

## Style Guide for COMSC 111

### 1. Identifiers

- a. Capitalize class names
  - i. Examples: Sphere, Stack
- b. Make variable names lower case
  - i. Examples: radius, volume, a, b
- c. Make method names lower case
  - i. Examples: main, pop
- d. Capitalize first letter of second word for classes, variables, and methods
  - i. Examples: CapitalQuiz, surfaceArea, getQuizData
- e. Make constants all caps with words separated by \_
  - i. Examples: PI, MAX\_VALUE

### 2. Code Block Alignment

- a. Align all code with-in a code block
- b. Choose either end-of-line or next-line style and be consistent
  - i. Examples:

```
public class HelloClassAlternateStyle
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        System.out.println("Hello!");
        System.out.println("Welcome to COMSC 111");
    }
}
```

or

```
public class HelloClass{
    public static void main(String[] args){
        System.out.println("Hello!");
        System.out.println("Welcome to COMSC 111");
    }
}
```

- c. Align } with either the { (next-line style) or the first letter of the line with the { (end-of-line style) – see above examples

### 3. Comments

- a. Put a header comment in each file that contains, at minimum, your name and the date the file was created
  - i. Examples:

```
//*****
//CapitalQuiz.java
//
//Author: Sonya Cates
//Date: Jan, 8 2016
//Instructor: Dr. Cates
```

```
//Class: COMSC 111 Lab
//
//Purpose: Quiz the user on state or country capitals.
//*****
```

or

```
/*****
 * Name: Sonya Cates
 * Date: 1-8-2016
 *****/
```

or

```
/**
 * @author Sonya Cates <scates@rwu.edu>
 * @date Jan 8, 2016
 *
 */
```

b. Put a Javadoc comment before each class and each method

i. Example:

```
...
/**Determines whether a given year is a leap year*/
public class LeapYear
{
    /** Reads in a year from the user, determines if it
    is a leap year, and displays the result */
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
    ...
```

c. Use either block comments or in-line comments to introduce major steps

d. Use either block comments or in-line comments to explain anything that might be confusing