

Naming rules

Kotlin follows the Java naming conventions. In particular:

Names of packages are always **lower case** and **do not use underscores** (org.example.myproject).

Using **multi-word names** is generally discouraged, but if you do need to use multiple words, you can either simply **concatenate them together** or use **camel humps** (org.example.myProject).

Names of classes and **objects** start with an upper case letter and use camel humps:

```
open class DeclarationProcessor { ... }
object EmptyDeclarationProcessor : DeclarationProcessor()
{ ... }
```

Function names

Names of **functions**, **properties** and **local variables** start with a **lower case letter** and use **camel humps** and no underscores:

```
fun processDeclarations() { ... }
var declarationCount = ...
```

Exception: factory functions used to create instances of classes can have the same name as the class being created:

```
abstract class Foo { ... }
class FooImpl : Foo { ... }
fun Foo(): Foo { return FooImpl(...) }
```

Names for test methods

In tests (and only in tests), it's acceptable to **use method names with spaces enclosed in backticks**. (Note that such method names are currently not supported by the Android runtime.) **Underscores in method names are also allowed in test code.**

```
class MyTestCase {
    @Test fun `ensure everything works`() { ... }
    @Test fun ensureEverythingWorks_onAndroid() { ... }
}
```

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Property names

Names of constants (properties marked with `const`, or top-level or object `val` properties with no custom get function that hold deeply immutable data) should use **uppercase underscore-separated** names:

```
const val MAX_COUNT = 8
val USER_NAME_FIELD = "UserName"
```

Formatting

In most cases, Kotlin follows the Java coding conventions.

Use **4 spaces** for indentation. **Do not use tabs**.

For **curly braces**, put the opening brace in the end of the line where the construct begins, and the closing brace on a separate line aligned horizontally with the opening construct.

```
if (elements != null) {
    for (element in elements) {
        // ...
    }
}
```

Horizontal whitespace

- ◆ Put spaces around binary operators (`a + b`).
- ◆ Put spaces between control flow keywords (`if`, `when`, `for` and `while`) and the corresponding opening parenthesis.

Exception:

- Don't put spaces around the "range to" operator (`0..i`).
- Do not put spaces around unary operators (`a++`).
- Do not put a space before an opening parenthesis in a primary constructor declaration, method declaration or method call.

```
class A(val x: Int)
fun foo(x: Int) { ... }
fun bar() {
    foo(1)
}
```

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- Never put a space after (, [, or before],).
- Never put a space around . or ?: `foo.bar().filter { it > 2 }.joinToString(), foo?.bar()`
- Put a space after //: `// This is a comment`
- Do not put spaces around angle brackets used to specify type parameters: `class Map<K, V> { ... }`
- Do not put spaces around :: `Foo::class, String::length`
- Do not put a space before ? used to mark a nullable type: `String?`

Colon

- Put a space before : in the following cases:
- when it's used to separate a type and a supertype;
- when delegating to a superclass constructor or a different constructor of the same class;
- after the object keyword.
- Don't put a space before : when it separates a declaration and its type.
- Always put a space after ::.

Class header formatting

- Classes with a few primary constructor parameters can be written in a single line:

```
class Person(id: Int, name: String)
```

- Classes with longer headers should be formatted so that each primary constructor parameter is in a separate line with indentation.

```
class Person(  
    id: Int,  
    name: String,  
    surname: String  
) : Human(id, name) { ... }
```

- For multiple interfaces, the superclass constructor call should be located first and then each interface should be located in a different line:

```
class Person(  
    id: Int,  
    name: String,  
    surname: String  
) : Human(id, name),  
    KotlinMaker { ... }
```

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Modifiers

If a declaration has multiple modifiers, always put them in the following order:

```
public / protected / private / internal
expect / actual
final / open / abstract / sealed / const
external
override
lateinit
tailrec
vararg
suspend
inner
enum / annotation
companion
inline
infix
operator
data
```

Place all annotations before modifiers:

```
@Named("Foo")
private val foo: Foo
```

Annotation formatting

Annotations are typically placed on separate lines, before the declaration to which they are attached, and with the same indentation:

```
@Target(AnnotationTarget.PROPERTY)
annotation class JsonExclude
```

Annotations without arguments may be placed on the same line:

```
@JsonExclude @JvmField
var x: String
```

A single annotation without arguments may be placed on the same line as the corresponding declaration:

```
@Test fun foo() { ... }
```

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File annotations

File annotations are placed after the file comment (if any), before the package statement, and are separated from package with a blank line (to emphasize the fact that they target the file and not the package).

```
/** License, copyright and whatever */
@file:JvmName("FooBar")
package foo.bar
```

Function formatting

If the function signature doesn't fit on a single line, use the following syntax:

```
fun longMethodName(
    argument1: ArgumentType = defaultValue,
    argument2: AnotherArgumentType
): ReturnType {
    // body
}
```

Coding conventions for libraries

Follow an additional set of rules to ensure API stability:

- Always **explicitly** specify **member visibility** (to avoid accidentally exposing declarations as public API)
- Always **explicitly** specify **function return** types and property types (to avoid accidentally changing the return type when the implementation changes)
- Provide **KDoc comments** for all public members, with the exception of overrides that do not require any new documentation (to support generating documentation for the library)

Refer: <https://kotlinlang.org/docs/reference/coding-conventions.html>

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<https://kotlinlang.org/docs/reference/basic-syntax.html>

<https://codelabs.developers.google.com/codelabs/build-your-first-android-app-kotlin/index.html#0>