# EMS Contributor Guide ~ Github-Flavored Markdown Cheat Sheet

| Type | Notation | Remember: |
|---|---|---|
| **Paragraph** | `Text text text text text.`<br>`Text text text text text.` | Hard return starts a new paragraph. |
| **H1,** *the article title* | `# Title in sentence case` | Leave a space after the initial # sign. No ending punctuation. |
| **H2** | `## Title in sentence case` | Will appear in on-page navigation. Leave a space after the last # sign. No ending punctuation. |
| **H3** | `### Title in sentence case` | Leave a space after the last # sign. No ending punctuation. |
| **H4** | `#### Title in sentence case` | Try not to use this level; restructure your article instead. Otherwise leave a space after the last # sign. No ending punctuation. |
| **Italic text** | `*text*` | No space between asterisks (*) and the text. |
| **Bold text** | `**text**` | No space between asterisks (*) and the text. |
| **Note, Tip, Important, Warning** | `>[EMS.NOTE] Text text text.` | Space after the closing square bracket. Substitute `EMS.IMPORTANT`, `EMS.TIP`, `EMS.WARNING` as appropriate. |
| **Ordered List** | `1. Item`<br>`2. Item`<br>`  a. Item`<br>`  b. Item`<br>`3. Item` | Number, period, space, then the text. To indent, use 2 spaces, then `a.`, `b.`, `c.` or `1.1`, `1.2`, `1.3` and so on. |
| **Unordered (bulleted) list** | `- Item`<br>`  - Item`<br>`  - Item`<br>`- Item` | Hyphen, space, and then text.<br>To create sub-bullets, use 2 spaces, then hyphen, then space, then the text. |
| **Inline code** | ``Text text `code code` text`` | *Backquote* code code *backquote*. No space after first backquote or before last backquote. |
| **Code block** | `    code line`<br>`    code line`<br>`    code line`<br>`    code line` | Indent 4 spaces before each line OR use a "code fence" with 3 backquotes on separate lines, before and after the code block:<br>```` ``` ````<br>`code line`<br>`code line`<br>```` ``` ```` |
| **Tables** | `|First Header|Second Header|`<br>`|---|---|`<br>`|Cell Content|Cell Content|`<br>`|Cell Content|Cell Content|` | Minimum 3 hyphens in second line to create the table header. Add colons in the second line to indicate alignment.<br>`|:-----|`  Left *(default: can be omitted)*<br>`|:----:|`  Centered text<br>`|-----:|`  Right-align |
| **Links to:** | *Article Type* | *Syntax* |
| Visible text goes between square brackets **[ ]**<br><br>URL goes between parentheses **( )** | Another EMS technical article | `[link text](article-name.md)` |
| | A section in the same article | `[link text](#anchor-text)` |
| | A section in another article | `[link text](article-name.md#anchor-text)` |
| | An image in this guide | `![alt text](./media/image.png)` |
| | Other websites (use http:// or https://)<br>MSDN, or a page in another section of EMS | `[link text](http://www.github.com)`<br>`[link text](full URL minus the `*en-us*` locale)` |