MMGGA C++ Coding Style

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Introduction

This document is the reference for the coding style, that is a requirement for every commit on develop and master branches of the Simple and Fun Game Engine (MMGGA).

It has been highly inspired by:

- SFML Coding Style
- Unreal Engine Coding Style
- Google C++ Style Guide

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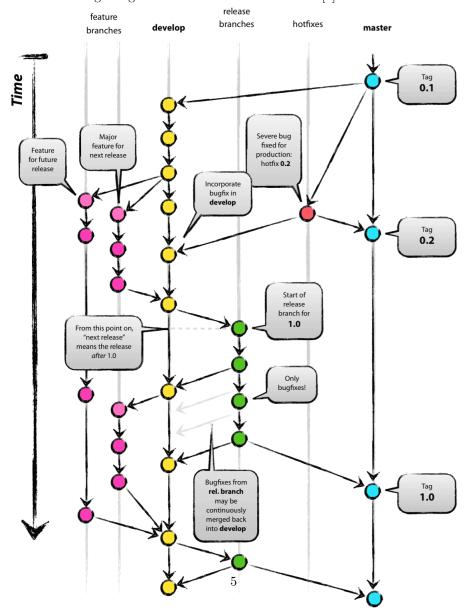
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Git

We are following the git model from Vincent Driessen [1].



Syntactical Conventions

2.1 Naming Convention

Туре	Convention
branch name	prout_foo
file name	prout_foo.cpp, prout_foo.h
type (struct, class, union, enum, typedef)	TitleCase
function, method	TitleCase
local, static and global variable	camelCase
private or protected member	m_{-} TitleCase
enum constant, static const attribute	UPPER_CASE
interface name	IProut

2.2 Indentation, Space, Parenthesis and Quarks

2.2.1 Tabs vs. Spaces

Tabs should not be used in MMGGA code. Indentation is produced by spaces only. A tabulator is equal to 4 spaces. To setup that correctly in Visual Studio 2017: Tools—Options—Text Editor—All Languages—Tabs.

2.2.2 Spaces

The rules are as follows:

- A space precedes an opening parenthesis.
- A space follows a closing parenthesis.
- Rules 1. and 2. are not applied for function calls or declarations.
- A space precedes and follows binary operators and assignment operators.
- A space follows a comma.
- There is no space between a type and its reference & or pointer * specifier.
- A space follows the operator keyword.

- When colon is used for inheritance or with an access modifier it is surrounded by a space on both sides.
- There are no extra spaces at the end of lines.

2.2.3 Declarations

const is placed before the type whenever possible. Reference & or pointer * are glued to the type (no extra space).

```
T obj;
const T cobj;
T& ref;
const T& cref;
T* ptr;
const T* cptr;
T* const ptrc;
```

When a function or a method is not changing the content of an argument, it must be put as const.

```
/**
  * \ brief Print the values of an vector of int
  * \ param values The vector of int printed
  */
void PrintValues(const std::vector<int>& values)
{
     for(auto v&: values)
     {
         Log::Msg(v);
     }
}
```

2.2.4 Lines

- There is only one instruction per line, except for readability in some switches.
- 2. Every definition (class, functions, ...) is followed by an empty line.
- 3. Braces are placed on new lines by themselves, except for do ... while loops.
- 4. template parameters and the rest of the function signature are on two different lines.
- 5. Every member constructed in the initializer list is on a new line.

```
\left\{ egin{array}{c} 3 \ , \ 4 \end{array} 
ight\};
```

6. If a line is too long it is intelligently broken up into a multi-line statement; e.g.:

2.3 Parenthesis and Braces

2.3.1 Blocks

Blocks are always indented by one extra level, except for namespaces when there is only one used in the file.

2.3.2 if/else/while Statements

There are two forms of if/else statements: single-line or multi-line body. For an if statement that has only one instruction no braces are used. In any case a space always separates the keyword from the parenthesis. Every Brace is alone on the line – even if the while body is empty. E.g.:

```
if (audioContext) //Always put the brackets
{
    AlcDestroyContext(audioContext);
}
if (audioContext)
{
    // Set the context as the current one
    // (we'll only need one)
    AlcMakeContextCurrent(audioContext);
}
else
{
    err() << "Failed_to_create_the_audio_context"
    << std::endl;
}
while ((nanosleep(&ti, &ti) == -1) && (errno == EINTR))
{
}</pre>
```

2.3.3 Logical Operators

If multiple && or || operators are used in the same boolean expression, then each part is guarded by parenthesis as soon as they consist of multiple sub-expressions themselves.

2.4 Namespaces

The public API lives in the mmgga namespace. The mmgga::priv namespace is reserved for implementation details.

Anonymous namespaces are used when global variables are required, or for functions local to the current translation unit, in order to restrict their access to the translation unit.

No using directive should be used. Instead the full name is used everywhere. Like written in subsection 2.3.1, namespace blocks are not indented, please change your settings in Visual Studio 2017: Tools \rightarrow Options \rightarrow Text Editor \rightarrow C/C++ \rightarrow Formatting \rightarrow Indentation [1] Indent namespace contents

```
//Extern dependencies
#include <SFML/Window.hpp>
#include <imgui-SFML.h>
#include <imgui.h>
//Engine dependencies
#include <input/input.h>
#include <engine/log.h>

namespace mmgga
{
```

Documentation

3.1 Doxygen

MMGGA uses Doxygen to generate the documentation in HTML or in LATEX. Each classe, struct, enum class, function, method must be documented with a brief description, the parameters and the returned value for functions and methods.

The comment should be before the definition of the type with a comment starting with two stars and one star per line until the last line with a star and slash.

3.2 Guidelines

• Write self-documenting code:

```
// Bad:
t = s + l - b;

// Good:
totalLeaves = smallLeaves + largeLeaves
- smallAndLargeLeaves;
```

• Write useful comments:

```
// Bad:
// increment Leaves
++leaves;

// Good:
// we know there is another tea leaf
++leaves;
```

• Do not comment bad code - rewrite it:

```
// Bad:
// total number of leaves is sum of
// small and large leaves less the
// number of leaves that are both
t = s + l - b;

// Good:
totalLeaves = smallLeaves + largeLeaves
- smallAndLargeLeaves;
```

• Do not contradict the code:

```
// Bad:
// never increment Leaves!
++leaves;

// Good:
// we know there is another tea leaf
++leaves;
```

Data Structures

4.1 Structures and Classes

structs are used to wrap up one or more variables together but do not use encapsulation; they are generally used by classes that do protect their members with protected or private modifiers. structs can not have constructors and should not have methods. They do not use access specifiers or inheritance. In a class, the public interface comes first (usually with constructors at the top), followed by protected members and then private data. In a given access-modifier group static members are grouped together.

Header

5.1 Includes

The inclusion order is as follows:

- 1. Externals headers
- 2. Standard library headers
- 3. MMGGA headers

Example:

```
//Externals includes
#include <SFML/Graphics.hpp>
//STL includes
#include <list>
//MMGGA includes
#include <engine/log.h>
```

5.2 Class Definitions

In a class, the public interface comes first (usually with constructors and special member functions at the top), followed by protected members and then private data. In a given access-modifier group, static members are grouped together.

```
//STL includes
#include <...>
//MMGGA includes
#include <...>
```

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