

We can highlight text in **bold** or *italics*. We can also use superscripts such as  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and superscripts such as  $E=mc^2$ . Notice that this produces a whitespace between the sub- and superscripts. To avoid the additional whitespace, we have to escape it with the backslash as in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $E=mc^2$ .

reStructuredText also comes with a substitution mechanism so that we can provide an easy-to-remember alias that will be substituted with the actual reStructuredText syntax. We use vertical bars to indicate text that should be replaced as in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $E=mc^2$  and then provide definitions for them somewhere in the document (it doesn't matter if it is at the start or end of the document).

A new paragraph is created by simply adding an empty line between two paragraphs. You can also add a separating horizontal line if you want using four dashes:

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You may want to quote some text in your documentation. You can insert footnotes using the <sup>1</sup> syntax. You can then define this footnote at the end of your document. Using a leading # sign ensures that footnotes are automatically numbered. If you want to highlight a paragraph visually, for example, to show a quote from an important person, use an indented paragraph. To show a source, leave an empty line between the block quote and the source as shown below.

Important messages by an important person

Important person <sup>1</sup>

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Quote of an important person.