

## Assignment PEP 8 in PYTHON.

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What is PEP 8 ?

→ The PEP is an abbreviation form of Python Enterprise Proposal. Writing code with proper logic is a key factor of programming, but many other important factors can affect the code's quality. The developer's coding style makes the code much reliable, and every developer should keep in mind that Python strictly follows the way of order and format of the string. Adaptive a nice coding style makes the code more readable. The code becomes easy for end-user.

PEP 8 is a document that provides various guidelines to write the readable in Python. PEP 8 described how the developer can write beautiful codes. It was officially written in 2001 by Guido van Rossum, Barry Warsaw, and Nick Coghlan. The main aim of PEP 8 is to enhance the readability and consistency of code.

- why PEP 8 is important ?

→ PEP 8 enhances the readability of the Python code, but why is readability so important ? Let's understand this concept.

Creator of Python, Guido Van Rossum said, "code is much more often than it is written." That code can be written in a few minutes, a few hours, or a whole day, but once we have written the code, we will never rewrite it again. But sometimes, we need to read the code again and again. At this point, we must have an idea of why we wrote the particular line in the code. The

code should reflect the meaning of each line. That's why readability is so much important. We will describe few important guidelines for writing effective code that can be read by others as well.

## Naming Convention

When we write the code, we need to assign name to many things such as variables, functions, classes, packages, and a lot more things. Selecting a proper name will save time and energy when we look back to the file after sometime, function, or class represents what it does. Developers should avoid choosing inappropriate names.

The naming convention in Python is slightly messy, but there are certain conventions that we can follow easily. Let's see the following naming convention.

Example: `single_line_variable`

Single lowercase letter: `a`

Single uppercase letter: `A`

Single uppercase letter at beginning: `Apple`

Lowercase letter without underscore at start: `var`

Lowercase with underscores: `var_name`

Number of apples = 5 (without underscore)

UPPERCASE

VAR = 6 (all capital letters)

UPPERCASE WITH underscores: `num_of_cars`

NUM\_OF\_CARS = 20 (with underscores)

Capitalized Words (or camel case): `numOfBooks`

Number of Books = 100

Name Style

Below is the table that specifies some of the common naming style in Python. Consider the

Following table:

Type	Naming Convention	Example's
Function	We should use the lowercase words or separates words by the underscore.	myfunction, my_function
Variable	We should use a lowercase letter, words, or separate words to enhance the readability	var_a, var, variable_name
Class	The first letter of class name should be capitalized; used camel case. Do not separate words with the underscore.	Myclass, Form Model.
Method	We should use a lowercase letter, words, or separate words to enhance readability	class_method significance_method.
Constant	We should use a short uppercase letter, words, or separate words to enhance the readability	MyCONSTANT CONSTANT, MY_CONSTANT
Module	We should use a lowercase letter, words, or separate words to enhance the readability.	Module_name my_module.py
Package	We should use a lowercase letter, words, or separate words to enhance the readability. Do not separate words with the underscore.	package my_package

Above are some common naming conventions that are useful to beautify the python code. For additional improvement, we should choose the name carefully.

## Code Layout

The code layout defines how much the code is readable. In this section, we will learn how to use whitespace to improve code readability.

### Indentation

Unlike other programming languages, the indentation is used to define the code block in python.

The indentations are the important part of the Python programming language and it determines the level of blocks of code. Generally, we use the 4 space for indentation. Let's understand the following example:

Example:

```
def add(x, y):
    x = 5
    if x == 5:
        print("x is larger than 5")
```

In the above example, the indented print statement will get executed if the condition of if statement is true. This indentation defines the code block and tells us what statements execute when a function is called or condition trigger.

We can also use the tabs or provide the consecutive spaces to indicate the indentation, but whitespace are the most preferable. Python allows the mixing of tabs and spaces but we

will get an error in Python 3.

Indentation following Lint Break

It is essential to use indentation when using line continuations to keep the lines to fewer than 79 characters. It provides the flexibility to determine between two lines of code and a single line of code that extends two lines. Let's understand the following example.

E.g., consider a code as follows:

① # Correct Way: If we are aligned the first line with second line, and continuing with aligned with

# Aligned with opening delimiter, i.e., function header itself will give syntax error because it

obj = func.name(argument one, argument two, argument three, argument four)

② We can use the following structure:

# first line doesn't have any argument.

# we add 4 spaces from the second line to discriminate

def function\_name(

argument one, argument two, argument three,

argument four):

print(argument two))

# 4 space indentation to add a level.

foo = long\_function\_name(var\_one, var\_two, var\_three, var\_four)

• Use docstring

python provides the two types of document strings or docstring - single line and multiple lines. We use the triple quotes to define a single line or multiline

quotes. Basically, these are used to described the function or particular program. Let's understand the following example.

