
Subject: Re: Time to Fish or Cut Bait

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On Feb 3, 1:29 am, Jeremy Bailin <astroco...@gmail.com> wrote:

> I can see the argument, but I think the dominant convention is that the namespace comes at the beginning (how many people regularly use mg_... routines? and I certainly have lots of jb... calls in my code, whether or not anyone else does!). So I think convention comes first in this case.

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> As for FSC_ vs. cg, I don't think cg is really much better, but I also don't really mind the change. What did FSC stand for anyways?

I use a prefix (pp_) for code I create. I only use a suffix (_pp) in the very specific case of wrappers or edits I did to code written by others (as in histogram_pp), so that it is clear that it is only a small modification to something I did not write. Also, it keeps the modification next to the original code alphabetically.

Besides being the common practice, and keeping a library's files together alphabetically, prefixes make more obvious a name hierarchy: first comes the root level (the developer or library name), which may contain subgroups (the category of routine), which contain individual routines.

I have not yet put my code into categories (which in hindsight I find would have been good in some projects), so there is only the prefix and the routine name (as in pp_isnumber). ITTVIS uses categories after their prefix (as in IDLffShape and IDLanROI).
