

Getting Started | Refcard Template

First Section: Introduction (untitled)

This section introduces the Refcard in 1-2 paragraphs.

- Define the Refcard's primary purpose and key goals.
- Introduce the topic in a concise overview.

(Optional) Section: About the Topic

This section provides contextual information about the topic.

Example points to discuss:

- The topic's benefits and value
- Why the topic is important in the space, industry, and/or to a larger entity
- A clear, industry-accepted definition

Section: Key Methods and/or Techniques

This section characterizes the most important approaches for the topic.

- Define the primary techniques and/or methods (may vary depending on the topic).
- Offer specific details such as goals, benefits (technical), and outcomes.

Section: Getting Started

This section walks through how to get started with the topic, step by step.

- Explain how to set up an environment OR implement a methodology, approach, etc.
 - (Optional) Walk readers through an example of steps within a specific process.
- Include common pitfalls

Final Section: Conclusion

This section wraps up the Refcard and includes additional resources.

- Summarize the Refcard and offer concluding thoughts.
- Provide any relevant resources (e.g., communities, libraries, documentation).

The following items are highly encouraged:

- In-line code and code snippets/blocks
- Tables and charts
- Diagrams (e.g., architecture, models)
- Other graphics to explain concepts and/or processes visually

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PURPOSE

Introduce the DZone Community to a topic, technology, approach, etc.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Those considering adoption or who are in the early stages of adoption

See examples of the Getting Started Refcard type here:

- [Getting Started With OpenTelemetry](#)
- [Getting Started With Kubernetes](#)