

BATL Coding Guidelines

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BATL Coding Guideline Documentation

Functional Description:

This document outlines the guidelines for documenting firmware within your codebase. Proper code documentation enhances code readability, maintainability and facilitates easier collaboration among developers.

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1. Introduction:

This document outlines the guidelines for documenting firmware within the codebase. Proper code documentation enhances code readability, maintainability and facilitates easier collaboration among developers. It covers guidelines for declaring variables, functions and user-defined variables. Additionally, it also proposes naming guidelines for enum members.

2. Targeted Audience:

This document is intended to be shared with BATL Intelligent System group developers.

3. Variable Naming Guidelines:

Variable names should be concise yet descriptive enough to convey the purpose of the variable.

3.1 Naming Pattern:

Follow a consistent pattern for variable names to enhance readability and predictability. The proposed naming pattern is as follows:

<Type of variable>< ><Scope indicator><Type indicator><Class indicator><_><Name of variable>

3.2 Components of the Pattern:

3.2.1 Type of variable:

Indicates the data type or purpose of the variable

3.2.2 Scope indicator:

Specifies the scope of the variable (e.g., local, global).

| Scope | Scope indicator |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Global | g |
| Static | s |
| Local | Not Applicable |
| Static Local | sl |

Table 1: Scope indicator

3.2.3 Type indicator:

Indicates the data type (e.g., uint8_t, sint32_t, float).

| Type | Type indicator |
|----------|----------------|
| uint8_t | u8 |
| uint16_t | u16 |
| uint32_t | u32 |
| uint64_t | u64 |
| int8_t | s8 |

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| int16_t | s16 |
| int32_t | s32 |
| int64_t | s64 |
| char | c |
| bool | b |
| single | f16 |
| double | f32 |
| SampleEnum_E | e |
| SampleStruct_T | st |
| SampleUnion_U | u |
| funcPtr | fpt |
| void | v |

Table 2: Type indicator

3.2.4 Class indicator:

Denotes the classification of the variable (e.g., array, pointer, structure)

| Class | Class indicator |
|---------|-----------------|
| Pointer | pt |
| Array | ar |

Table 3: Class indicator

3.2.5 Name of variable:

- The data type qualifier string is followed by an _.
- The variable name should be written in Lower Camel Case.
- The name must always begin with an alphabet.

3.3 Examples:

| Variable declaration | Description |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| static uint8_t su8ar_sampleArray[10]; | Private array containing uint8_t type elements |
| SampleStruct_T gst_sampleStruct; | Public structure |
| uint16_t *gu16pt_sampleEnum; | Public pointer to uint16_t |
| SampleEnum_E e_sampleEnum; | Local enum |
| SampleUnion_U gu_sampleUnion; | Public union |
| SampleFuncPtr_F *gfpt_sampleCallBack | Global function pointer, note return type of function and parameters to function need not to be specified in naming |
| static UInt16_T slu16_sampleVar = 0; | Static variable local to a function. |

Table 4: Variable naming examples

4. Function Naming Guidelines:

All the functions should be declared with below mentioned guidelines:

4.1 Naming pattern:

Follow a consistent pattern for function names to enhance readability and predictability. The proposed naming pattern is as follows:

<Scope indicator><Return type indicator><_><Location indicator><_><Name of function>

4.2 Components of the pattern:

4.2.1 Scope indicator:

Specifies the scope of the variable (e.g., local, global).

| Scope | Scope indicator |
|--------|-----------------|
| Global | g |
| Static | s |
| Local | Not Applicable |

Table 5: Scope indicator

4.2.2 Return type indicator:

Same as variable, the return value of a function can be mentioned at the beginning of function name.

4.2.3 Location indicator:

- Module name where function is defined should also be preferably included in the function name.
- So, for example, it will be easy to identify LIB, LIL, MCAL which hosts the function. As per the location of the function it can be FSM, IPC, BNET, SEC, etc.
- The location naming is only applicable for global functions and private/local functions may not include this field.

4.2.4 Name of function:

- The name of the function should begin in Pascal Case (each word starts with a capital letter), please refer to example below.
- Also please do note that the **return type indicator field** and **location indicator field** should be followed by an underscore '_'.

4.3 Examples:

| Function declaration | Description |
|------------------------------|--|
| uint8_t su8_SampleFun1(); | Private function returning uint8_t type element |
| SampleEnum_E e_SampleFun2(); | Local function returning SampleEnum_E |
| void gv_FSM_SampleFun3(); | Public function returning void, residing in FSM module |

Table 6: Function naming examples

5. User-Defined Data Type Naming Guidelines:

The following guidelines establish a standard approach for naming user-defined data types in your codebase. Consistency in naming user-defined data types enhances code readability, maintainability, and collaboration among developers.

5.1 General rules:

5.2 Naming pattern:

User-defined data type names should be descriptive enough to convey the purpose. Follow a consistent pattern for user-defined data type names to enhance readability and predictability. The proposed naming pattern is as follows:

<Type><Name><Suffix>

5.3 Components of the pattern:

5.3.1 Type:

Specifies the kind of data type being defined (e.g., struct, enum, union, typedef).

5.3.2 Name:

- Written in Pascal Case (each word starts with a capital letter)
- Should clearly describe the purpose or structure of the data type.

5.3.3 Suffix:

| Data type | Suffix |
|------------------|--------|
| Structure | _T |
| Union | _U |
| Enum | _E |
| Function pointer | _F |

Table 7: Suffix for user-defined data types

5.4 Examples:

| Data type declaration | Description |
|---|---|
| typedef struct {...} SampleStruct_T; | Typedef for structure named SampleStruct |
| typedef struct {...} SampleEnum_E; | Typedef for enum named SampleEnum |
| typedef struct {...} SampleUnion_U; | Typedef for union named SampleUnion |
| typedef void (*SampleCallBack_F)(void); | Typedef for a function pointer named SampleCallBack |

Table 8: User-defined data type naming examples

6. Enum Member Naming Guidelines:

The following guidelines establish a standard approach for naming enum members. It will also help developers to distinguish between enums and defines as they both usually are written in block letters. Consistency in naming user-defined data types enhances code readability, maintainability, and collaboration among developers.

6.1 Naming pattern:

Enum member names should be descriptive enough to convey the purpose. Follow a consistent pattern for to enhance readability and predictability. The proposed naming patter is as follows:

<e><Acronym of enum data type ><_><Name of member>

- Name should be in block letters.
- Use ‘_’ to separate words as there are all the block letters.
- To distinguish similar enum members from other enum data type, mention acronym of enum data type.

6.2 Examples:

```
typedef enum
{
    eSE_MEMBER_1,
    eSE_MEMBER_2,
} SampleEnum_E;
```

7. Change log:

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