

# On Style

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Welcome to the authoritative<sup>1</sup> style guide<sup>2</sup> for the Vineyard. Some of this was referenced from the Associated Press Style Guide. This should be considered a living document and may change without prior notice.

**Note:** The keywords "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this section are to be interpreted as described in RFC 2119.

## Formats

The formats listed below are REQUIRED to be used.

1. **Dates:** YYYY-MM-DD
2. **Times:** HH:MM:SS, 24 hour time
3. **Timestamp:** YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS, 24 hour time

If a quote uses different formats, it MUST be replaced. For example:

It is currently 10:00pm in New York

MUST be rewritten as:

It is currently [22:00] in New York

## Units

The units listed below are REQUIRED to be used. Units SHOULD NOT be abbreviated.

1. **Temperature:** Celsius
2. **Length:** Meters (Metric)

3. **Mass:** Grams (Metric)
4. **Data:** Binary (IEEE 1541). Byte-based units SHOULD be used unless it makes more sense to use bit-based units.

If a quote uses different units, it MUST be replaced. For example:

[Interstate-10] is the fourth-largest Interstate in the [United States] at 2,460.34 miles

MUST be rewritten as:

[Interstate-10] is the fourth-largest Interstate in the [United States] at [3,959.53 kilometers]

## Numbers

Numbers less than ten SHOULD be written out; except in the following cases:

- Ages (35 years old)
- Dimensions (2 by 4 is the best plank)
- Money (10 dollar latte)
- Dates (7th of May)
- Temperature (90 degrees Celsius)
- Percentages (95% confident)

Sentences SHOULD NOT begin with a number; unless the number is for a year (2025 is a year).

## Editorial

- Pages SHOULD be written in Markdown.
- Lines MUST NOT extend past 80 columns.
- Footnotes SHOULD be located in the same section as their usage.
- Sidenotes MUST NOT interrupt content.
- A page MUST be fully readable in:
  - Firefox (desktop/mobile web, print, reader)
  - Chromium (desktop/mobile web, print, reader)
  - W3M, Lynx
- Sources MUST be provided
- Quotes MUST be properly cited and use the `Quote`

Frontmatter MUST be ordered in:

1. title
2. date
3. created
4. layout
5. authors
6. tags
7. description

## Footnotes

1. Not really ↔
2. Kinda pushing it ↔

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