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Abstract

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# Title of the First Section in Bold (Heading 1)

## Heading 2

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*X2=100* (1.1)

where X= the probability of something.

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If something being described needs to be cited, this can be done parenthetically at the end of the sentence using number of the reference [1]. References should be numbered in order of citation in the text.

# Formatting Tables and Figures

You can put introductory text before you begin the subchapters. It should appear with the same formatting as other paragraphs.

## Formatting a Table

Tables and figures are numbered following the Chicago Manual of Style, and the labeling consists of two numbers separated by a decimal point with a text title following. The first number is the same as the chapter number and the second number is sequential for tables or figures, depending on which it is.

Table 2.1 - The title goes above the table

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Data 1 | Data 2 | Data 3 |
| x | a | 3 |
| y | b | 4 |
| z | c | 1 |

Thus, since this is the first table of Chapter 2, it is Table 2.1. Notice that on the table, the label appears above. The whole label is centered and uses sentence-style capitalization. Notice that there is one whole blank line before and after the table. The same spacing should be applied to figures.

The next table in this chapter would be 2.2, the following would be 2.3, and so forth. The tables are numbered the same way, but tables and figures are numbered independently of one another. In other words, if I include a figure and then include a table, the figure would be 2.1 and the table would also be 2.1.

## Formatting a Figure

Formatting a figure is essentially the same as formatting a table, but the title goes below the figure (see Figure 1).

Figure 2.1 - The title is placed below for figures

Notice that the title and numbering for figures is below the figure and, similar to the table, it is centered and bolded.

As with the table, please leave a full space before and after the figure, then continue the text. Look at the List of Figures in the beginning of the document. Note that the list is single spaced.

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## Alternative Text Guidelines

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## Figure Example with Alternative Text

Below is another figure example with alternative text.

Figure 3.1 - This is another example

Notice the space before and after the figure.

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Here, you might include extra information that the reader might find useful. It’s also where you could put information that did not warrant the space in the body of the report. Figures and tables may appear in the appendices: they do not need to be listed in the List of Tables or List of Figures, but should be labeled according to appendix and using the same numbering system as the rest of the document, as seen below in figures A.1.

Figure A.1 - Example of figure in appendix