Documentation Guidelines

We'll follow Google's Java documentation standards:

See also this Javadoc resource from Oracle.

1. At the top of the main class of the program, include a <u>Javadoc</u> comment with the following:

/** <note extra="" star<="" th="" the=""></note>
*Summary fragment explaining the class in a few words.
*
*Description of what this program does. Use short sentences, and separate paragraphs us
*
*ADS/Accel/APCS PSxx: Title of problem set
*Date
*
*
*@author FirstName LastName
*/
Example:
/**
*Creates a MadLib
*This program takes a series of Strings from the user and uses them to fill in the blank
*
*ADS PS01: MadLibs
*11/14/1971
*
*@author Richard Stallman
*/

2. Above each method: include a <u>Javadoc</u> comment with the following:

```
/**

* Summary fragment: <5 words on this method's purpose

* A description of what this method does, organized using HTML tags like <p>
```

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* Write one short sentence per asterisk.

* Separate paragraphs using  and  (put text inside those tags)

* Line breaks are <br />

* In this description, you should note any assumptions your method makes.

* @author your-name

* @param name1 description1 <--- for each parameter

* @param name2 description2 etc.

* @return description of what the method returns

* @throws any exceptions your method throws

*/
```

3. Implementation comments: A comment at the start of each reasonable "paragraph" of code that does something.

```
public class DoStuff{
    public static void main(String[] args){
        //declarations
        String s1, s2, s3;
        int n1, n2;

        Scanner reader = new Scanner(System.in);

        //prompt user for various inputs
        s1 = ...; //and so on...

        //perform calculations/data manpiulation
        //<a bunch of code goes here>
        //output
        System.out.println(STUFF);

    }//end of DoStuff
```

4. For problem sets 00 through 05 only: Comment at each closing brace telling what it closes

```
public class HelloWorld{
   public static void main(String[] args){

        System.out.println("Hello, World!");
     }//end main()
}//end HelloWorld
```

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