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# Introduction

## 1.1 First Subchapter Should Be Underlined in Document

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**Table 2.1** The title goes above the table

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| **Animal** | **Color** | **Age (in years)** |
| Dog | Brown | 3 |
| Cat | Black | 4 |
| Fish | Orange | 1 |

Thus, since this is the first table of Chapter 2, it is table 2.1. Notice that in-text references to figures and tables are lowercase. If they happen to appear in parentheses, abbreviate figure (see fig. 2.1). Notice that on the table, the label appears above, and the table number. 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.

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## 4.1 How to layout the headers

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# Results

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# Discussion

## This section should discuss the implications of your findings (from Chapter 5), and any study limitations or constraints encountered.

## 6.1 Subchapter Title

# Conclusions and Recommendations

## This section should discuss your what insights your study can provide. What are the implications/recommendations for future research, policies, or education?

## 7.1 Technology Transfer

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**Figure A.1** Figure example



**Figure A.2** Here is another figure in the appendix