

Style Guide

PART I

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Why have style?

Why have style?

- Readability
- Reusability
- Modifiability
- Easier to debug!

You need to really understand these slides

Follow up with me if you have questions

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Some style guidelines

Name identifiers properly

- Variables → lowercase
- Constants → UPPERCASE

Indent blocks of code

```
int main()
{
    indent here
}
```

Commenting your code

For all programs in this class

Before int Main

- Use comments to describe your program

Data Table

- The declaration section must contain a data table
- The data table
 - states the use of the variable or named constant &
 - how its value is obtained/used.

Other comments should be used throughout your code to

- Describe what each section is doing
- (think in terms of input, processing, & output)
- Complicated parts of the code → be descriptive!

Data Tables

Should state: use of the identifier & how it is used

Comments should be lined up

All identifiers should have their own line and datatype

Which of these are correct?

```
int firstNum;           // INPUT - first value to average
int secondNum;          // INPUT - second value to average
float average;           // CALC & OUT - average of two values
```

CORRECT

```
int firstNum; // INPUT - first value to average - INPUT
int secondNum; // INPUT - second value to average - INPUT
float average; // CALC & OUT - average of two
```

INCORRECT

```
int firstNum;           // input value
int secondNum;          // input value
float average;           // calculated average
```

INCORRECT

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```

/*****
 * AUTHOR      : Juan Leon
 * Assignment #1: Template
 * CLASS       : CS1B
 * SECTION    : MW: 10:30a - 12p
 * Due Date   : 1/5/12
 *****/

#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

/*****
 *
 * ADD TWO INTS
 *
 * This program accepts two integers in from a user, sums
 * them and then outputs the result to the monitor.
 *
 * INPUT:
 *   inp1: First integer to be summed -> input from user
 *   inp2: Second integer to be summed -> input from user
 *
 * OUTPUT:
 *   sum:      The sum of the two ages
 *****/
int main()
{
    // constants
    int inp1;    // INPUT - First integer to sum
    int inp2;    // INPUT - Second integer to sum
    int sum;     // CALC & OUT - contains the result of
                // the sum of two inputs -

    // output the class heading to the screen
    cout << "*****\n";
    cout << "  Programmed by: Juan Leon";
    cout << "  Student ID   : 750125\n";
    cout << "  CS1B         : MW - 6p-7:30\n";
    cout << "  Lab #1       : Qt Tutorial\n";
    cout << "*****\n";

    // INPUT: A description of what is being input.
    // PROCESSING: Detail what is being processed.
    // OUTPUT: Details of what is being output.
    return 0;
}

```

**Class
Heading**

**Pre-processor
directives**

**General
Program
description**

Data Table

Output Class Heading

Doc throughout code

Create a Template

Create a project

Put all this in there

Call it 0-template

Cut & paste the project

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Class heading information

First lines in your source file

```

/*****
 *   AUTHOR       : Juan Leon
 *   Lab #1       : Template
 *   CLASS        : CS 002
 *   SECTION      : MW: 10:30a - 12p
 *   Due Date     : 1/5/12
 *****/

```

Note the alignment

Replace the data in purple with the appropriate data.

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Next...

Preprocessor Directives then doc for the main program →
Including a list of inputs and outputs

```

#include <iostream>
#include<iomanip>
using namespace std;

```

```

/*****

```

```

 *   ADD & MULTIPLY TWO INTS
 *

```

Program Title

```

 *   This program does whatever this program does
 *   save this template and fill in the info appropriate
 *   for your program
 *

```

General
Description

```

 * INPUT:
 *   int1: First integer to be summed received as input
 *   int2: Second integer to be summed received as input
 *
 * OUTPUT:
 *   sum      : the sum of the two integers (int1 & int2)
 *   product: The product

```

Describe the
Inputs &
Outputs here

Notice
the
indentation

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Next → int main

```
int main ()
{
    // Declare your constants here
    //      document constants above the declarations
    // Declare variables here - include your data table
    // Initialize variables

    // OUTPUT your header and class information here
    //      (see next slide)

    // INPUT:  A description of what is being input.

    // PROCESSING:  Detail what is being processed.

    // OUTPUT:  Details of what is being output.

    return 0;
}
```

Double
space

Header & Class Information (omit for hypergrade submissions)

```
cout << "*****\n";
cout << "    Programmed by: Juan Leon\n";
cout << "    Student ID    : 750125\n";
cout << "    CS1B           : MW - 6p-7:30\n";

// put lab # or Assignment # as appropriate
cout << "    Lab # 7        : Lab Name\n";
cout << "*****\n";
```

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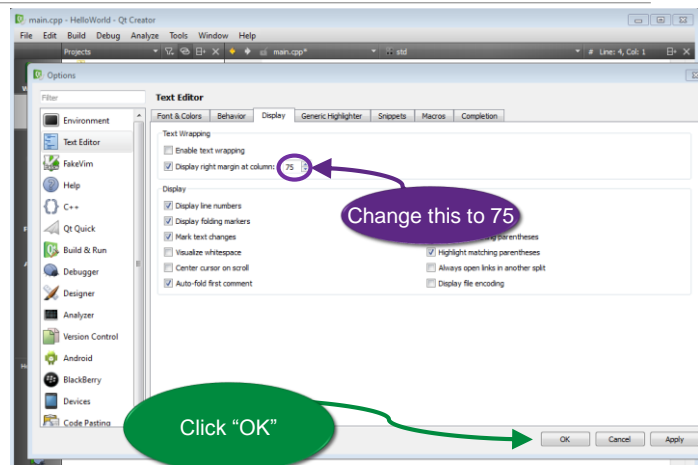
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Documenting executable code

```
int main()
{
    // Declare your constants here
    // document constants above the declarations
```

```
int num1; // INPUT - first value to average
int num2; // INPUT - second value to average
float average; // CALC & OUT - integer
```

```
// INPUT -- get numbers to average from user
cout << "Enter first value to double: ";
cin >> num1;
```

```
// PROCESSING -- calculate the average
average = float(num1 + num2) / 2;
```

```
// OUTPUT -- output the average
cout << "\n\nThis average is: " << average;
return 0;
```

```
}
```

CORRECT

Space
Between
operators

Block of
code is
indented

All programs have a data table

Document
above each
code segment

Double space between code segments

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Initializing Variables

DO NOT INITIALIZE VARIABLES IN THE DECLARATION SECTION.

Initialize variables just before their use in the program.

```
int count;
```

```
count = 0;
```

CORRECT

```
int count = 0;
```

INCORRECT