

# **Slack Etiquette**

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# Prescriptive or Suggestive?

- Prescribe behavior?
- Suggest behavior?
- Document behavior?
- Helpful to at least document for new users to get up to speed without having to learn by osmosis (or by making mistakes — or be in fear of making mistakes)



#### Where to Record?

- Dev Guide (e.g. alongside Focus Friday, but mostly DM and other developers)
- Community post(s) (e.g. Frossie's in Data Management, but more widespread?)
- Slack post (use the medium; pinning in #announce-everyone would be visible)
- DMTN, Confluence, other...



### **Cultures**

- Staff vs. academic
- Rubin vs. DESC
- Construction vs. Commissioning/Ops
- User support vs. developer



## @ Mentions

- @channel
- @here
- @{user-group}
- @{user}
  - No need to place on every message if you're having a normal conversation
  - Does help if conversations get interleaved (but then thread?)
- If people feel they are not getting enough notifications (huh?), note the custom notification settings:
  - Notify about all messages in a channel
  - Notify for all messages containing a string (e.g. "k-t", "butler")



#### **Threads**

- "Support" channels
- "Discussion" channels
- → as an indicator
- Personally, I find "bushier" channels harder to read
- Reading threads in the "Threads" pseudo-channel can help, except for loss of context inside "Show 340 more replies"



## **Text Snippets**

- Long segments of logs, backtraces, configs, code, etc.
  - People use ``` or the "code block" formatting button
  - This creates a large visual impediment that is hard to scroll through
- Instead, use text snippets:
  - Can expand inline and collapse again
  - Can have syntax highlighting
  - Can choose to wrap or not
  - Lines are numbered
  - Can name the file suggestively
  - Can download with one click
  - Can be shared (even publicly) and edited

