

Python code standard

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Code naming convention:

Styles:

Snake case is lower case with underscores:

`snake_case`

The pascal case is, starting letters are capitalized:

`PascalCase`

A mix should not be used

`Mixed_Case`

Convention:

Modules are your python scripts, the individual files that are outside the main.py file, these modules should be placed in an orderly folder structure e.g. src/ test/ control/

Module names should be snake case:

`python_module.py`

when creating classes and methods or function:

class names should be camel case:

`PythonClass:`

Function, methods and variables should all be snake case:

`my_func()`

`my_var`

Constants should be all upper case

How to run python code:

To run a python script, install python in the terminal go to the directory with the python script:

```
$ Python3 module_name.py
```

Then python will run the section called `if __name__ == "__main__":` this is your main function

```
def main():  
    print("hello world!")  
  
if __name__ == "__main__":  
    main()
```

In here I have made a function called `main` (optional) and that function is the only thing in my `if __name__ == "__main__":`

Therefore it only runs my `main()`

How to create classes:

Imports should be as follows:

```
# Standard library imports  
import os  
import sys  
  
# Third-party imports  
import numpy as np  
import pandas as pd  
  
# Local application imports  
from my_project.module import my_function
```

You don't need the `as np` or `pd`, this will make it more condense code

Instead of `numpy.array` you would write `np.array`

Where if you want to import all classes and function use:

```
From module.path import *
```

For creating a class this is the format, important to notice, all variables in the python class are public and accessible in the entire class when putting self in front.

The `__init__` method is the constructor for a python class.

```
class ClassName:
    def __init__(self) -> None:
        self.public_member      # this is comment
        self.__private_member  # Not a true private member
```

Alle methods that are part of the class need to be indented once in relation to the “class ClassName” and they need the self as the first parameter:

```
class ClassName:
    def __init__(self) -> None:
        self.public_member      # this is comment
        self.__private_member  # Not a true private member

    def member_function(self) -> None:
        self.public_member = 1
```

Here a double underscore, can indicate a private member, its not 100% private, it can technically be called outside the class, but pythons replaces it with `_ClassName__private_member`

Inheritance:

```
class ParentClass:
    def __init__(self) -> None:
        self.public_member = 0      # this is comment
        self.__private_member = ""  # Not a true private member

class ChildClass(ParentClass):
    def __init__(self) -> None:
        super().__init__()          # Call the parent class constructor
        self.__private_member = "Hello"
```

Here we after making the class name we put a parenthesis and inside it the class we would like to inherit from, then in our child constructure we call the parents constructor.

Data classes:

Data classes are classes that specifically hold data, like a struct, it has no methods but it holds variable for us, so its more organized.

```

from dataclasses import dataclass

@dataclass
class InfoClass:
    version: str
    path = str
    data = str

class ClassName:
    def __init__(self) -> None:
        self.public_member = 0          # this is comment
        self.info = InfoClass

    def set_info(self, version: str, data: str) -> None:
        self.info.version = version
        self.info.data = data

```

Here we use the “dataclass” to tell python this class is a data class, important to note, the import is needed. Then we can create instances of that data class.

Good practice:

In python you don’t need to explicitly tell it what the input and output types are, but this is still a good practice, for telling the output type put a -> type are the end of the function declaration.

```

class ClassName:
    def __init__(self) -> None:
        self.public_member = 0          # this is comment
        self.__private_member = ""      # Not a true private member

    def member_function(self) -> None:
        self.public_member = 1
        print(self.__private_function)

    def __private_function(self, message: str) -> str:
        return "Error: " + message

```

Here we have explicitly told what the parameter message is, it’s a string, and we have explicitly told that it outputs a string, when functions are void (no output), it’s still good to say it has a None output.