



Indentation Styles for C-like Programming Languages

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	The purpose of this table is to describe all aspects of the various indentation styles used by C-like programming languages (C, C++, D, Java, Perl, ...) and identify the properties that are required to develop indentation style formatters that can generate these formats properly. The table lists the various indentation styles and provides code snippet examples that can then be used to identify all required properties.				
Allman	<pre>while (x == y) { foo(); bar(); }</pre>	<pre>int some_func() { int i; for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) { if (i % 2 == 0) { do_something(i); } else { do_something_else(i); do_third_thing(i); } } return i; }</pre>	<pre>int some_func() { int c; #ifdef HAS_GETCH while ((c = getch()) != EOF) #else while ((c = getchar()) != EOF) #endif { do_something(c); } }</pre>		
GNU • GNU-style code formatting	<pre>while (x == y) { foo(); bar(); }</pre>	<pre>int some_func() { int i; for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) { if (i % 2 == 0) { do_something(i); } else { do_something_else(i); do_third_thing(i); } } return i; }</pre>			

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<u>K&R</u>	<pre>while (x == y) { foo(); bar(); }</pre>	<pre>int some_func() { int i; for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) { if (i % 2 == 0) { do_something(i); } else { do_something_else(i); do_third_thing(i); } } return i; }</pre>			
<u>K&R 1TB</u> <u>One True Brace</u>	<pre>while (x == y) { foo(); bar(); }</pre>	<pre>int some_func() { int i; for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) { if (i % 2 == 0) { do_something(i); } else { do_something_else(i); do_third_thing(i); } } return i; }</pre>			

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K&R Linux Kernel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use hard tab characters • tab stop every 8 spaces • else is cuddled 		<pre> int some_func() { int i; for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) { if (i % 2 == 0) { do_something(i); } else { do_something_else(i); do_third_thing(i); } } return i; } </pre>			
Ratliff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Like K&R 1TB but the closing brace lines up with the indentation of the nested block. 	<pre> while (x == y) { foo(); bar(); } </pre>	<pre> int some_func() { int i; for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) { if (i % 2 == 0) { do_something(i); } else { do_something_else(i); do_third_thing(i); } } return i; } </pre>	<pre> for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) { if (i % 2 == 0) { do_something(i); } else { do_something_else(i); } } </pre>		
Horstmann <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adapts Allman by placing the first statement of the block one the same line as the opening brace, reducing the. number of lines. 	<pre> while (x == y) { foo(); bar(); } </pre>	<pre> int some_func() { int i; for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) { if (i % 2 == 0) { do_something(i); } else { do_something_else(i); do_third_thing(i); } } return i; } </pre>	<pre> while (x == y) { something(); something_else(); //... if (x < 0) { printf("Negative"); negative(x); } else { printf("Non-negative"); nonnegative(x); } } final_thing(); </pre>		

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Pico <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a style for the Pico language which lacks return statement. For C like languages it is similar to Horstmann, but the closing brace is at the end of the last indented statement, making it similar to the Lisp style below. 	<pre>while (x == y) { foo(); bar(); }</pre>	<pre>int some_func() { int i; for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) { if (i % 2 == 0) { do_something(i); } else { do_something_else(i); do_third_thing(i); }} return i; }</pre>	<pre>stuff(n): { x: 3 * n; y: do_stuff(x); y + x }</pre>		
Lisp	<pre>while (x == y) { foo(); bar(); }</pre>	<pre>int some_func() { int i; for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) { if (i % 2 == 0) { do_something(i); } else { do_something_else(i); do_third_thing(i); }} return i; }</pre>	<pre>for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) {if (i % 2 == 0) {do_something(i);} else {do_something_else(i); do_third_thing(i);}}</pre>		
Cperl 🍷					
C++ 🍷 (cperl C++ style)					
PerlStyle 🍷					
PBP (Perl Best Practice) 🍷	<pre>while (x == y) { foo(); bar(); }</pre>	<pre>int some_func() { int i; for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) { if (i % 2 == 0) { do_something(i); } else { do_something_else(i); do_third_thing(i); } } return i; }</pre>			