\* Example :-

⇒ `def add(a, b):`

`""" This is simple add method """`

`return a + b` `""" This is a simple add program to add the two numbers`

`a and b` `Should a Line Break Before or After a Binary Operator`

⇒ The lines break before or after a binary operation is a traditional approach. But it affects the readability extensively because the operators are scattered across the different screens, and each operator is kept away from its operand and onto the previous line. Let's understand the following

Example :-

\* # Wrong :

# Operators sit far away from their operands

marks = (english-marks + math-marks +

(Science-marks + biology-marks) +

physics-marks

As we can see in the above example, it seems quite messy to read. We can solve such types of problems by using the following structure:

Example :-

# Correct :

# easy to match operators with operands

Total-marks = (English-marks +

+ math-marks +

(Science-marks + biology-marks) +

physics-marks

Python allows us to break line before or after a binary operator, as long as the convention is consistent locally.

- Importing module:

⇒ We should import the modules in the separate line as follows.

→ `import pygame`  
→ `import os`  
→ `import sys`

Wrong,

`import sys, os`

We can also use the following approach.

`from subprocess import Popen, PIPE`

The `import` statement should be written at the top of the file or just after any module comment. Absolute imports are the recommended because they are more readable and tend to be better behaved.

`import mypkg.sibling`

`from mypkg import sibling`

`from mypkg.sibling import example`

However, we can use the explicit relative imports instead of absolute imports, especially dealing with complex packages.

- Blanks Lines → Blank lines can be improved the readability of python code. If many lines of code bunched together the code will become harder to read. we can remove this by using the many blank vertical lines, and the reader might need to scroll more than necessary. follow the below instructions to add vertical whitespace.
- Top-level function and classes with two lines. Put the extra vertical space around them so that it can be understandable.

Class First class;

Pass.

class Second class;

Pass

```
def main_function():
    return None.
```

- Single blank line inside classes - The functions that we define in these classes is related to one another; let's see the following examples -

→ Class first class:

```
def method_one(self):
```

```
    return None.
```

```
def second_two(self):
```

```
    return None.
```

- Use blank lines inside the function - Sometimes, we need to write a complicated function has consists of several steps before the return statement

So we can add the blank line between each step.  
Let's understand the following example.

→ `def cal_variance(n_list):`

`list_sum = 0`

`for n in n_list:`

`list_sum = list_sum + n`

`mean = list_sum / len(n_list)`

~~working code. goal of writing code with minimum steps~~

~~Square sum + 0 and sum of square of each of~~

`for n in n_list:`

`Square_sum = Square_sum + n ** 2`

`mean_squares = Square_sum / len(n_list)`

~~return mean\_squares - mean \*\* 2~~

The above code can remove the white spaces to improve the readability of code.

• Put the closing Braces

→ We can break lines inside parentheses, brackets using the line continuations. PEP 8 allows us to use closing braces in implies line continuations. Let's understand the following example.

• Line up the closing braces with the first non-white space of each of longer lines.

→ `list_numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]`

~~5, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 with opening of first element of~~

`4, 6, 8,`

~~7, 8, 9 when converted with opening of first element of~~

`]`

~~shorted to 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9~~

• Line up the closing braces with the first character of line.

⇒ list\_numbers = [

5, 4, 1,

4, 6, 3,

7, 8, 9

]

Both methods are suitable to use, but consistency is key, so choose any one and continue with it.

- Comments:-

⇒ Comments are the integral part of the any programming language. These are the best way to explain the code when we documented our code with the proper comments anyone can able to understand the code. But we should remember the following points.

⇒ • Start with the capital letter, and write complete sentence.

• Update the comment in case of a change in code.

• limit the line length of comments and docstrings to 72 characters.

- Block Comment:

⇒ Block comments are the good choice for the small section of code, such comments are useful when we write several line codes to perform a single action such as iterating a loop. They help us to understand the purpose of the code.

PEP 8 provides the following rules to write comment block

- Indent block comment should be at the same level
- Start each line with the # followed by a single space
- Separate line using the single #

let's see the following code.

for i in range (0,5) :

# loop will iterate over i five times and print out the value of i

# new line character. In this part, we are at the new line.

print (i, '\n')

We can use more than paragraph for the technical codes. Let's understand the following example.

#### • Inline Comments.

→ Inline comments are used to explain if the singles statement in a piece of code. We can quickly get the idea of why we wrote that particular line of code. PEP8 specifies the following rules for the inline comments.

• Start comments with the # and single space.

• Use inline comments carefully.

• We should separate the inline comments on the same line as the statement they refer.

Following is the example of inline comments.

→ a = 10 # The a is variable that holds integer value.

