

# Data set naming conventions

- It is a good practice to give your data sets a meaningful name.
- Data sets should have 3 or more meaningful qualifiers.
- PROJECT.GROUP.TYPE is the usual naming convention followed.
- PROJECT can be the project the data set belongs to. Sometimes it is your Userid. Sometimes it is PAYROLL, ACCOUNTING etc.
- GROUP can be any meaningful name.
- TYPE is the description of content of the data set.
- LIB in the name indicates that the data set is a LIBRARY. For example, COBLIB means the data set is a COBOL Library.
- Name may contain some other words that describe the program contain in it such as JAVA for java and REXX for REXX programs.

JOB, JCL, CNTL	This data set contains <b>JCL</b> .
LOADLIB, LOAD, LINKLIB	This data set contains <b>Executables</b> .
PROCLIB, PROC, PRC	This data set contains <b>Procedures</b> .
COBLIB, CBL, COBOL	This data set contains <b>COBOL programs</b> .
SYS1	These are the <b>System Libraries</b> .

PAYROLL.TESTING.COBLIB	This data set contains COBOL programs for PAYROLL project.
Z98724.TESTING.JCLLIB	This data set contains JCL programs and it belongs to my userid.
Z98321.ACCOUNT.TESTING.PROCLIB	This data set contains PROCEDURES in test environment under my userid. These PROCEDURES belong to the ACCOUNTing project.
JPMGN.BANK.LOADLIB	This data set contains executables from the BANK project.
JPMGNT.BANK.LOADLIB	This data set contains executables from the BANK project in Testing region.
SYS1.PROCLIB	This is a system data set and contains PROCEDURES.

