



# Programming style conventions

- ▶ Crucial when several developers work in a team!
- ▶ In this course we use some conventions as well:
  - ▶ Variable names
    - ▶ should always be meaningful and descriptive!
    - ▶ should be whole words where possible instead of abbreviations!
    - ▶ should be all lower-case letters (i.e. no capital letters)!
    - ▶ cannot start with a number but can contain a number!
    - ▶ should have an underscore character between words!
  - ▶ Avoid unnecessary comments as they can worsen readability!
    - ▶ Self-documenting code is usually sufficient
  - ▶ For readability, expressions
    - ▶ should have a space between operators and variable names  
e.g. `amount_paid = cost * 90 / 100`
    - ▶ Should have a space after a comma, but not before a comma  
e.g. `name, age = "Tom", 45`

name  
age  
course



a  
b  
c  
x  
i

