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Paragraphs, Wrappers, Sections, and Inlines

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There are four categories of styles that we use in Hederis: paragraphs, wrappers, sections, and inlines. **Paragraphs** are the types of content that you’re probably most familiar with: chapter titles, plain text paragraphs, quote paragraphs, list items, and so on all fall into this category.

**Wrappers** are a way to group certain paragraphs together that should be distinguished from the main flow of text in some way. For example, if you have multiple paragraphs in an extract, those would be wrapped accordingly. Some other examples are poems, letters, epigraphs, and lists. See “[Add a Wrapper](add-a-wrapper.docx)” for more on this.

In your Word manuscript, wrappers look like this:

wrapper1.png

Many people are accustomed to using unique paragraph styles for everything, which results in very large style sets. For example, you’d need separate styles for body text vs. a text paragraph inside an extract, or for an extract title vs. a sidebar title. By using wrappers, we make it much easier to manage the number of paragraph styles you need to use. You can use the *HED Plain text paragraph* style for both your main body text and for the text inside your extracts, and because your extracts are enclosed in a wrapper, you’ll still be able to design those paragraphs differently if you want to. (See “[Sections & Text](semantic-tagging.docx)” for more on how this works.)

**Sections** are the main chunks of your manuscript—you probably use words like chapters, parts, appendixes, prefaces, etc., to describe the sections in your book. At Hederis, we have special styles to mark your section breaks (see “[Add a Section](add-a-section.docx)” to learn more). These section break styles tell our app where and how to split up your manuscript, and these breaks are used to create book features like your ebook table of contents (you can have more granular control over that if you want to – check out “[Automatically Generate a Table of Contents](autogen-a-toc.docx)” for more). In Word, section breaks look like this:

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**Inlines** are the individual letters, words, and other symbols that make up your text. When you want to add a special meaning or style to a span of letters or words within a paragraph, you’d use an Inline style, like HED SPAN Bold, HED SPAN Small Caps, or HED SPAN Key phrase. See [the appendix](list-of-word-styles.docx) for a full list of our Inline styles.

Note

To request a new style for a type of content we don’t have covered with our existing styles, email us at [help@hederis.com](mailto:help@hederis.com).