Welcome to the Splunk Style Guide

The Splunk Style Guide is the writing style reference for Splunk documentation and is intended for anyone who writes or edits customer-facing content. Refer to the Splunk Style Guide when you develop content for Splunk docs or write text for a Splunk product.

The Splunk Style Guide provides usage rules, punctuation guidelines, text formatting guidance, and more:

- Terms to use and avoid
- Voice and tone of Splunk docs
- The correct way to link to other Splunk documentation
- The correct way to write about third-party documentation
- Referring to numbers in text
- What to call elements in Splunk Web
- Formatting UI text and other documentation elements

The Splunk Style Guide as a guide

All guidelines in the Splunk Style Guide are exactly that: a guideline. The goal of the Splunk Style Guide is to improve documentation by outlining places where consistency is important across docs, but there are scenarios where it might make sense to move away from these guidelines to make your documentation better. In every scenario, it’s most important that you strive for clear, high-quality documentation.

The Splunk Style Guide is a document in motion, so check the Latest changes to the Splunk Style Guide for recent updates.

For style issues that aren’t covered in this guide, see Where to look if the Splunk Style Guide doesn’t answer your question.

Questions, comments, or feedback about the Splunk Style Guide

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