

Checklist for CS 211 Code Reviews

Structure

- Does the code completely and correctly implement the design?
- Is the code well-structured, consistent in style, and consistently formatted?
- Are there any uncalled or unneeded procedures or any unreachable code?
- Are there any leftover stubs, test routines, or debugging statements in the code?
- Are there any blocks of repeated code that could be condensed into a single procedure?
- Does the code use overly complicated logic or methods that could be simplified?

Documentation

- Has the file been given a meaningful name, separate from the given base code file name?
- Does the program begin with a comment giving the author, date, and purpose of the code?
- Is the code clearly and adequately documented with an easy-to-maintain commenting style?
- Are all comments consistent with the code?

Variables

- Are all variables properly defined with meaningful, consistent, and clear names?
- Are all variables properly typed for the information they are to hold?
- Are all variables initialized or otherwise given a value before they are used.
- Do all assigned variables have proper type consistency or casting?
- Are there any redundant or unused variables?

Memory Management

- Is all dynamically allocated memory freed before program exit?
- Are all pointers initialized to NULL, and reset to NULL when no longer in use?
- Are memory structures sized appropriately for their use?

Arithmetic Operations

- Does the code avoid comparing floating-point numbers for exact equality?
- Are divisors tested for zero?
- Does the code avoid additions and subtractions on numbers with greatly different magnitudes?

Loops and Branches

- Are all loops, branches, and logic constructs complete, correct, and properly nested?
- Are all cases covered in an IF-ELSEIF or CASE block, including ELSE or DEFAULT clauses?
- Does every switch statement have a default?
- Are loop termination conditions obvious and invariably achievable?
- Are indexes or subscripts properly initialized, just prior to the loop?
- Can any statements that are enclosed within loops be placed outside the loops?
- Does the code in the loop avoid manipulating the index variable or using it upon exit from the loop?

Defensive Programming

- Are indexes, pointers, and subscripts tested against array, record, or file bounds?
- Are imported data and input arguments tested for validity and completeness?
- Are all output variables assigned?
- Are the correct data operated on in each statement?