# SciCat User Documentation and SciCat Collaboration news

**User documentation: New structure, status, outlook.** 

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#### 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!

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





SciCat User Manual

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#### SciCat User Manual Home Login Datasets Proposals Samples Instruments About

Welcome to SciCat Users Manual

This is a short guide to most common questions users of SciCat can face. First of all: What is SciCat? And why should I use it? SciCat, a science catalogue, should serve you to find back your data. SciCat is a bookkeeping tool accompanying some critical steps during the entire data life cycle which are: getting an overview of datasets for data analysis, for re-analysis, for publishing datasets, and in particular for publication. In SciCat, only the meta data is stored, descriptions to identify a certain measurements.

We highlight most promiment features that SciCat offers, but note that SciCat is a general software layer which when integrated with site-specific application develops its full potential.

#### Features: quick links to How-To's

Your data may be of type raw or derived, you may want to login or just browse what's in the catalogue. Here is how to find more on how to proceed:

- Login
- Search and find your data, see Datasets How to query
- How to change some fields after ingestion
- How to view history of changes to a dataset
- How to group and tag datasets
- · How to group and tag grouped datasets

Structure of SciCat

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Features: quick links to How-To's

Structure of SciCat

Links to site-specific SciCat documentation of user sites

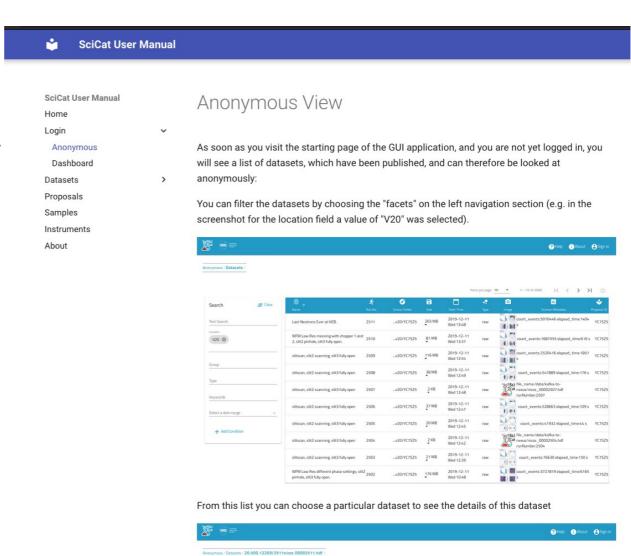
Use agreed language throughout all SciCat documentation, open conversation in github.

**DESY.** News and updates

#### 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

#### Governance

#### from meeting notes (end of October 2024)

#### Ideas:

Technical advisory group It will replace the current meeting and will deal with all the technical decisions. Only members.

Frequency: every 2 weeks

#### New governace model is coming up!

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**