definition of several variables in the same statement:

```
/* NOT RECOMMENDED!!! */
INT8 *pI, j; /* pI defines a pointer to char, while j is a char */
/* RIGHT WAY TO DO IT! */
INT8 *pI;
INT8 j;
```

Rule 50303 (M) The maximum number of assignments per line is 1. C C++

Example:

a = b = c; /* no multiple assignments allowed */

Rule 50304 (M) The maximum number of characters per line is 120. C C++



6. Appendices

6.1. Include file (.h)

```
* @file
                    trdp types.h
 * @brief
                    Typedefs for TRDP communication
 * @details
 * @note
                    Project: TRDP prototype stack
                    Bernd Loehr, NewTec GmbH
 * @remarks All rights reserved. Reproduction, modification, use or disclosure
            to third parties without express authority is forbidden,
            Copyright Bombardier Transportation GmbH, Germany, 2012.
 * $Id: trdp_types.h 5405 2012-03-02 17:23:50Z bloehr $
#ifndef TRDP TYPES H
#define TRDP TYPES H
 * INCLUDES
#include <stddef.h>
#include <stdint.h>
#ifdef __cplu
extern "C" {
         cplusplus
#endif
 * DEFINES
#define MAX_URI_SIZE
                         102
#define MAX_SOCKET_CNT 80
#ifndef UINT8
#define UINT8
               uint8 t
#define UINT16 uint16_t
#define UINT32 uint32_t
#define INT8 int8_t
#define INT16 int16_t
#define INT32 int32_t
#define BOOL int
#endif
#ifndef TRUE
#define TRUE
#define FALSE
#endif
* TYPEDEFS
```



```
/** Various flags for PD packets */
typedef enum
      TRDP FLAGS NONE
     TRDP_FLAGS_NONE = 0,
TRDP_FLAGS_REDUNDANT = 0x1, /**< Redundant */
TRDP_FLAGS_MARSHALL = 0x2, /**< Optional mrshalling/unmarhalling in TRDP stack */
TRDP_FLAGS_CALLBACK = 0x4 /**< Use of callback function */
TRDP_FLAGS_TCP = 0x8 /**< Use TCP protocol instead of UDP */
TRDP_FLAGS_TCP
} TRDP FLAGS T;
/** Various flags general TRDP options */
typedef enum
     TRDP_OPTION_NONE = 0,

TRDP_OPTION_NON_BLOCK = 0x1, /**< Non blocking execution */
TRDP_OPTION_TRAFFIC_SHAPING = 0x2 /**< Optional traffic shaping */
} TRDP OPTION T;
/** Message Types */
typedef enum
     TRDP_MSG_MQ = 0x4D71,
                                             /**< 'Mc' MD Confirm
/**< 'Me' MD Error
     TRDP_MSG_MC = 0x4D63,
     TRDP_MSG ME = 0x4D65,
} TRDP MSG T;
/** Timer value compatible with timeval / select.
 ^{\star} Relative or absolute date, depending on usage
typedef struct
     UINT32 tv_sec; /**< full seconds
UINT32 tv_usec; /**< Micro seconds (max. value 999999
} TRDP TIME T;
/** Message info from received telegram; allows the application to generate responses.
 * Note: Not all fields are relevant for every message type!
typedef struct
     UINT32 srcIpAddress; /**< source IP address for filtering */
UINT32 dstIpAddress; /**< destination IP address for filtering */
UINT32 seqCount; /**< sequence counter */
UINT16 protVersion; /**< Protocol version */
TRDP_MSG_T_megType: /**< Protocol version */
     UINT16 protVersion; /**< Protocol version */
TRDP_MSG_T msgType; /**< Protocol ('PD', 'MD', ...) */
UINT32 comId; /**< ComID */
UINT32 topoCount; /**< received topocount */
BOOL subs; /**< substitution */
UINT16 offsetAddress; /**< offset address for ladder architecture */
UINT32 replyComId; /**< ComID for reply (request only) */
UINT32 replyIpAddress; /**< IP address for reply (request only) */
TRDP_FRP_T resultCode: /**< error code, user stat 222 */
      TRDP_ERR_T resultCode; /**< error code, user stat ???</pre>
} TRDP PD INFO T;
typedef struct
      UINT32
                                     srcIpAddress; /**< source IP address for filtering</pre>
                                  dstIpAddress; /**< destination IP address for filtering */
      UINT32
                                   seqCount; /**< sequence counter protVersion; /**< Protocol version
      UINT32
      UINT16
                                   msgType; /**< Protocol ('PD', 'MD', ...)
                                                                                                                                */
      TRDP MSG T
```



