

# Style Guide

Here are some basics for contributing on the ONAP Wiki.

**Don't worry too much over style. It is better to have good information than none at all! It can always be fixed later if you make a mistake.**

## Headings

The highest level is Heading 1

It is OK to have a singleton Heading at any level

Do not use a Heading (n+1) unless it is under a Heading n

## Capitalization

- First word on each line of a bulleted list (except for definitions in the Glossary)
- The following are proper nouns that in many cases have a specific meaning in ONAP and should be capitalized:
  - Application Controller
  - Infrastructure Controller
  - Network Controller
  - Offer
  - 50201559
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  - 50201559 (note: use "service" in generic contexts; use "Service" for a Service Design & Creation tool object)
- Letters in words that are part of acronyms. See **Acronyms** treatment, below. Examples:
  - **B**usiness **S**upport **S**ystem (BSS)
  - **R**Epresentational **S**tate **T**ransfer (REST)
  - **O**pen **P**latform for **NFV** (OPNFV)

## Acronyms

Write out in first instance on a page, immediately followed by the acronym in parenthesis. Then use the acronym on the rest of the page. In diagrams, if space allows, use full name. Example: Operational Support System (OSS). For plurals, add an "s" but do not use "es", such as OSSs.

**Use of "&" in acronyms:** In general, avoid. Exceptions: "AT&T" and for Release 1, "A&AI". Going forward, "AAI" is preferred.

## Currently unavailable sections and references

### Incomplete items

Denote text that requires additional work using "<<TODO:" (easily searchable) and preferably italics:

*<<TODO: explain what needs to be done>>*

### References to documents not yet available

Use the word "DocRef:", followed by the document title, within << >>:

*<<DocRef: OpenECOMP User Guide>>*

## Links to documents

Where linking to formal ONAP documentation, link to the specific document or section on the [ONAP readthedocs.io](https://readthedocs.io) site.

## Special text formatting

Object	Formatting	Example
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source code, user input, program output	Confluence "preformatted" font, or Confluence "Code Block" macro (permits indentation)	<pre>contact": { "contactType": "USER",            "source": "appl",            } </pre>
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## Figure numbering and labeling

Start with Figure 1 on each page. In the Figure caption itself, use bold for the entire caption; only capitalize the first word:

**Figure 1. OpenECOMP architecture**

Don't use bold in the text's references to Figure n.

## Non-English phrases, abbreviations and symbols

Avoid non-English phrases, abbreviations and symbols and substitute as follows:

- e.g. "for example", "such as"
- i.e. "that is" (or rephrase)
- via "through", or sometimes "by"
- & "and"

If you DO use "e.g." and "i.e.", use commas after these.

## Keep it simple!

Try to keep sentences 25\* words or less. If very lengthy, consider rephrasing and breaking into a bulleted list.

\* Sometimes impossible but worth shooting for.