# CHEAT SHEET | GETTING STARTED GUIDE

**Getting started guide:** A user guide that sets up and starts with your app.

| Structure | Content | Test; as an app user |
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| ➤ Title is simple, to the point | ➤ Be concise; focus on what the reader needs to know to get started | ➤ Is the content accurate? |
| ➤ Fewer than five steps; if more, create a "Get started" series | ➤ Be concrete; each step should only complete a single task | ➤ Is the content complete? Is anything missing? |
| ➤ Sequential order gets the reader started | ➤ Be helpful; the content should be easy to follow and encouraging | ➤ Is the content specific to getting started? Move any concepts or explanations to an explanation guide. |

**Reader's goal**: "I started working with the app and feel comfortable using it."

| Option: Get started; quickly | Option: Get started; with context |
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| Header | Guidelines |
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| Get started (or Quickstart) | Include a brief subtitle with the title. The subtitle should capture the purpose of the guide.<br><br>**h1 Get started**<br><br>Use this step-by-step guide to set up, install, and run CatFactz on your laptop.<br><br>*max 1 sentence* |
| At a glance (or What's <app>?) | Welcome the reader, then provide a short elevator pitch for the app; also highlight key features.<br><br>Welcome to CatFactz! 🐱 Your go-to command line tool for fascinating and entertaining cat facts when you can't take a cat nap.<br><br>CatFactz lets you generate random cat facts on demand and access a vast database of cat facts. Get ready to embark on a journey of feline fascination.<br><br>*max 5 sentences* |
| How it works | Give a birds-eye view of how the app works. Includes images if you feel it may be helpful to new users.<br><br>Once you've installed CatFactz on your laptop, open your terminal then run a command to start CatFactz. CatFactz will generate and display a fascinating cat fact in your terminal. Each time you run the command, a new fact will appear.<br><br>CatFactz is written in Python and includes a default database of cat facts. If you like, you can customize CatFactz data sources.<br><br>*max 5 sentences or items in a bullet list* |

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| Before you begin | List any **prior** skill, experience, access, hardware, 3rd-party software etc. a reader should have *before* they start following the guide. Don't list anything specific to the app, like installing the app itself.<br><br>    &bull; Ensure you have the latest OS.<br>    &bull; Become familiar with the terminal on your laptop.<br>    &bull; Download the latest version of <u>Python, Git, and Homebrew.</u><br><br>*max 1 sentence, followed by a bullet list of items (no more than 5)* |
| Get set up | List any setup that's specific to the app in order to complete the guide. For example, installing the app or optimizing displays to view the app.<br><br>    &bull; Download <u>CatFactz</u> to any directory.<br><br>*max 5 items in a bullet list* |
| Configure | Explain any specific settings, options, or configurations that need to be done before starting the steps in the guide.<br><br>Once you've installed CatFactz:<br><br>1. Open your terminal.<br>2. Navigate to the CatFactz directory.<br>3. Open `catfactz.config` in your editor.<br>4. Uncomment any options that you prefer.<br>5. Save the file and quit the terminal. This is necessary to start CatFactz with your options.<br><br>*max 3 sentences, followed by an ordered list of actions (no more than 5)* |
| <u>Step ##: &lt;task&gt;</u> | Break down the process to get started into easy-to-follow steps. Each step should:<br><br>&bull; Complete a single task<br>    &#9702; Sub-steps are okay but no more than five<br>&bull; Provide images, code snippets, or videos, if needed<br>&bull; Provide the expected result, if needed<br><br>`h2` **Step 1: Run CatFactz**<br><br>Open your terminal and navigate to the CatFactz directory. Enter the following command:<br><br>`$ python catfactz.py`<br><br>CatFactz should generate a fact that looks something like this:<br><br>&lt;image-of-output&gt; |
| Verify | Explain how the reader can verify their success by following the guide. Do they need to make a request? Check the status in another app? Also link to a troubleshooting guide if the verification fails for any reason.<br><br>Run CatFactz again to make sure it generates a new random cat fact. If you don't see a new cat fact, see the <u>Troubleshooting</u> guide for solutions.<br><br>*max 5 sentences or items in a bullet list* |
| Congratulations! | Congratulate the reader on getting started with the app. Then provide links to other guides, also link to external sources if relevant. Each linked guide should:<br><br>&bull; Feel like a natural progression<br>&bull; Help the reader gain more confidence<br>&bull; Provide a brief sentence for context<br><br>Congratulations! You just installed CatFactz on your laptop and generated your first cat fact 🐱<br><br>To become a cat expert, explore these tutorials and how-to guides:<br><br>&bull; <u>Tutorial: Explore different cat breeds</u><br>&bull; How to <u>Customize a cat fact</u><br><br>*max 2 sentences, followed by a bullet list (no more than 3)* |