Coding Style

Debugging and Static Analysis

Comments and SelfDocumentation

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vs. Self-documentation
10 min

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names are still visible to course instructors.

Week 3 - Commenting

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PROMPT

1. Select a open-source project of your own choosing that is of interest to you.

2. Find the source code of this project.

3. Select any one file (which can be found and reviewed via URL).

4. Provide the project's name, the purpose of the file, and the link.

Project Name: PMD Rules
Purpose: create the interface for rules used in the PMD static analysis for Java.

https://github.com/pmd/pmd/blob/master/pmd-core/src/main/java/net/sourceforge/pmd/Rule.java

For the same file, does it follow a code style standard? If it does not, point out three examples why it does not. If it does have a standard, is it formal standard? If so, name it. If the standard is not formal, what elements are present that make you think there is a standard?

This file follows the formal coding style.

1. It uses camel case for method names.

2. Every two code blocks are separted by one blank line.

3. Using all capital letters for global variable names.

Correctly identifies if it follows a standard or not.

If there is no standard followed, are there three examples given accurate and the examples show that no standard appears to be in use?

If there is a formal standard is identified, is it clear the code follows it?

If it does have a standard but it is not formal, are the examples given accurate and show that a standard is being followed?

Opts
No

1 pt
Yes

PROMPT

For the same file, what could be improved? If nothing, explain three elements of the code style you agree with.

Code style improvement (or agreement with code style used) discussion is present

1. There is a comment block before each code block to explain the purpose of the block.

2. Names of methods and varialbes are self-explanatory. (self-commenting)

1. Using all capital letters for global variable names.

Code style improvement (or agreement with code style used) discussion is clear

O pts
No

1 pt
Yes

Code style improvement (or agreement with code style used) discussion is reasonable

O pts
No

1 pt
Yes

Code style improvement (or agreement with code style used) discussion is reasonable

O pts
No

O pts
No

O pts
No

O pts
No

1 pt Yes

1 pt Yes

PROMPT

Is the document well-documented? Justify your answer.

The document is well, documented. The naming of variables and methods are self-explantory. There is a comment block to expain the purpose of each code block.

RUBRIC

Commenting discussion is present

0 pts
No

1 pt
Yes

Commenting discussion is clear

0 pts
No

1 pt
Yes

Commenting discussion is reasonable

0 pts
No

1 pt
Yes

Commenting discussion is reasonable

1 pt
Yes

Commenting discussion is well-written

PROMPT

Do the comments follow a common format, both in content and placement?

Comments block are all placed before their corresponding code blocks, and all start with /* and end with */. There are lines to separate pieces of information in the comment blocks.

RUBRIC

Commenting format discussion is present

0 pts
No
1 pt
Yes

Commenting format discussion is clear

0 pts
No
1 pt
Yes

Commenting format discussion is reasonable

0 pts
No
0 pt

PROMPT

Is the code self-documenting? Identify two locations where it does this well, and explain why it is good self-documentation.

Example 1. Method name:void setLanguage(Language language) (line 56)

This method name explains the function of this method.

Example 2. Varialbe name: boolean isDFA(); (line 297)

This variable name explains what information it holes.

O pts
No

1 pt
Yes

RUBRIC

Example #1: Is it a good example of self-documentation?

O pts
No

1 pt
Yes

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Example #1: Good self-documentation discussion is present

O pts
No

1 pt
Yes

Example #1: Good self-documentation discussion is clear

O pts
No

1 pt
Yes

Example #1: Good self-documentation discussion is clear

O pts
No

1 pt
Yes

Example #1: Good self-documentation discussion is clear

O pts
No

1 pt
Yes

Example #1: Good self-documentation discussion is reasonable

O pts
No

1 pt
Yes

Example #1: Good self-documentation discussion is well-written

O pts
No

1 pt
Yes

Example #2: Is it a good example of self-documentation?

O pts
No

1 pt
Yes

Example #2: Good self-documentation discussion is present

O pts
No

1 pt
Yes

Example #2: Good self-documentation discussion is clear

O pts
No

1 pt
Yes

Example #2: Good self-documentation discussion is clear

O pts
No

1 pt
Yes

O pts
No

1 pt
Yes

Example #2: Good self-documentation discussion is well-written

O pts

1 pt Yes

PROMPT

Is the code not self-documenting? Identify two locations where it does this poorly, and explain why it is bad self-documentation.

All of the code seems to be self-documenting. There are not examples which show that the code is not self-documenting.

PROMPT

Example #1: Is it a bad example of self-documentation?

O pts
No

1 pt

RUBRIC

Example #1: Is it a bad example of self-documentation?

O pts
No

1 pt
Yes

Example #1: Bad self-documentation discussion is present

O pts
No

1 pt
Yes

Example #1: Bad self-documentation discussion is clear

Example #1: Bad self-documentation discussion is reasonable

0 pts
No

1 pt
Yes

Example #1: Bad self-documentation discussion is well-written

0 pts
No

1 pt
Yes

Example #2: Is it a bad example of self-documentation?

0 pts
No

1 pt
Yes

Example #2: Bad self-documentation discussion is present

0 pts
No

1 pt
Yes

Example #2: Bad self-documentation discussion is present

0 pts
No

1 pt
Yes

Example #2: Bad self-documentation discussion is clear

0 pts
No

clear

0 pts
No

1 pt
Yes

Example #2: Bad self-documentation discussion is reasonable

0 pts
No

1 pt
Yes

Example #2: Bad self-documentation discussion is well-written

0 pts
No

1 pt

Comments

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