Sometimes, we can use the naming convention to replace the inline comment.

↳ X = 'Peter Decosta' # This is a student name.

We can use the following naming convention:

→ Student-name = 'Peter Decosta'. (single line)

Inline comments are essential but block comments make the code more readable.

• Avoid Unnecessarily Adding Whitespace, e.g.

→ In some cases, use of whitespace can make the code much harder to read. Too much whitespace can make code overly sparse and difficult to understand. We should avoid adding whitespace at the end of a line. This is known as trailing whitespace.

Let's see the following example.

Example: # I am going to show the cases with <

# Recommended no whitespaces. When it is present in a

list1 = [1, 2, 3] it is not having tool errors.

# Not recommended, tool errors will occur.

list1 = [1, 2, 3,

• Long statements have soft office standards functions

Example: # 3. Platform standard similar to

comes: x = 5 # standard unit of storage binary unit

y = 6 # standard unit of time binary unit

# Recommended.

print(x, y) # It gives different output in print

print(x, y) # It gives different output in print

# Not recommended

print(x, y) # It gives different output in print

- Programming Recommendation.

→ As we know that, there are several methods to perform similar tasks in Python. In this section, we will see some of the suggestions of PEP 8 to improve the consistency.

- Avoid Comparing Boolean values using the equivalence operator

① # Not recommended:

```
bool_value = 10 > 5
```

```
if bool_value == True:
    print('10 is bigger than 5')
```

② We shouldn't use the equivalence operator, == to compare the Boolean values. It can only take the True or False. Let's see following example.

# Recommended

```
if my_bool:
```

```
    return '10 is bigger than 5'.
```

This approach is simple that's why PEP 8 encourages it.

- Empty sequences are False in if statements.

⇒ If we want to check whether a given list is empty, we might need to check the length of list, so we need to avoid the following approach.

① # Not recommended

```
list1 = []
```

```
if not len(list1):
```

```
    print('List is empty!')
```

However, if there is any empty list, set, or tuple.  
We can use the following way to check.

② # Recommended

```
list1 = []
```

```
if not list1:
```

```
    print('List is empty!')
```

The second method is more appropriate; that's why PEP 8 encourages it.

• Don't use `not isinf` statement

→ There are two options to check whether a variable has a defined value. The first option is with `x is not None`, as in the following example.

① # Recommended

```
if x is not None:
```

```
    return 'x exists!'
```

② A second option is to evaluate `x is None` and if Statement based on not the outcome.

# Not recommended

```
if not x is None:
```

```
    return 'x exists!'
```

Both options are correct, but the first one is simpler, so PEP 8 encourages it.

- Conclusion:  
→ We have discussed the PEP8 guidelines to make the code remove ambiguity and enhance readability when sharing the code with potential employees or collaborators. We have discussed what PEP8 complaint. Moreover, we have a brief introduction to the naming conventions. If you want more, [click here](http://www.python.org/peps/pep-0008.html).
  - PEP 8 - the Style Guide for Python code:  
→ This document gives coding conventions for the Python code comprising the standard library in the main Python distribution. Please see [the companion informational PEP](http://www.python.org/peps/pep-0008.html) describing style guidelines for the C code in the implementation of Python.
- This document and [PEP257 \(Docstring Conventions\)](http://www.python.org/peps/pep-0257.html) were adopted from Guido's original Python style guide essay, with some additions from Barry's style guide.

This style guide evolves over time as additional conventions are identified and past conventions are rendered obsolete by changes in the language itself.

Many projects have their own coding style guidelines. In the event of any conflicts, such project-specific guides take precedence for that project.

- A foolish consistency is the Hobgoblin of little minds.

⇒ One of Guido's key insights is that code is read much more often than it is written. The guidelines provided here are intended to improve the readability of code and make it ~~be~~ consistent across the wide spectrum of Python code. As PEP 20 says, "Readability Counts".

A style guide is about consistency. Consistency with this style guide is important. Consistency within one module or function is the most important.

However, know when to be inconsistent.

Sometimes style guide recommendations just aren't applicable.

When in doubt, use your best judgment. Look at other examples and decide what looks best. And don't hesitate to ask!

In particular: do not break backwards compatibility just to comply with this PEP!

Some other good reasons to ignore a particular guideline:

1. When applying the guideline would make the code less readable, even for someone who is used to reading code that follows this PEP.

- 2) To be consistent with surrounding code that also breaks it (maybe for historic reasons) - although this is also an opportunity to clean up someone else's mess (in true XP style).
- 3) Because the code in question predates the introduction of the guideline and there is no other reason to be modifying that code.
- u) When the code needs to remain compatible with older versions of python that don't support the feature recommended by the style guide.

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