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1  '''
2  percipio38_documentation_best_practice.py
3  Percipio video: Working with Files; Documentation Best Practice
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5  [PEP 8 -- Style Guide for Python Code](https://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0008/)
6  [Python Standard Library](https://docs.python.org/3/library/)
7  [Built-ins Functions](https://docs.python.org/3/library/functions.html)
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9  This module shows best practices for Python naming conventions and how to lay out code.
10 This is based on examples from PEP 8, the Style Guide for Python code
11 PEP 8 is a large document and this covers only key points.
12 The point of PEP 8 is readability.
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14 While PEP 8 covers many topics in detail, here are some key points:
15 * Readability counts, as code is read more often than written.
16 * Following a standard for coding style improves readability.
17 * Consistency with your code is more important than that with PEP 8
18 '''
19 nl = '\n'
20 '''
21 Modules imports are typically done at the top of the file just below the module documentation string.
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23 Modules a normally grouped into three different catagories
24 * Standard Python Library imports [Python Standard Library](https://docs.python.org/3/library/)
25 * Third-party Library Packages (PIP install)
26 * Local Modules (off a hard drive or LAN server)
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28 Each group of imports is separated by a space.
29 '''
30 import os # standard library imports should be first
31 import sys # don't use import os, sys
32
33 import xdb # next, should be related third-party packages installed with PIP
34
35 import comments # last, should be local imports
36 import doc_strings # do not use wildcard imports
37
38 class Layout():
39     ''' For each level of indentation, four spaces should be used.
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41     While Python 2 allows the mixing of tabs and spaces, Python 3 does not. Unless maintaining consistency with existing code, only
42     spaces should be used for indentation.
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44     Lines of text should be limited to a maximum of 79 characters. Most lines of text, especially comments or documentation should be
45     limited to 72 characters. Python allows line wrapping within paired delimiters as shown below.
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47     Below are three ways to do line wrapping in Python
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45 below are three ways to do line wrapping in Python
46 * within a pair of delimiters
47 * different level of indent
48 * the 'line continuation character', backslash (\)
49 ...
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51 @classmethod # sometimes it's difficult to keep under the 79 character limit
52
53 # Line wrapping #1, within a pair of delimiters (parenthesis)
54 def meaningful_name_of_method(cls, # the first parameter should always be 'cls' with a class method
55                               first_parameter, # within a pair of delimiters you can break the line.
56                               second_parameter):
57     ''' Use indent that matches opening delimiter.
58
59     For class methods, the first parameter is conventionally named "cls".
60     ...
61     pass
62
63 # Line wrapping #2, different level of indent
64 def meaningful_method_name( # notice the different parameter indent between this & the above 'def meaningful_name_of_method'. This
65                             # is done for long parameter names and can be done providing each parameter has the same indent.
66                             first_long_named_parameter,
67                             second_long_named_parameter,
68                             third_long_named_parameter):
69     ''' Use the same indent for each parameter.
70
71     The indentation can be indented to other than four spaces.
72     ...
73     pass
74
75 # Line wrapping #3, the 'line continuation character', backslash (\)
76 def read_write(self):
77     ''' Normal method conventionally use a first parameter named \'self\'. '''
78     with open('/sometimes/the/path/to/the/file/can/be/deep') as file_source, \
79         open('/backslash/can/be/used/to/continue/a/single/line/', 'w') as file_dest: # the open statement can not span multiple lines so
80         the backslash continues the same line onto the next lower line
81         file_dest.write(file_source.read())
82
83 seq_layout_one = (
84     'alpha', 'beta',
85     'gamma', 'delta'
86 ) # closing delimiter indented one = okay
87
88 seq_layout_two = [
89     'one', 'two',
90     'three', 'four'
91 ] # closing delimiter indented none = okay
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89 | # closing delimiter indented none = okay
90
91 class NamingConventions():
92     ''' General rules for naming Python objects
93
94     Avoid:
95     * Single letter names, especially o, O, i, I, l, & L.
96     * Meaningless names
97     * Names of found in Python __builtins__ functions [Built-ins Functions](https://docs.python.org/3/library/functions.html)
98     |     ** also see 'print(help(__builtins__))' if interested
99     * Names of packages and modules installed on the system
100     ...
101
102     CONSTANT = 24 # Use all upper case to indicate a 'constant' variable
103
104     def package_and_module(self):
105         ''' Module names should be short, all lowercase and avoid underscores if possible.
106
107         Package names should be short, all lowercase and underscores are strongly discouraged.
108         Packages are simply directories containing multiple files which are modules.
109         |     Packages = folders as modules = files
110         ...
111         pass
112
113     def class_names(self):
114         ''' Class names should use capitalized words, or CapWords, like NamingConventions.
115
116         Since Exception objects are also classes, they should follow the class naming convention, but they should have the suffix
117         "Error" added to their name (i.e.: NamingConventionsError)
118         ...
119         pass
120
121     def variable_function_method_name(self):
122         ''' Variable, function, and method names should all be lowercase with underscores.'''
123         pass
124
125     def public_or_private(self):
126         ''' Public interface names should have leading underscores.
127         i.e.: functions & variables without any underscores
128
129         Private interface names should generally have a single, leading underscore.
130         Names that have two leading underscores will be "mangled" (see PEP 8).
131         |     - Research when doing subclassing with conflicting names
132         To avoid clashes with builtin names, use single trailing underscore. (i.e.: use 'print_' instead of 'print')
133         i.e.: an instance variable, something private, used internally, or only by the module.
134         ...
135         pass
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