

Python Style Guidelines & Naming Conventions (PEP 8)

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Quick Reference: Naming Conventions

Element	Convention	Example
Variable	snake_case	total_score
Function	snake_case	calculate_sum()
Class	PascalCase	UserProfile
Constant	ALL_CAPS	MAX_RETRIES
Module	lowercase_with_underscores	data_utils.py

Checklist

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- Use 4 spaces for indentation (never tabs).
- Max line length: 79 chars for code, 72 for comments.
- Blank lines: 2 before top-level defs/classes, 1 between methods.
- Imports: stdlib, third-party, local (one per line).
- Comments: # followed by space; docstrings for modules/classes/functions.
- Avoid mutable default args; use None and initialize inside.
- Spaces around operators: `x = a + b` (not `x=a+b`).

Good vs Bad Examples

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Good:

```
def calculate_total(price, tax):  
    '''Return total price including tax.'''  
    return price + tax
```

Bad:

```
def CALCULATETOTAL(Price,Tax):  
    return Price+Tax
```

Good:

```
x = 10 # store initial value
```

Bad:

```
x=10#store initial value
```