

Javadoc



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- Always ensure that you have the right license headers in place !
 - when creating new types please use just the CURRENT year - don't set/copy stuff like *This file Copyright (c) 2003 - 2011 Magnolia International*
- Class-level documentation is mandatory.
 - since we moved to git we don't use `@version Id` any longer - simply because git doesn't support it
 - we don't use `@author` tags any longer as we're usually not interested in the one who had create the file (SCM could tell you if required)
 - `@author` can however be added as a "recognition" mark for external contributors
- `@deprecated` must include *since*: e.g. `@deprecated since 4.0`
- First sentence of any Javadoc comment must finish with punctuation. (This is/was needed for summary pages/tables to include the first sentence next to the described element)
- All javadoc comments will start with a `/**` line, then have lines `* My great comment or empty` and will end with `*/`. We don't use one line javadocs (`/** My great comment. */`).
- DRY: Don't Repeat Yourself. Don't add a `@throws FooBarException` if there is no relevant explanation as to why/how the exception is thrown. That only adds noise and duplicate what we already know (by the method signature). Same goes for all other tags in method javadoc.
- See <http://dev.magnolia-cms.com/~gjoseph/on-code-readability>

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/**
 * Sample showing how a proper Javadoc comment should look like.
 */
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