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C and C++ Coding Conventions

File Conventions

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• Header files: .h for C, .hpp for C++
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- Implementation files: .c for C, .cpp for C++
- File names are typically snake_case
 - Example: my_header_file.h, my_implementation_file.cpp

Function Conventions

- Function names are typically snake_case in C and camelCase or snake_case in C++
- Function names should be verbs if the function performs an action
- Parentheses should be placed with no spaces between the function name and the parentheses

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C Example: void perform_action() { /*...*/ }C++ Example: void performAction() { /*...*/ }
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Variable Names

- Variable names are typically snake_case in C and camelCase or snake_case in C++
- · Variable names should be nouns
- · Avoid single character names except for loop indices
- · Avoid using names that could be confused with keywords

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C Example: int my_variable = 10;C++ Example: int myVariable = 10;
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Other Conventions

- Constants are typically UPPER_SNAKE_CASE
 - Example: const int MY_CONSTANT = 100;
- Use spaces around operators and after commas to improve readability
 - Example: int result = a + b;
- Always use braces {} even for single statement if, for, while, etc.
 - Example: if (condition) { return; }
- Indent with spaces, not tabs. A common convention is 4 spaces per indentation level
 - Example:

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if (condition) {
   performAction();
}
```

Remember, these are general conventions and can vary based on the specific coding standards of your project or organization.