

# Content Style Guide

## Expressions in use

OK to use	Avoid (and why)
Free / Libre / Open Source	opensource or open source or open-source Ref.: <a href="https://opensource.org/blog/is-open-source-ever-hyphenated">https://opensource.org/blog/is-open-source-ever-hyphenated</a>
Free and Open Source Open Source	<a href="https://perens.com/2017/09/26/on-usage-of-the-phrase-open-source/">https://perens.com/2017/09/26/on-usage-of-the-phrase-open-source/</a> <a href="https://twitter.com/dirkriehle/status/1526488122531381248">https://twitter.com/dirkriehle/status/1526488122531381248</a>
proprietary software	<a href="#">Commercial software</a> as it's ambiguous.

## General tips

### "&" vs. "and"

Generally, don't use the ampersand in regular text, headings or titles as a replacement for "and" except inside tables or parentheses when space is limited, or in company names or other instances (paraphrased from <https://www.probizwriters.com/PBW-blog/index.php/ampersand-usage/>). See also [When to use & instead of "and"](#).

### Capitalization in headings

Capitalize the first, last, and other important words, including

- Adjectives (tiny, large, etc.)
- Adverbs (quietly, smoothly, etc.)
- Nouns (tablet, kitchen, book)
- Pronouns (they, she, he)
- Subordinating conjunctions (when more than five letters); see list [here](#).
- Verbs (write, type, create)

See also <https://www.scribbr.com/academic-writing/capitalization-titles-headings>.

- On <https://avan.tech/RFP-Response-Red-Deer-College-Contract-Management-System>, I capitalized all important words and suggest this pattern. Maybe h4, h5 could be first word only. We could see how it looks.

### Currency

When you're referencing specific amounts of money, use the currency code, followed by the amount, with no space. (Source: <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/style-guide/global-communications/currency> )

+Example +The company generated BRL2.89 billion (USD1.42 billion) in net revenue in 2015.

+If it's clear which currency you mean, it's OK to use just the symbol. When referring to a specific amount in euros, use the euro symbol (€), not the word euros. +Examples +One of the largest companies in the United States, Adatum Corporation generated \$1.42 billion in net revenue in 2015. +Adatum Corporation generated €1.42 billion in net revenue in 2015.

See also [Branding Guidelines](#)