

Canela Software's Best Practices

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Overall Outline

- Programming Style
- 3rd Party Tools
- In-House Tools
- Download Links to Internal Tools

Programming Style

- Strict compilation mode
- Variable naming
- Comments
- APIs
- App deployment policies
- Server access

Programming Style

Strict Compilation Mode

- Turn on 'strict compilation mode'
- Reduces bugs by finding variable spelling errors
- Insures cleaner code - good variable naming
- Best when used with Code Cleaner

Programming Style

Variable Naming

- Globals: **g**GlobalVarName
- Script Locals: **s**ScriptLocalVarName
- Handler Locals: **t**HandlerLocalVarName
- Constants: **k**ConstantVarName
- Custom Properties: **u**CustomPropName
- Parameters: **p**ParamName, **@r**ParamName (referenced)
- Arrays: tMyArray**A**
- Lists: tMyVar**L** (line delimited) tMyVar**I** (item delimited)
- **No single character variables. No one will know what they contain.**

Programming Style

Comments

- Comment liberally: Make it easy for another dev to work on your code.
- We use `--`, `##`, `//`, `/* */` (Dev choice)
- `-- *****` is used to identify temporary code that should be removed before deployment.
- `-- @@@@` code that still needs work which may be soon or in the distant future.

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APIs

- When making new handlers, it is best to consider making it an API
- Makes your code more approachable/reusable
- Use thoughtful parameter names
- Consider arrays as a parameter because parameters may change as the API evolves
- Consider in-line params because they work best with auto-complete in script editor

Programming Style

Deployment Policies

- Keep historical back-ups of components (allows you to quickly roll back if needed)
- Never push updates on Fridays (unless you are available to support a bad push)

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Public/Private Keys

- SSH is your friend...Use it!
- Improves server security by locking access to only certain hardware. You can apply a password to the ssh access for extra security.
- Improves dev performance by allowing you to make calls like `rm -rf` on a directory vs using an FTP program which will be less performant.

Tools

- LiveCloud for database and backend
- Appli for rapid layout and development
- GitHub - version control
- BBEdit (Mac), Sublime Text (Mac/Win)
- Navigator - Geoff Canyon
- Flight Recorder - Richard Gaskin
- Wasabi for off-site backup
- Dropbox, Google Drive, Microsoft Drive
- Alfred (Mac), Ditto (Win): clipboard enhancements
- Microsoft Teams
- ClickUp: project management
- Ansible: server management
- Digital Ocean and Microsoft Azure: datacenters
- Canela DevTools: adds quickKeys to LiveCode, code cleaner, orphaned puts, hover info

Canela Dev Tools

- Code Cleaner
- Array Browser
- Code Timing with statistical analysis
- Orphaned 'put' finder
- Hover over control details
- Quick keys for many things

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