

# C# Naming Conventions Cheat Sheet

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Casing Rules			
Identifier	Case	Example	
Namespace	Pascal	System.Drawing	
Class	Pascal	Customer	
Class Field	Camel	_transferConfig	
Interface	Pascal	IPerson	
Property	Pascal	TransferConfig	
Method	Pascal	TransferAccount	
Parameter	Camel	accountNumber	
Constant	Pascal	InfiniteThrottle	
Enumeration Type	Pascal	BrowserType	
Enumeration Value	Pascal	InternetExplorer	
Event	Pascal	TransferComplete	
Exception Class	Pascal	TransferException	
Pre-Processor	Upper	NETSTANDARD	

Except for parameters, class fields, and pre-processor directives, all other identifiers follow a Pascal naming convention.

#### **Namespaces**

Choose names that indicate functionality

The general format for a namespace name is as follows:

<Company>.(<Project>)[.<Feature>][.<Subnamespace>]

Example: NewtonSoft.Json.Linq

# Assemblies and DLL Names

Choose names that suggest large chunks of functionality.

It is advisable if assembly and DLL names follow the namespace names.

The following pattern may be followed for naming DLLs:

<Company>.<Component>.dll

Where <component>contains one or more dot separated clauses.

Example: NewtonSoft.Json.dll

#### **Parameters**

Choose parameter names that indicate what data is being affected.

Good: firstName - Uses camel casing and is descriptive

Bad: decimalSalary - Name should not be based on type

#### Resources

Nested identifiers with clear hierarchy

Example: Menus.File.Close.Text

#### Classes, Structs, and Interfaces

Use pascal cased nouns, noun phrases or adjective phrases like Customer or Invoice. This distinguishes type names from methods, which are named with verb phrases like SaveCustomer or LoadInvoice.

#### Use of suffixes and prefixes

Derived class should have suffix representing the base class. e,g OvalShape

TransferCompleteEventHandler - EventHandler suffix for handlers

TransferCompleteCallback - Callback suffix to delegates

TransferException – Exception suffix for deriving from Exception

AccountDictionary - Dictionary suffix for dictionary implementations

SocketStream - Stream suffix for inheriting from System.IO.Stream

Do use the prefix I for Interfaces. Example: ITransfer

General Namin	ig Conventions	
Do		

Use easily readable identifier names.

Favor readability over brevity.

Use underscore, hyphen or Hungarian notation.

Don't

Use semantically interesting generic names. eg. GetAmountDue vs GetDecimalValue

Use acronyms only if required, and only use widely accepted ones

Use identifiers that conflict with C#

Use abbreviations as part of the identifiers.

#### **Types**

#### Fields

Typically nouns or noun phrases are used as names for the fields. e.g. \_salary

## **Properties**

Nouns, noun phrases or adjectives are used for naming properties

Properties and Get methods should not be named alike.

Boolean properties should be named with phrases like Is or Has.

#### Methods

Typically verbs or verb phrases are used as names for the methods. e.g. GetEncodingString()

#### Events

Typically verbs or verb phrases are used as names for the events.

In event handlers, use two parameter named sender and e.

Concept of before and after should be given, e.g Closing, Closed, etc



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### **Enums**

Do not use prefixes or suffixes

Usually names are plural nouns. E.g Teams, Colors

Do not use flag as suffix for the names of flag enumerations



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