SciCat User Documentation and SciCat Collaboration news

User documentation: New structure, status, outlook.

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DESY.

New user documentation

SciCat documentation for endusers

Goal of user documentation:

SciCat user does not need to be in the SciCat developers meeting to know and use SciCat.

The user wants to use SciCat to find datasets for a particular reason.

Maybe he has never used SciCat before but is obliged now to use it.

He wants to know how, what features this catalogue has and how it can be useful to him/her.

The best way to understand all of this is to write a SciCat manual or *user documentation!*

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SciCat documentation for endusers

- First weeks I dealt with mkdocs, github workflows, restructuring:

    - one can enlarge photos on click

    - one can – from a nested page – refer to a subsection of a file *How To's*

    - sections make it more clearer

- Current and next steps are

    - continue migration of previous information, need to do it bit by bit to make sure all is up-to-date.

    - swap over to `github fork` of user-documentation, make the automatic workflow run so it is easier for collaborators to contribute.
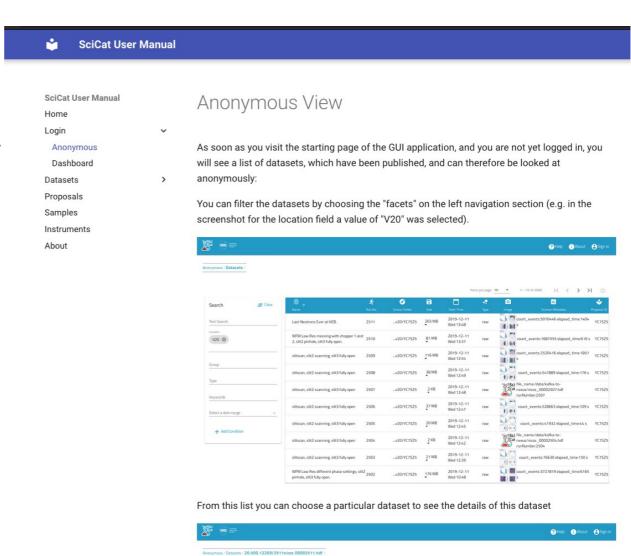
New user documentation

SciCat

- Use agreed language throughout all SciCat documentation, *open conversation in github*.

New user documentation

SciCat documentation for endusers

This user documentation is going to be used for

- primarily users
- potential funders

- mkdocs is great for
  - easy branding,
  - consistency
  - etc.

SciCat Collaboration News

From biweekly SciCat developers meetings

from meeting notes (end of October 2024)

New governace model is coming up!

- Governance
    - Ideas:
        - Technical advisory group
          It will replace the current meeting and will deal with all the technical decisions. Only members.
          Frequency: every 2 weeks
        - Management advisory board
          It will work on the vision, directions and sustainability of the project. New non technical group. It will help secure funds to sustain the development. Only members.
          Frequency: every three months
    - Members should ask to their management if they are interested in participating in the board and provide guidance and insights.
    - Governance examples:
        - https://github.com/bluesky/governance

Thanks