

CODING CONVENTIONS

Don't hesitate to let other dev review your code if you have any doubts about any aspect of your code.

NAMING

- Pointers name should be prefixed by a **p**.
-> `char* pTest = NULL`
 - Inputs parameters should be prefixed by a **i**.
-> `void foo(char * ipTest);`
 - Output parameters should be prefixed by **o**.
-> `void bar(char *& opTest);`
 - Private class members should be prefixed by a **_**.
-> `class MyClass { char * _pMyPrivateMember; };`
 - If non trivial loop, give **non-obscure name to iterators**.
->

```
for ( int i_graph =1; i_graph <= n_graphs; ++i_graph)
    for (int i_arc = 1; i_arc <= n_arcs; ++i_arc)
        // doStuff
```
 - **Camel case** preferred.
-> `int thisIsMyVeryOwnInteger;`
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General practices

- **Catch errors** early (even if no backup method is implemented - just print something).
 - Errors shall be named with the className upperCases + an error numbers starting at 0000.
-> Example :
In the Class Engine :

```
std::cerr << "E000 : Failed to Init the Engine." << std::endl;
Std::cerr << "E001: Failed to create the Player entity." << std::endl;
```


In the class TextureManager :

```
Std::cerr << "TM0000 : Failed to init the TextureManager." << std::endl;
Std::cerr << "TM001 : Failed to init to load the texture ." << std::endl;
```
- Use C++11 features like **smart pointers** as much as possible over raw pointers.
- Avoid **friend** classes .
- Use **Preprocessor directives** to enclose header files as much as possible.
-> In MyClass.h :

```
#ifndef MyClass_H
#define MyClass_H
// All the stuff
#endif
```
- Avoid **static data members** unless it is justified and safe.
 - Example : Instance counters
- Avoid **implicit** type cast.
- Use **const** whenever it's possible.
- Try to pass **void** to every function with **empty parameters**.
 - `Void foo(void) { // doStuff }`
- Apply the **"Rule of Three"** as much as possible.