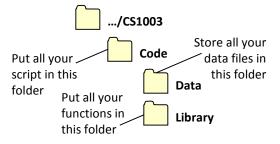
CS1003 Programming and Problem Solving

Coding Standards

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1. Organize application scripts and data files into the following folder structure and load and save data accordingly:



2. Include a Comment Header in all your application scripts and functions. The comment header should have the following structure:

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%--scriptname (application scripts should be followed by .m, function with ())
%
% Author:D MacIsaac
% Id: 8510804
% Date: 2006-08-01 (if you update the script, add the update date here)
%
% Description: A short description of what the script does
```

- 3. Clear the command window and all variables at the start of each script whenever possible.
- 4. Block program commands, include a descriptive title as a comment for each block and separate blocks with 1 blank space.
- 5. Use a 'Setting Parameters' block whenever possible.
- 6. Use a 'Displaying Results' block whenever possible.
- 7. Use a 'Loading data' block when appropriate, and always exit gracefully from the application when data is not found
- 8. Use program structures and tabbed indentation to indicate commands within a structure

if...elseif...else...end while...end for...end switch...case 1...case 2...case...n...otherwise...end

- 9. Use a separate command to set return arguments in a function
- 10. Include in-line comments to clarify cryptic commands, or commands using assumptions and/or analytic derivations
- 11. User descriptive variable names
- 12. Consider in-line commenting all variables with their units and/or data type
- 13. Remove all dead code where possible
- 14. Program to specification while optimizing capacity to generalize, and balancing readability with efficiency