

CSE 416

Server Coding Conventions

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Reading

- Python coding style
- <https://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0008/>

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Code Reviews

- 30-minute Zoom session (either in-class or not in-class)
- Project team picks the starting use case
 - Start by briefly showing the GUI (does not need to be fully functional)
 - Trace the use case logic step-by-step in the code, starting with the HTML
- Plan to respond to requests to review any use case or algorithm / pre-processing code
- Scoring
 - Oral communications (maximum of 10 points)
 - Technical (maximum of 100 points)

Minimal review of
pre-processing code
and MGGG code

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Oral Communications Evaluation Criteria

- Voice Projection
- Proper use of vocabulary
- Effectively managing time
- Handling questions

All team members must
enable video in Zoom

Communication links / microphone
may not be the highest quality, so
please speak carefully

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Technical Quality Evaluation Criteria - Overall

- Code is readable and maintainable
- Code is logical
- Code follows coding conventions
- Completed code shows progress in all aspects of the system
- Team demonstrates an understanding of libraries, frameworks, and language features
- DB is partially populated and in 3rd normal form (supplemental criterion)

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Technical Evaluation Criteria

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| • Absence of logic flaws | • Modular code |
| • Use of appropriate data structures | • Appropriate use of tools |
| • Use of a proper DB persistence layer | • Comprehensive RESTful API |
| • Normalized DB | • Proper client event handling |
| • Correct structure | • Robust set of SW to date |
| • Proper style (e.g., JPA naming) | • Comments only when needed |
| • Consistency of coding style | • Avoiding “magic” numbers |
| • Appropriately named identifiers | • Import of configuration data |
| | • Code to enable testing |

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Why Do We Need Coding Conventions?

- Reduce software maintenance
- Improve readability of the SW
 - Easier code walkthroughs and design reviews
 - Short methods

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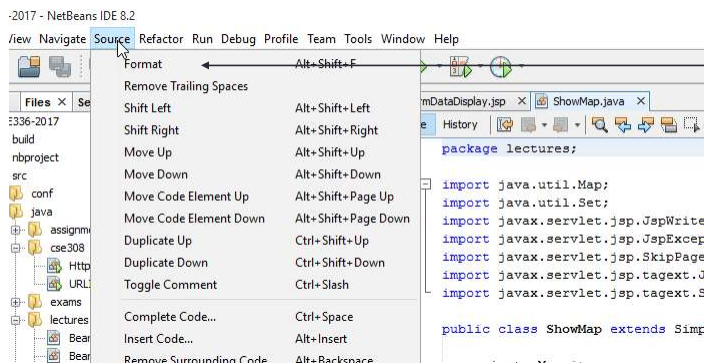
Comments

- Comments will be
 - Implementation - `/* ... */`
 - Javadoc - `/** ... */`
- Implementation comments are for commenting out code or describing particular implementation issues
- **Comments should provide only info that is not available in the code (don't document trivial issues)**
- Don't use special characters, boxes, etc.
- Block comments should be indented to the same level as the code
- Trailing comments (same line) should be shifted away from code

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Appearance

- Indentation
 - 2 spaces is recommended (4 is OK)
 - Use the formatting feature of your IDE (tailor your settings)



Helpful to use the IDE format feature regularly as you are coding – it helps you to see errors

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Declarations

- Declarations at the beginning of a block
- One declaration per line
- You can either use a space or a tab between the type and the identifier
 - `int level //authorization level`
 - `int level //authorization level`
- No space between a method name and the (
- { at the end of the line
- {} when there is a null

Left alignment improves readability

Helpful if identifier names line up on multiple lines

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Annotations

- Annotations applying to a class, method or constructor appear immediately after the documentation block
- Each annotation is listed on a line of its own (that is, one annotation per line)

Annotation of method, not
instance variable

```
@Override  
@Nullable  
public String getNameIfPresent() { ... }
```

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Blank Lines

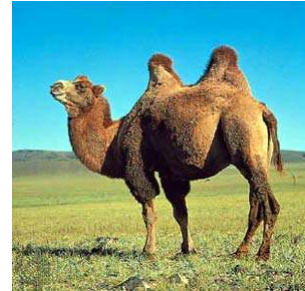
- Between methods
- Between local variables in a method and the first statement
- Between logical sections

Do not use unnecessary blank
lines – remember, a code
module should be readable on
a screen without scrolling

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Java Naming Conventions

- Packages – lower case (not CC)
- Classes – should be nouns in upper camel case
 - First letter of each internal word is capitalized
 - Use whole words – avoid acronyms and abbreviations
- Methods – should be verbs in lower camel case
- Variables – lower camel case
 - Don't use `_` or `$`
- Constants – all uppercase



Do not use default package

Worthless Documentation

```
/**
 * Represents a command history
 */
public class CommandHistory {
    /**
     * Get the command history for a given user
     */
    public static CommandHistory
    getCommandHistory(String user) {
    }
}
```

Python Coding Convention Highlights

- PeP 8 – style guide
- Naming
 - Variables, lower case, using a _ for separation
 - Classes – upper camel case
- 4 spaces per indentation level
- # Arguments on first line discouraged, as in
- No mixing of tabs and spaces for indentation
- Lines limited to 79 characters
- Imports at the top of the file on separate lines

```
foo = long_function_name(var_one, var_two,  
                          var_three, var_four)
```

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Selected JavaScript Style Suggestions

- Use const and let, not var
- Do not use the Array constructor – use a literal instead
- Do not use non-numeric properties on an array
- Preference for arrow functions
- Do not use the with keyword

<https://google.github.io/styleguide/jsguide.html#language-features>

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