

# Summarization

## Conceptual Guide

Summarization involves creating a smaller summary of multiple longer documents. This can be useful for distilling long documents into the core pieces of information.

The recommended way to get started using a summarization chain is:

```
from langchain.chains.summarize import load_summarize_chain
chain = load_summarize_chain(llm, chain_type="map_reduce")
chain.run(docs)
```

The following resources exist:

- [Summarization Notebook](#): A notebook walking through how to accomplish this task.

Additional related resources include:

- [Utilities for working with Documents](#): Guides on how to use several of the utilities which will prove helpful for this task, including Text Splitters (for splitting up long documents).