

## Re: Caps convention.

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Malcolm wrote:

- > Use all lower case for ansi c functions, and Capitalise For
- > Platform-Specific.
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- > If you call something with caps, then your function name requires caps
- > itself.

The common style is to use all-caps for constants and macros.

Function name styles differ:

leading word starts lowercase followed by Capitalized words:

thisIsMyFunction

same thing, using underscores:

this\_Was\_My\_Function

starting with Captials:

ThisIsAnotherFunction

This\_May\_Be\_More\_Readable

as you suggested:

anansicfunction

another\_ansi\_function

However, most all good coding styles don't permit function names to start with '\_' (underscores) as these are reserved for implementations.

This is a religous issue: all a matter of faith. As long as you are consistent and the names are readble, any style will do. Just as there is no best religion, there is no best coding style.

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C++ newsgroup welcome message:

<http://www.slack.net/~shiva/welcome.txt>

C++ Faq: <http://www.parashift.com/c++-faq-lite>

C Faq: <http://www.eskimo.com/~scs/c-faq/top.html>

alt.comp.lang.learn.c-c++ faq:

<http://www.raos.demon.uk/acllc-c++/faq.html>

Other sites:

<http://www.josuttis.com> -- C++ STL Library book

<http://www.sgi.com/tech/stl> -- Standard Template Library