

## CHEAT SHEET | EXPLANATION GUIDE

**Explanation guide:** A user guide that clarifies a single topic in your app. Explanation guides don't provide instructions, but they do link to how-tos and tutorials, or even a get started guide.

#### **Structure**

# ➤ Title answers the statements: As a user, I want to understand... As a user, I want an introduction to...

- ➤ Most headings are specific to the concept or software; or use questions as headings
- ➤ Funnel order; broad to specific

### Content

- ➤ Be contextual; talk about the topic, don't instruct
  - ➤ Be concise; keep the content focused on the topic
  - ➤ Be curious; the content should highlight connections

### Test; as an app user

- ➤ Is the content accurate?
- ➤ Is the content complete? Is anything missing?
- ➤ Is the content specific to the topic? Move any instructions to a how-to guide; move any specs to a reference guide.

Reader's goal: "I have in-depth context of the app so I can get the most out of it."

Option: Understand a concept in the app	Option: Intro to software in the app, or the app itself
h1 <concept></concept>	h1 About <software>  • h2 What is <software>?  • h2 Core features  • h3 <software-feature-one>  • h3 <software-feature-two>  • h3 <software-feature-three>  • h2 How it works  • h2 Get started  • h2 Support</software-feature-three></software-feature-two></software-feature-one></software></software>

Header	Guidelines
(title) <concept> (or About <software>)</software></concept>	Include a brief subtitle with the title. Provide additional context of the topic with the app.
	h1 <b>Data sources in CatFactz</b> Understand where the cat facts in CatFactz come from.
	h1 About Partners APIs Get breed-specific cat facts from a list of trusted partners.
	max 1 sentence
What to know	Provide an overview of the app, how the concept relates to the app, and why it's important to learn the concept. Also highlight key terms with links to their definitions.
	CatFactz is a command line tool that lets you generate cat facts on demand. To fully trust the facts it generates, it's important to understand the data sources behind CatFactz.
	max 5 sentences
What is <software>?</software>	Provide a brief introduction to the software, its purpose, and main features.
	h2 What is the Partners API?
	The Partners API is a collaboration with CatFactz and trusted cat enthusiasts around the world. By using the API, you'll gain access to breed-specific facts or historical information so you can

expand the data source in your CatFactz app.

	The API provides real-time data updates and seamless integration through different data formats.
	max 5 sentences
Core features	Provide a brief intro to the heading.
	The Partners API offers a range of features that allows for a seamless integration of partner data with your CatFactz app. But a set of core features were driven by users such as yourself.
	max 3 sentences
<software-feature></software-feature>	Capture the benefit of the software feature for users.
	h3 Media assets Many partners have media assets such as videos, svgs, and gifs on various cat breeds. By including certain query parameters in your API requests, you can access these media assets without downloading to your CatFactz data source.
	h3 Real-time cat facts Some partners at universities and research facilities update their cat facts data on a regular basis. The Partners API supports real-time data updates so your CatFactz app always has access to the latest information.
	max 5 sentences, see <u>Django overview</u> as an example
How it works	Provide a birds-eye view of how the concept or software works in the app.
	h1 Data sources in CatFactz
	h2 How it works
	CatFactz relies on multiple data sources to ensure an accurate and diverse range of information. These sources include:
	CatFactz Database CatFactz maintains its own curated database of verified cat facts, sourced from reputable cat enthusiasts and experts. The database is the default data source when you install CatFactz.
	Partner APIs CatFactz collaborates with trusted partners to offer specialized cat-related data, such as breed-specific facts or historical information. This feature needs to be enabled by users.
	h1 About Partners API
	h2 How it works
	Partners API operates on a RESTful architecture and uses standard HTTP methods for communication. To access partner services, CatFactz secures connections via API keys and follows the authentication and authorization protocols defined by each partner.
	Data is exchanged in a standardized format, typically JSON, ensuring compatibility and ease of integration.
	max 5 sentences; include code examples, diagrams, or images if helpful to readers
Tips and options	Offer tips, best practices, or recommendations for using the concept; provide context for the guidance. If necessary, summarize other methods, implementations, designs.
	To enhance your CatFactz experience:
	<b>Cross-reference information.</b> You can cross-reference facts from CatFactz with other sources.
	Contribute cat facts! If you come across fascinating cat facts that are missing from CatFactz, feel free to <u>contribute!</u> If approved, the contribution will be included in future updates.
	max 5 sentences or items in a bullet list; include <b>Options</b> as a subheading if necessary

Get started	Capture what the reader can do with their new knowledge of the concept.
	Now that you understand the data sources in CatFactz, you can:
	<ul> <li>Generate cat facts for trivias</li> <li>Enable Partners API in CatFactz</li> </ul>
	max 1 sentence, followed by a bullet list of items (no more than 3)