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```
UTNT32
    IIINT32
    TRDP_REPLY_STATUS_T replyStatus; /**< reply status
    UINT32[4] sessionId; /**< for response
                             replyTimeout; /**< reply timeout given with the request */
    UINT32
                           destURI[32]; /**< URI user part from MD header */
srcURI[32]; /**< from MD header */
noofReplies; /**< actual number of replies for the request */
    UINT8
     UTNT8
    UINT32
                             *userRef; /**< User reference given with the local call */
resultCode; /**< TRDP result code, 0 for OK */
    void
    TRDP_ERR T
} TRDP MD INFO T;
struct
    UINT8 qos;
UINT8 ttl;
} TRDP SEND PARAM T
typedef UINT32 TRDP UUID T[4];
/* regarding the former info provided via SNMP the following information was left out/can be
implemented additionally using MD:
     - task table name, prio, cycle time (not needed)
- PD subscr table: ComId, sourceIpAddr, destIpAddr, cbFct?, timout, toBehaviour, counter
     - task table
     - PD publish table: ComId, destIpAddr, redId, redState cycle, ttl, qos, counter
     - PD join table: joined MC address table
     - MD listener table: ComId destIpAddr, destUri, cbFct?, counter
      - Memory usage
typedef struct
    UINT32 version;
                                        /**< TRDP version */
    TRDP TIME T timeStamp; /**< actual time stamp */
                                    /**< time in sec since last initialisation */
/**< time in sec since last reset of statistics */
    UINT32 upTime;
    UINT32 upTime;
UINT32 statisticTime;
    UINT32 statisticTime; /**< time in sec since last reset of statistics */
UINT32 ownIpAddr; /**< own IP address */
UINT32 virtualIpAddr; /**< virtual IP address */
UINT32 processPrio; /**< priority of TRDP process */
UINT32 processCycle; /**< cycle time of TRDP process in microseconds */
UINT32 pktRcv; /**< total number of received packets */
    UINT32 pktRcvCrcErr; /**< number of received packets with CRC err */
UINT32 pktRcvProtErr; /**< number of received packets with protocol err */
UINT32 pdDefQos; /**< default QoS for PD */
    UINT32 pdDefQos;
                                      /**< default TTL for PD */
    UINT32 pdDefTtl;
                                        /**< number of received PD packets */</pre>
    UINT32 pdPktRcv;
    UINT32 pdPktRcvTopoErr; /**< number of received PD packets with wrong topo count */
UINT32 pdPktRcvToSubs; /**< number of received PD packets without subscription */
UINT32 pdTimeout; /**< number of PD timeouts */
    UINT32 pdTimeout;
                                      /**< number of sended PD packets */
    UINT32 pdPktSnd;
    UINT32 mdDefQos;
UINT32 mdDefTtl;
UINT32 mdPktRcv;
                                        /**< default QoS for MD */
                                       /**< default TTL for MD */
    UINT32 mdPktRcv; /**< number of received MD packets */
UINT32 mdPktRcvTopoErr; /**< number of received MD packets with wrong topo count */
    UINT32 mdPktRcvNoListener; /**< number of received MD packets without listener */
    UINT32 mdReplyTimeout; /**< number of reply timeouts */
UINT32 mdConfirmTimeout: /**< number of confirm timeouts
                                        /**< number of confirm timeouts */
    UINT32 mdConfirmTimeout:
    UINT32 mdPktSnd;
                                        /**< number of sended MD packets */</pre>
} TRDP STATISTICS T;
/** Callback for receiving indications, timeouts, releases, responses.
    @param[in] *pRefCon pointer to user context ????????
    pointer to received data excl. padding and FCS !!!!
    @param[in] dataSize
                                size of received data pointer to received data excl. padding and FCS
```

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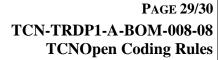


