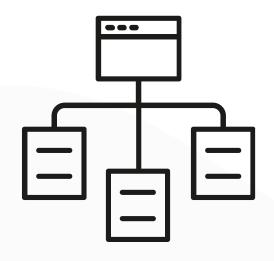


INFORMATION MAPPING IN TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION:

Core Principles - Do's and Don'ts





CORE PRINCIPLES

- Dividing information into small, manageable pieces that focus on a single topic.
- Ensuring all information in a chunk is related to a single purpose or question.
- Using clear headings and subheadings to categorize information and guide the reader.





USE IN HEALTH AND SAFETY MANUALS

Do's:

- Separate content into distinct sections for different safety protocols.
- Each section must contain only related safety tips, procedures, and emergency contacts.
- Clearly label sections like "Fire Safety," "Chemical Handling," and "Emergency Evacuation" with relevant subheadings for quick access.

Don'ts:

Clutter sections with unrelated or general safety information that doesn't pertain directly to the specific safety protocol, leading to confusion and dilution of critical safety instructions.





USE IN SOFTWARE INSTALLATION GUIDES

Do's:

- Divide the guide into major installation steps.
- Group all relevant sub-steps, warnings, and tips under each main step.
- Use headings like "System Requirements," "Installation Process," and "Troubleshooting" to guide the user logically through the installation.

Don'ts:

Include unnecessary technical jargon or skip critical sub-steps and warnings that could assist a non-expert user, making the installation process seem daunting and unclear.





USE IN EMPLOYEE TRAINING MANUALS

Do's:

- Break down information into modules based on training topics.
- Ensure each module focuses on specific skills or knowledge areas.
- Use descriptive titles such as "Customer Service Training," "Product Knowledge," and "Sales Techniques," with subheadings for detailed practices within each area.

Don'ts:

Mix content from different training modules or provide too broad an overview without focusing on the specific skills intended for each module, which can reduce the effectiveness of targeted training.





USE IN TECHNICAL SUPPORT FAQS

Do's:

- Organize the FAQs into categories based on common issues or product features.
- Each category must focus on questions related to a specific aspect of the product or service, such as setup, troubleshooting, or maintenance.
- Use clear headings like "Initial Setup FAQs,"
 "Troubleshooting Audio Issues," and "Maintenance
 Tips," with each FAQ item addressing a single
 query under the appropriate category.

Don'ts:

Mix unrelated issues or overpopulate categories, which can confuse users and make it harder to find specific solutions.





USE IN POLICY MANUALS

Do's:

- Divide the manual into sections based on policy categories like employment practices, workplace safety, and code of conduct.
- Ensure that each section exclusively contains policies related to the category, with no overlap or unrelated information.
- Use descriptive section titles like "Employment Policies," "Health and Safety Guidelines," and "Ethical Conduct Standards," with subheadings for each specific policy or guideline.

Donts:

Include vague, overlapping policies or place unrelated guidelines in the same section, which can dilute the clarity and authority of the policies.



