

Software Engineering

Code formatting

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- Acknowledgement, this is one of the great “religious wars” (dogmatic positions staked out with no room for give) in our profession
- First and lookback to comments
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```
//TODO-mf-2008-08-12: Temporary overloading of DB class until fix is developed  
//TODO-lm-2016-05-29: Fuck you too, "temporary"  
class Database extends i28xBase {
```

- I don't recommend either comment

First Yes format

- We want our code to be well formatted.
 - Formatting should help readability.
 - If not, code will be all that much harder to read.
 - “getting it out the door” is fine for a quick startup release
 - But then go back and fix it
 - “refactor”
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 - This?



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Use whatever brace style you prefer.

But not this.

Don't do this.

Seek help instead of this.

```
public class Permuter
{
    private static void permute(int n, char[] a)
    {
        if (n == 0)
        {
            System.out.println(String.valueOf(a));
        }
        else
        {
            for (int i = 0; i <= n; i++)
            {
                permute(n-1, a);
                swap(a, n % 2 == 0 ? i : 0, n);
            }
        }
    }
    private static void swap(char[] a, int i, int j)
    {
        char saved = a[i];
        a[i] = a[j];
        a[j] = saved;
    }
}
```

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- What do you think?
- Easy answer – style guide for your programming language.
 - Pythonic code: pep8
 - <https://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0008/>
 - Ok, how about java?
 - Oh boy!

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 - <https://developer.android.com/kotlin/index.html>
 - Why?

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 - Hasn't been updated since 1999 (some of you were in kindergarten)

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- Brown University Style guide?
 - <https://cs.brown.edu/courses/csci0180/content/docs-spec/java-style.pdf>
 - Advantage: simple to learn
 - Disadvantage:
 - Designed for academia
 - Others?

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 - Small right?

Your book's newspaper metaphor

- Your book uses a newspaper metaphor
 - Title (class name explains what is going on in the article/class)
 - At top goes most important information to get basic idea of what is going on?
 - Then more nitty gritty as you go down
 -
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- Clearly your book was written before clickbait titles were everywhere even in mainstream news outlets.
 - <http://wnep.com/2018/02/20/drinking-alcohol-more-effective-than-exercise-for-living-a-long-life-study-finds/>

Read chapter 5

- Read chapter 5 in clean code
 - Walks you through Uncle Bob's style

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 - Again very passionate debate.
 - Last year some interesting data:
 - <https://stackoverflow.blog/2017/06/15/developers-use-spaces-make-money-use-tabs/>
 - So what's up?

One possibility

- Those who follow style guides make more
 - Pep-8 (python): prefer 4 space indents
 - Oracle-Java style: four space indents
 - Google Java style: two space indents
- Note not one recommends tabs

How do we follow style conventions

- Use an IDE or style-aware text editor
 - Eg: pycharm will auto change your tabs into four spaces.
 - Yup – do that.
 - Maybe use a linter too.

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- What style should you use?
 - If greenfield use a good widely used style and stick to it
 - **For most code:**
 - **Whatever style the project is already using!!!!!!!!!!!!**
 - **Don't make the code less readable by adding a new style to existing code**

Reminder assignment

- Read chapter 5 in clean code.