# References

A “Reference” is “information-oriented”.

References are technical descriptions of the machinery and how to operate it. It is as ordered and succinct as possible, like a map that a reader consults with.

# When to use a Reference

## Use a Reference when…

* You want to provide a wiki-like structured content to use for work;
* You want to consistently, clearly and concisely describe how something functions;
* You want to focus on the product and link to other topics for further reading;
* You want others to consult with what you're describing rather then read it as a book;

## Don’t use a Reference when…

* You want to explain certain concepts in greater detail;
* You want to allow inconsistency/inaccuracy, out-of-date state or room for interpretation.

How References are different from other types?

* *reference* is concerned with **theoretical knowledge,** compared to practical skills with *tutorials* and *how-to guides;*
* *reference* is**what we need when we are at work**, rather than when studying in case of *tutorials* and *explanations.*

# Resources

<https://diataxis.fr/reference/>  
[https://documentation.divio.com/reference/](https://documentation.divio.com/reference/%20)  
<https://junction-box.readthedocs.io/en/latest/Document-Framework/diataxis-reference.html>

<https://github.com/quarkusio/quarkus/blob/main/docs/src/main/asciidoc/_templates/template-reference.adoc>