

Table C29 Java Coding Standard

Purpose:	To guide the development of Java programs
Program Headers	Begin all programs with a descriptive header.
Header Format	<pre> /***** /* Program Assignment: the program number */ /* Name: your name */ /* Date: the date program development started */ /* Description: a short description of the program */ /* function */ *****/ </pre>
Identifiers	Use descriptive names for all variables, function names, constants, and other identifiers. Avoid abbreviations or single letter variables. Use CamelCase.
Identifier Example	<pre> int numberOfStudents = 0; /* This is GOOD */ float x4, j, ftave; /* These are BAD */ </pre>

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Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document the code so that the reader can understand its operation. • Comments should explain both the purpose and behavior of the code. • Comment variable declarations to indicate their purpose.
Good Comment	<code>if (recordCount > limit){ /* have all the records been processed? */</code>
Bad Comment	<code>if(recordCount > limit){ /* check if record count is greater than limit */</code>
Major Sections	Precede major program sections by a block comment that describes the processing that is done in the next section.
Example	<pre> /***** /* This program section will examine the contents of the array “grades” */ /* and will calculate the average grade for the class. */ *****/ </pre>
Blank Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write programs with sufficient spacing so that they do not appear crowded. • Separate every program construct with at least one space.
Indenting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indent every level of brace from the previous one. • Close braces should be on lines by themselves.
Indenting Example	<pre> while(posicion < maximaPosicion){ if (posicion == 7){ System.out.println(“Posicion es 7.\n”); } posicion++; } </pre>
Capitalization	Usar CamelCase.
Capitalization Example	<pre> int numeroActual = 0; public void agregarElemento(Object elemento){ </pre>