

Documentation Style Guide

The following guidelines should be followed within the Official Fedora Documentation.

The first version that actually follows these guidelines is the [Fedora 3.5 Documentation](#). Older documentation is not expected to conform.

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Headings

- Use h1. for top-level headings (major sections).
- Use h2. for subheadings, then h3., and so on.

Callouts

- Use {tip} for tips that suggest a beneficial, but optional action.
- Use {info} for other helpful information.
- Use {note} for warnings of medium importance. If these are not followed, it is possible that the user will experience moderate problems.
- Use {warning} for warnings of high importance. If these are not followed, there it is possible that the user will experience severe problems.

Introductory Text

- Don't have an "Overview" or "Introduction" section. Instead, just start the page with introductory text.
- If a table of contents is present, it should immediately follow the introductory text.

Tables of Contents

- If a page exceeds two sections, it should have a table of contents allowing readers to quickly understand the major sections and jump around, if needed.
- The wiki markup for a page's table of contents should look exactly like this:

```
*On this page:*  
{toc}
```

- If a page is simply a container for other pages (e.g. a "section" of documentation), the body's wiki markup should be exactly this:

```
{panel}  
{children:style=h3}  
{panel}
```

Page Titles and Section Headings

- Use Heading Case, Where Most Words Are Capitalized
- Do not use hard-coded numbers in headings or page titles.

Fixed Width Text (inline)

- Use `{{two brackets}}` around text that should be monospaced inline.

Fixed Width Text (blocks)

- For code examples, use the `{code}` macro with no modifiers, only specifying the format if absolutely necessary; Confluence is good at guessing the format for syntax highlighting purposes without you having to be explicit about it.
- For other blocks of fixed width text, such as text that users are expected to enter at a prompt, use the `{noformat}` macro with no modifiers.
- When using either the `code` or `noformat` macros, put the start and end tag on a line by itself to enhance readability.

Hyperlinks

- Use wiki links whenever possible – these are much easier to maintain.

FAQs

- One question per page
- Unlike other pages in the wiki, the title should be a question and need not use Heading Case.
- Questions use the pronoun "I", not "You".
- Questions use the phrase "How do I" in preference to "How can I"

Things to Avoid

- Inclusions - these are problematic when copying Confluence spaces around.
- Page Labels - they provide questionable value and are not maintained.
- Anchors - only use these where absolutely necessary. They are difficult to maintain, and often end up getting deleted or forgotten.