```
*/
typedef void (*TRDP_MD_CALLBACK_T)( void *pRefCon, TRDP_MD_INFO_T *pMsg,
                                    UINT8 *pData, UINT32 dataSize);
typedef void (*TRDP PD CALLBACK T) ( void *pRefCon, TRDP PD INFO T *pMsg,
                                    UINT8 *pData, UINT32 dataSize);
/** Callback for receiving indications, timeouts, releases, responses.
 * @param[in] *pRefCon pointer to user context
  typedef void (*TRDP MD CALLBACK T) ( void *pRefCon, TRDP MD INFO T *pMsg,
                                   UINT8 *pData, UINT32 dataSize);
,
***********
/** Callback for receiving indications, timeouts, releases, responses.
* @param[in] *pRefCon pointer to user context
  @param[in] *pMsg pointer to received message information
@param[in] *pData pointer to received data excl. padding and FCS !!!!
@param[in] dataSize size of received data pointer to received data
typedef void (*TRDP PD CALLBACK T) ( void *pRefCon, TRDP PD INFO T *pMsg,
                                    UINT8 *pData, UINT32 dataSize);
/** Function types for marshalling .
* The function must know about the dataset's alignment etc.
* @param[in] *pRefCon pointer to user context

* @param[in] comId ComId to identify the structure out of a configuration

* @param[in] *pSrc pointer to received original message

* @param[in] *pDst pointer to a buffer for the treated message
 * @param[in/out] *pDstSize size of the provide buffer / size of the treated message
                   TRDP_MEM_ERR provide:
                  TRDP_NO_ERR
 * @retval
                  TRDP_MEM_ERR provide buffer to small TRDP_COMID_ERR comid not existing
   @retval
 * @retval
typedef TRDP ERR T (*TRDP MARSHALL T)(
   void *pRefCon,
UINT32 comId,
   const UINT8 *pSrc,
   UINT8 *pDst,
UINT32 *pDstSize);
/** Function types for unmarshalling.
\mbox{\ensuremath{^{\star}}} The function must know about the dataset's alignment etc.
 * @param[in]
                 *pRefCon pointer to user context
  @param[in/out] *pDstSize size of the provide buffer / size of the treated message
                  TRDP_NO_ERR no error
TRDP_MEM_ERR provide buffer to small
TRDP_COMID_ERR comid not existing
 * @retval
   Gretval
 * @retval
```





```
*
*/
typedef TRDP_ERR_T (*TRDP_UNMARSHALL_T)(
    void    *pRefCon,
    UINT32    comId,
    const UINT8 *pSrc,
    UINT8    *pDst,
    UINT32    *pDstSize);

#ifdef __cplusplus
}
#endif
```

6.2. Implementation file (.c)

```
* $Id: receiveHello.c 3844 2012-02-17 18:12:40Z bernd $
* @file
                  receiveHello.c
                  Demo application for TRDP
 * @note
                   Project: Receiving Demo application for TRDP
* @author
                   Bernd Loehr and Florian Weispfenning, NewTec GmbH
 * @remarks All rights reserved. Reproduction, modification, use or disclosure
            to third parties without express authority is forbidden,
           Copyright Bombardier Transportation GmbH, Germany, 2011.
* INCLUDES
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <sys/time.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <sys/select.h>
#include <netinet/in.h>
#include "icontrol defs.h"
#include "trdp_if_light.h"
#include "trdp_utils.h"
#include "trdp_resolver.h"
#define PD COMID1
#define PD_COMID1_CYCLE 100
#define PD_COMID1_TIMEOUT 1200
#define PD_COMID2 2001
#define PD_COMID2_CYCLE 100
#define PD_COMID2
#define PD COMID2 TIMEOUT 1200
#define PD_COMID3
#define PD_COMID3_CYCLE 100
#define PD COMID3 TIMEOUT 1200
uint8 t gBuffer[32];
```

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