



CERT[®] Secure Coding Style Sheet

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Branding

Use the registered trademark symbol ([®]) after CERT the first time that CERT is used as a brand (i.e., adjective).

References to the staff

When referring to the group, use the following construction:

- CERT[®] Secure Coding team

Ideally, the connection to the SEI and CMU will be handled separately, but the following is an option if it needs to be covered in the same sentence:

- The CERT[®] Secure Coding team at Carnegie Mellon University's Software Engineering Institute...

References to the work

When discussing the work, use the following as models. They distinguish between proper terms and general topic. The second also provides another example of how to discuss the work if the sentence needs to address the organizational relationship.

- CERT[®] Secure Coding Initiative
- Staff members within the CERT[®] Program at Carnegie Mellon University's Software Engineering Institute develop secure coding practices...

References to other resources

The CERT[®] Secure Coding team has a variety of resources and products. The following illustrate appropriate terminology and capitalization. Links are provided where appropriate.

- CERT[®] Secure Coding Standards website – This is the proper name of the general wiki: <https://www.securecoding.cert.org/confluence/display/seccode/CERT+Secure+Coding+Standards>
- CERT[®] secure coding standards – This is the term used to describe any or all of the language-specific standards referenced on the CERT[®] Secure Coding Standards website.
- CERT[®] secure coding guidelines – This is the term for the specific guidelines within the secure coding standards.
- CERT[®] Oracle Secure Coding Standard for Java – This is the proper name for the specific Java secure coding standard found on this wiki:

<https://www.securecoding.cert.org/confluence/display/java/The+CERT+Oracle+Secure+Coding+Standard+for+Java>

- CERT[®] C Secure Coding Standard – This is the proper name for the specific secure coding standard for C, which is explained on this wiki:
<https://www.securecoding.cert.org/confluence/display/seccode/CERT+C+Secure+Coding+Standard>
- *The CERT[®] C Secure Coding Standard* – This is the title of one of the books:
<http://www.informit.com/store/product.aspx?isbn=0321563212>
- CERT[®] C++ Secure Coding Standard – This is the proper name for the specific secure coding standard for C++, which is explained on this wiki:
<https://www.securecoding.cert.org/confluence/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=637>
- C Secure Coding Rules Study Group