

A Quick Guide to Style Guide Rules



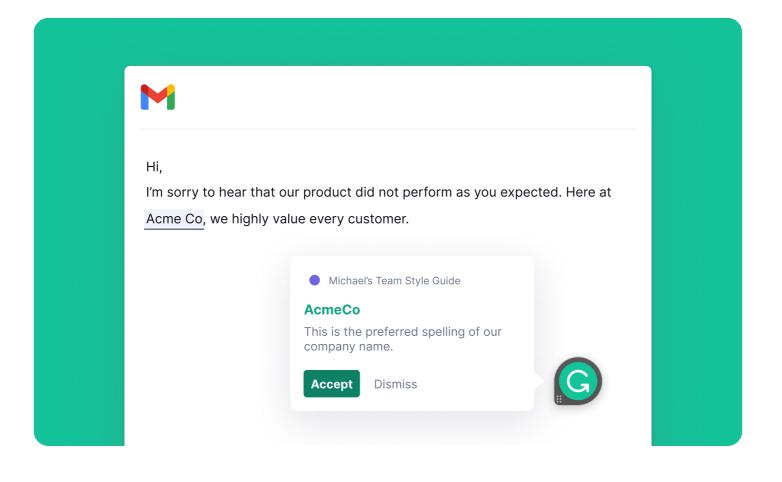


When you create a custom style guide, Grammarly can offer suggestions that reflect your organization's unique writing style and branding.

How rules work

A rule starts with a trigger. This is the **original text** that will activate your custom rule. For example, you might create a rule where the **original text** is a common misspelling of your product's name. When one of your team members types this misspelling, Grammarly will prompt them to use the correct spelling.

You can also create a rule that provides information about a particular term, but doesn't include a specific replacement for the original text. For example, if your organization avoids saying "Click here" in CTAs, team members will see a reminder when they type this phrase and can rewrite it if necessary.



Creating a rule

Go to https://account.grammarly.com/admin/style-guide and click the three dots (°°°) next to the style guide you want to update. Then choose Manage Rules, and on the next screen, click the New Rule button.

Step 1

Specify the original text. This is the word or phrase that will trigger a suggestion.

Step 2

Specify the replacement for the original text, if there is a replacement.

Step 3

Add context or a short explanation to help your team members understand the suggestion.

Importing rules from a CSV

Instead of creating rules one by one, you can also upload several rules at once from a CSV file. Click Import Rules and download the CSV template. Fill out the original text, replacement text, and explanation for each rule and then re-upload the CSV to import rules.

Acmeco

Original text

Change to

AcmeCo

Description

This is the preferred spelling of our company name.



① NEW RULE

Example rules

Product, company, or client names

Original text

Change to

Description

Philip **Mc**Laren, Phillip **Mc**Laren, Philip MacLaren Phillip MacLaren

This is the correct spelling of our client's name.

Always capitalized (or lowercased) terms

Original text

Change to

Description

Artificial Intelligence

artificial intelligence

If you spell out artificial intelligence, don't capitalize the a and i.

Preferred terminology

Original text employee	\rightarrow	Change to team member	Description "Team member" is our preferred term.
Original text employees	\rightarrow	Change to team members	Description "Team members" is our preferred term.

Abbreviations

Original text	\rightarrow	Change to machine learning	Description Always spell out machine learning.
Original text	\rightarrow	Change to and	Description Always spell out and.

Jargon to avoid

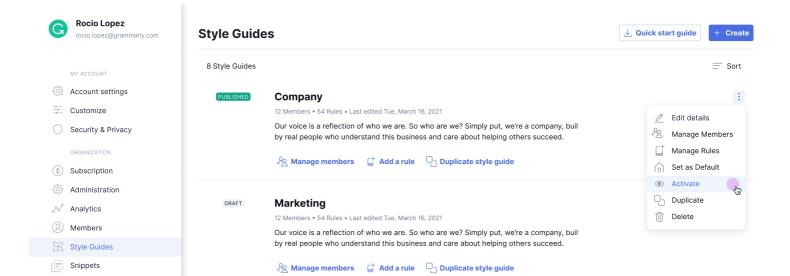
Original text	Description
synergy, synergies	This term doesn't resonate with customers. Avoid in public-facing material.

Terms with specific uses

Original text	Description
smartphone, smartphones	Use "smartphone" only when talking about phones specifically. When talking about phones and tablets, use "mobile device."

Turning style guide suggestions on

After you've added rules to a style guide, make sure to activate it. Click the three dots (°°°) next to the style guide you want to turn on and choose Activate.



Specify where style suggestions appear

By default, your style guide suggestions will appear anytime a user is writing with Grammarly. If you'd like these suggestions to appear only when users are writing on certain websites, you can create a URL allowed list. You may find this useful if your style guide is geared toward external communication (for example, writing publicly on Twitter) but less important for internal communication (for example, Slack messages).

To create an allowed list, click the three dots next to the style guide you want to **update and choose Edit Details.** Add the URLs for websites where you would like your style guide suggestions to appear. On all other websites, style guide suggestions will be hidden unless the user clicks the G icon in the lower right corner of the text field.







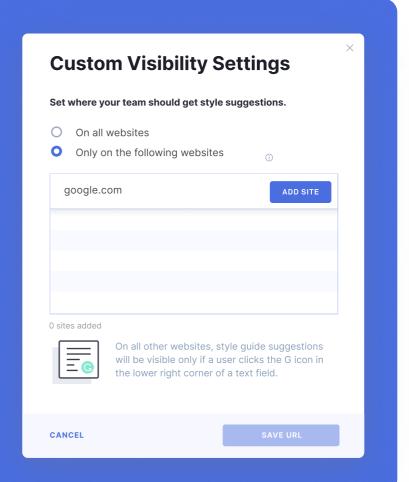
Tips for formatting URLs

google.com (no "www")

Use this format to include all associated URLs, including www.google.com, mail.google.com, docs.google.com, etc.

docs.google.com

Use this format to include only the page found at a specific URL.



Tips and best practices

- Take a moment to brainstorm some common writing issues among your team members. These might include customer or product names that are often miswritten, special terms that get used incorrectly, or words that your company prefers not to use.
- When you specify the original text, consider adding a few versions of it if your team tends to miswrite it in different ways.
 For example, you may want to include Acmeco, Acme co, and Acme Co as original texts to be replaced with AcmeCo. You can always add a new version of the original text if you come across it later.
- When setting up a new rule, be sure to account for all forms of the word or phrase, including plurals and different tenses.
- As you and your team begin interacting with the suggestions generated by your custom rules, you'll likely want to make adjustments. Remember, you can change, add, or delete a rule at any time!
- Grammarly tracks acceptance rates for each rule you create.
 Click on a rule to see how many times it has been triggered and how often your users accept the corresponding style suggestion.