The reStructuredText Cheat Sheet: Syntax Reminders

Info:	See <http://docutils.sf.net/rst.html> for introductory docs.
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Description:	This is a "docinfo block", or bibliographic field list

Section Structure

Section titles are underlined or overlined & underlined.

Body Elements

Grid table:

Paragraphs are flush-left, separated by blank lines. Block quotes are indented.	Literal block, preceded by "::": `    Indented`
`>>> print 'Doctest block'` `Doctest block`	or: `    > Quoted`
Line blocks preserve line breaks & indents. [new in 0.3.6] Useful for addresses, verse, and adornment-free lists; long lines can be wrapped with continuation lines.	

Simple tables:

List Type	*Examples*
Bullet list	• items begin with "-", "+", or "*"
Enumerated list	1. items use any variation of "1.", "A)", and "(i)" 2. also auto-enumerated
Definition list	**Term is flush-left : *optional classifier*** Definition is indented, no blank line between
Field list	**field name:** field body
Option list	`-o` at least 2 spaces between option & description

Explicit Markup	*Examples (visible in the text source)*
Footnote	
Citation	
Hyperlink Target	
Anonymous Target	
Directive ("::")	☼

Substitution Def	
Comment	
Empty Comment	(".." on a line by itself, with blank lines before & after, used to separate indentation contexts)

Inline Markup

emphasis; **strong emphasis**; *interpreted text*; *interpreted text with role*; `inline literal text`; standalone hyperlink, http://docutils.sourceforge.net; named reference, reStructuredText; anonymous reference; footnote reference, [1]; citation reference, [CIT2002]; like an inline directive; inline internal target.

Directive Quick Reference

See <http://docutils.sf.net/docs/ref/rst/directives.html> for full info.

Directive Name	Description (Docutils version added to, in [brackets])
attention	Specific admonition; also "caution", "danger", "error", "hint", "important", "note", "tip", "warning"
admonition	Generic titled admonition: `.. admonition:: By The Way`
image	`.. image:: picture.png`; many options possible
figure	Like "image", but with optional caption and legend
topic	`.. topic:: Title`; like a mini section
sidebar	`.. sidebar:: Title`; like a mini parallel document
parsed-literal	A literal block with parsed inline markup
rubric	`.. rubric:: Informal Heading`
epigraph	Block quote with class="epigraph"
highlights	Block quote with class="highlights"
pull-quote	Block quote with class="pull-quote"
compound	Compound paragraphs [0.3.6]
container	Generic block-level container element [0.3.10]
table	Create a titled table [0.3.1]
list-table	Create a table from a uniform two-level bullet list [0.3.8]
csv-table	Create a table from CSV data (requires Python 2.3+) [0.3.4]
contents	Generate a table of contents
sectnum	Automatically number sections, subsections, etc.
header, footer	Create document decorations [0.3.8]
target-notes	Create an explicit footnote for each external target
meta	HTML-specific metadata
include	Read an external reST file as if it were inline
raw	Non-reST data passed untouched to the Writer
replace	Replacement text for substitution definitions
unicode	Unicode character code conversion for substitution defs
date	Generates today's date; for substitution defs
class	Set a "class" attribute on the next element

role	Create a custom interpreted text role [0.3.2]
default-role	Set the default interpreted text role [0.3.10]
title	Set the metadata document title [0.3.10]

Interpreted Text Role Quick Reference

See <http://docutils.sf.net/docs/ref/rst/roles.html> for full info.

Role Name	Description
emphasis	Equivalent to *emphasis*
literal	Equivalent to `literal` but processes backslash escapes
PEP	Reference to a numbered Python Enhancement Proposal
RFC	Reference to a numbered Internet Request For Comments
raw	For non-reST data; cannot be used directly (see docs) [0.3.6]
strong	Equivalent to **strong**
sub	Subscript
sup	Superscript
title	Title reference (book, etc.); standard default role

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1   Manually numbered or [#] auto-numbered (even [#labelled]) or [*] auto-symbol

CIT2002   A citation.