

Sinatra Style Guide

Design and Type Style

Font

Content text will be in 12 pt (1em) [PT Serif](#).

Code text will be in an 11 pt (0.9em) monospace sans-serif font, such as [Droid Sans Mono](#).

Weight

All content text will be roman, medium weight

Bold will be used only for headings and subheadings

Size

Headings will be 18 pt (1.5em)

Subheadings will be 14pt (1.2em)

Code and Commands

Precede commands with a prompt, to distinguish them from code.

Any commands or code included within a line of text should also be in monospace.

Many commands are spelled the same as common verbs or nouns, so when referring to them in text be careful not to treat them the same as normal words, changing their tense or case.



Spacing

One space between headings and following content

Two spaces between subsections

Three spaces between sections

Language and Mechanical Style

Capitalization

Headings – use sentence-style capitalization

Technical Terms – All code in monospace font (not in code blocks) will be lower-case, unless it is referring to a language such as Rack or Sinatra

Humanization

Avoid attributing human behaviors to things, or code, it can confuse international readers

“A collection that is intended to...” instead of *“A collection that tries to...”*

Slang and humor

While slang can spice up text and humor can lighten it, both will also often confuse international readers

“\$5 each” instead of *“\$5 a pop”*

Organization

Subheadings and subsections

If there is only one item under a subhead or subsection, try to combine it with it the sub’s title into an item

If there are more than (roughly) 7 subsections, they should be grouped and re-organized, perhaps by creating sub-subsections

5. Static Files	6. Views / Templates
Literal Templates	Literal Templates
Available Template Languages	Seamless Template Languages
1. Haml Templates	1. Haml Templates
2. Erb Templates	2. Erb Templates
3. Builder Templates	3. Sass Templates
4. Nokogiri Templates	4. SCSS Templates
5. Sass Templates	5. Less Templates
6. SCSS Templates	6. Liquid Templates
7. Less Templates	7. RABL Templates
8. Liquid Templates	8. Slim Templates
9. Markdown Templates	Template Languages (will take block)
10. Textile Templates	1. Builder Templates
11. RDoc Templates	2. Markaby Templates
12. Radius Templates	3. Nokogiri Templates
13. Markaby Templates	Template Languages (some caveats)
14. RABL Templates	1. CoffeeScript Templates
15. Slim Templates	2. Stylus Templates
16. Creole Templates	3. Yajl Templates
17. CoffeeScript Templates	Template Languages (require passing locals)
18. Stylus Templates	1. Liquid Templates
19. Yajl Templates	2. Radius Templates
20. WLang Templates	3. WLang Templates
Accessing Variables in Templates	Template Languages (require rendering engine)
Templates with <code>yield</code> and nested layouts	1. Creole Templates
Inline Templates	2. Markdown Templates
Named Templates	3. RDoc Templates
Associating File Extensions	4. Textile Templates
Adding Your Own Template Engine	Accessing Variables in Templates
	Templates with <code>yield</code> and nested layouts

By intended readers

Who is most likely to read an item?

- Potential users
- New users
- Current users
- Contributors

Items of interest to potential and new users should usually take precedence, and be near the top of a page, of listings, etc.

Provide obvious linking or bookmarking points for information of interest to current users and contributors

Documentation	Documentation
<u>README</u> A whirlwind tour of Sinatra's most interes	<u>But why?</u> A brief look at all the ways that Sinatra makes
<u>Configuring Settings</u> Detailed documentation on all of Sinatra's set, enable, and disable to configure the	<u>In the wild</u> A list of applications, libraries and extensions
<u>Testing Sinatra with Rack-Test</u> Guide to testing Sinatra apps.	<u>The introduction</u> A whirlwind tour of using Sinatra. (The intro
<u>Sinatra:Contrib</u> A collection of common Sinatra extension developers ask for a lot and isn't part of	<u>The Sinatra Book</u> An in-depth look at building and deploying Si .Scott.
<u>Using Extensions</u> How to use Sinatra extensions in your app extensions in the wild.	<u>Sinatra Recipes</u> Community-contributed recipes and tutorials
<u>Writing Extensions</u> How to add new functionality to Sinatra u	<u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> Answers to those questions most frequently a
Project Information	<u>Need more help?</u> The Sinatra mailing list has over 900 subscrib about potential feature additions. You can al
<u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> Answers to those questions most frequen	Technical guides