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On coding conventions, standards and practices

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Problems with current coding convention

```
Stats Stats; // compile error
```

```
Stats S; // abbreviations not allowed
```

```
auto Stats = Stats(); // personally don't like 'auto', undesirable as member definition?
```

```
Stats stats; // would prefer this
```

Indifferent to 'Function' or 'function', but variables should not clash with typenames.



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- Alternative casing `k_myVar/c_myVar`, `m_myVar`, `g_myVar`
- Possibly enforceable via clang-tidy, if we want to do the work.
- Some codebases used `SMyStruct` (POD), `ZMyClass`, `IMyInterface`, not super important

Globals



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Undefined initialization order

Mitigate C++'s global variable undefined initialization order problem.

If you for some reason need complex globals/singletons then wrap in getter function...

Instead of

```
static MyClass g_MyClass;
```

Consider

```
MyClass& GetMyClass() {  
    static MyClass g_MyClass;  
    return g_MyClass;  
}
```

Runtime lib remembers order of function static initialization

Worse when dealing with DynLib/DLL loading and unloading.

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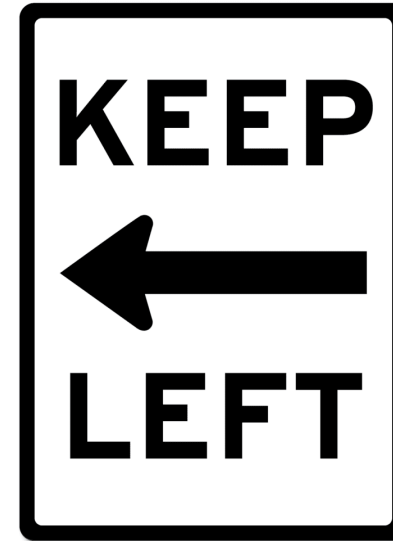
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clang-format:
Structure is lost
Have to read RHS



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- Testing: “Negated tests”
 - A parameter telling your test that it must fail, so you can test that tests are fallible, which is required to be useful.



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