

PRACTICAL 7

Implementing coding practices in Python using PEP8.

As Guido van Rossum said, "Code is read much more often than it is written." You may

spend a few minutes, or a whole day, writing a piece of code to process user

authentication. Once you've written it, you're never going to write it again. But you'll

definitely have to read it again. That piece of code might remain part of a project you're

working on. Every time you go back to that file, you'll have to remember what that

code does and why you wrote it, so readability matters. PEP stands for Python

Enhancement Proposal, and there are several of them. A PEP is a document that describes new features proposed for Python and documents aspects of Python, like

design and style, for the community. Writing clear, readable code shows professionalism.

It'll tell an employer that you understand how to structure your code well. If you have

more experience writing Python code, then you may need to collaborate with others.

Writing readable code here is crucial. Other people, who may have never met you or seen

your coding style before, follow and recognize will make it easier for others to read your

code.

Coding using PEP 8:

```
1 def list_sum(my_list):
2     # First method
3     sum = 0
4     for i in my_list:
5         sum += i
6     return sum
7
8
9 my_list = [1, 2, 3, 4]
10 output = list_sum(my_list)
11 if output >= 10:
12     print("You have reached the threshold.")
13
```

Another Example:

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21 gender = []
22 reading_scores = []
23 writing_scores = []
24 math_scores = []
25
26 for row in data:
27     reading_scores.append(int(row["reading score"]))
28     writing_scores.append(int(row["writing score"]))
29     math_scores.append(int(row["math score"]))
30
31 if row["gender"] == "female":
32     gender.append(1)
33 elif row["gender"] == "male":
34     gender.append(2)
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