Coding Standard - 3

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1. Naming Convention:

1.1 Classes and Interfaces:

- Class names should be treated as nouns, capitalized first letters in all internal words, and written in mixed cases.
- Similar to class names, interface names must also be capitalized. Avoid using acronyms and abbreviations and instead use complete words.

Example:

| Classes: class Student {} | Interfaces : Runnable |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| class Integer {} | Remote |
| class Scanner {} | Serializable |
| | |

1.2 Methods:

• Methods should be verbs, written in mixed case with each internal word's first letter uppercase and the first letter lowercase.

```
public static void main(String [] args) {}
    void calculateTax() {}
    string getSurname() {}
```

1.3 Variables:

- Short yet descriptive names are ideal for variables.
- Should be mnemonic, meaning that it should be made to make clear to the untrained eye what its intended usage is.
- All but temporary variables should avoid using single-character variable names.
- For integers, common names for temporary variables are i, j, k, m, and n; for characters, they are c, d, and e.
- Despite the fact that both underscore (_) and dollar sign (\$) characters are acceptable, variable names shouldn't begin with them.
- Names should be in mixed case.

Example:

```
string firstName int orderNumber
int[] marks;
```

1.4 Constant:

- Words should be grouped together using underscores ("_") and all capitalized.
- Float, Long, String, and other predefined classes employ a variety of constants.

```
static final int DEFAULT_WIDTH
static final int MAX_HEIGHT
```

1.5 Packages:

- A unique package name should always begin with one of the top-level domain names, such as com, edu, gov, mil, net, or org, and should always be written in all lowercase ASCII letters.
- The package name's later parts differ based on the internal naming standards of the organization.

Example:

```
java.util.Scanner ;
java.io.*;
package com.mycompany.utilities ;
```

2. Comment and Documentation:

2.1 Block Comments:

- Descriptions of files, procedures, data structures, and algorithms are given in block comments.
- One can use block comments before each method and at the start of each file also applicable in other contexts, such techniques.
- The amount of indentation for block comments inside a function or method should match that of the code they explain.
- To distinguish a block comment from the rest of the code, it should come before a blank line.

Example:

```
/*
 * Here is a block comment.
 */
```

2.2 Block Comments:

- Short comments can appear on a single line indented to the level of the code that follows
- If a comment can't be written in a single line, it should follow the block comment format

Example:

```
if (condition) {/* Handle the condition. */
...
}
```

2.3 Block Comments:

- Very short comments can appear on the same line as the code they describe.
- Should be shifted far enough to separate them from the statements.

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• A full line or just a portion of a line can be commented out using the // comment delimiter.

Example:

3. Exception Handling:

- Use exceptions only for unexpected or exceptional conditions, not for flow control situations.
- Avoid using exceptions in place of logic checks.

Example:

```
if (fileExists(filePath)) {
    readFile(filePath);
} else {
    throw new FileNotFoundException("File not found: " +
    filePath);
}
```

4. Import Format:

- Static imports (if any) should come after regular imports.
- Group imports logically:
 - Standard Java library imports (e.g., java.util.*)
 - Third-party library imports (e.g., org.apache.*)
 - o **Project-specific imports** (your own classes)

```
import java.util.List;
import java.util.ArrayList;
import org.apache.commons.lang3.StringUtils;
import com.myproject.MyClass;
```

5. URL Format:

• The java.net.URL class can be used to represent a URL (Uniform site Locator), which is a reference to a web site in Java.

Example:

```
URL url = new
URL("https://www.example.com:8080/docs/resource.html?name=test
#section1");
```

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