

This is intended as a quick reference and showcase. For more complete info, see [John Gruber's original spec](#) and the [Github-flavored Markdown info page](#).

This cheatsheet is specifically *Markdown Here's* version of Github-flavored Markdown. This differs slightly in styling and syntax from what Github uses, so what you see below might vary a little from what you get in a *Markdown Here* email, but it should be pretty close.

You can play around with Markdown on our [live demo page](#).

(If you're not a Markdown Here user, check out the [Markdown Cheatsheet](#) that is not specific to MDH. But, really, you should also use Markdown Here, because it's awesome. <http://markdown-here.com>)

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Headers

```
# H1
## H2
### H3
#### H4
##### H5
##### H6
```

Alternatively, for H1 and H2, an underline-ish style:

```
Alt-H1
=====
```

```
Alt-H2
-----
```

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Lists

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1. First ordered list item
2. Another item
  * Unordered sub-list.
1. Actual numbers don't matter, just that it's a number
  1. Ordered sub-list
4. And another item.
```

Some text that should be aligned with the above item.

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+ Or pluses
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Links

There are two ways to create links.

```
[I'm an inline-style link](https://www.google.com)

[I'm a reference-style link][Arbitrary case-insensitive reference text]

[You can use numbers for reference-style link definitions][1]

Or leave it empty and use the [link text itself]

URLs and URLs in angle brackets will automatically get turned into links.
http://www.example.com or <http://www.example.com> and sometimes
example.com (but not on Github, for example).

Some text to show that the reference links can follow later.

[arbitrary case-insensitive reference text]: https://www.mozilla.org
[1]: http://slashdot.org
[link text itself]: http://www.reddit.com
```

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Images

```
Here's our logo (hover to see the title text):

Inline-style:
![alt text](https://github.com/adam-p/markdown-
here/raw/master/src/common/images/icon48.png "Logo Title Text 1")

Reference-style:
```

```
![alt text][logo]
```

```
[logo]: https://github.com/adam-p/markdown-  
here/raw/master/src/common/images/icon48.png "Logo Title Text 2"
```

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Code and Syntax Highlighting

Code blocks are part of the Markdown spec, but syntax highlighting isn't. However, many renderers -- like Github's and *Markdown Here* -- support syntax highlighting. *Markdown Here* supports highlighting for dozens of languages (and not-really-languages, like diffs and HTTP headers); to see the complete list, and how to write the language names, see the [highlight.js demo page](#).

```
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```

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Blocks of code are either fenced by lines with three back-ticks `````, or are indented with four spaces. I recommend only using the fenced code blocks -- they're easier and only they support syntax highlighting.

```
```javascript  
var s = "JavaScript syntax highlighting";
alert(s);
```  
  
```python  
s = "Python syntax highlighting"
print s
```  
  
```  
No language indicated, so no syntax highlighting.
But let's throw in a tag.
```
```

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But let's throw in a **tag**.

Again, to see what languages are available for highlighting, and how to write those language names, see the [highlight.js demo page](#).

Tables

Tables aren't part of the core Markdown spec, but they are part of GFM and *Markdown Here* supports them. They are an easy way of adding tables to your email -- a task that would otherwise require copy-pasting from another application.

Colons can be used to align columns.

```
Tables	Are	Cool
col 3 is	right-aligned	$1600
col 2 is	centered	$12
zebra stripes	are neat	$1
```

The outer pipes (|) are optional, and you don't need to make the raw Markdown line up prettily. You can also use inline Markdown.

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Blockquotes

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> This line is part of the same quote.
```

Quote break.

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Inline HTML

You can also use raw HTML in your Markdown, and it'll mostly work pretty well.

```
<dl>
  <dt>Definition list</dt>
  <dd>Is something people use sometimes.</dd>

  <dt>Markdown in HTML</dt>
  <dd>Does *not* work **very** well. Use HTML <em>tags</em>.</dd>
</dl>
```

Definition list

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Markdown in HTML

Does **not** work ****very**** well. Use HTML *tags*.

Horizontal Rule

Three or more...

Hyphens

Asterisks

Underscores

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Line Breaks

My basic recommendation for learning how line breaks work is to experiment and discover -- hit <Enter> once (i.e., insert one newline), then hit it twice (i.e., insert two newlines), see what happens. You'll soon learn to get what you want. "Markdown Toggle" is your friend.

Here are some things to try out:

```
Here's a line for us to start with.
```

```
This line is separated from the one above by two newlines, so it will be a *separate paragraph*.
```

```
This line is also a separate paragraph, but...
```

```
This line is only separated by a single newline, so it's a separate line in the *same paragraph*.
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(Technical note: *Markdown Here* uses GFM line breaks, so there's no need to use MD's two-space line breaks.)

YouTube Videos

They can't be added directly but you can add an image with a link to the video like this:

```
<a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?
feature=player_embedded&v=YOUTUBE_VIDEO_ID_HERE
" target="_blank"></a>
```

Or, in pure Markdown, but losing the image sizing and border:

```
[![IMAGE ALT TEXT HERE](http://img.youtube.com/vi/YOUTUBE_VIDEO_ID_HERE/0.jpg)]
(http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOUTUBE_VIDEO_ID_HERE)
```

TeX Mathematical Formulae

A full description of TeX math symbols is beyond the scope of this cheatsheet. Here's a [good reference](#), and you can try stuff out on [CodeCogs](#). You can also play with formulae in the Markdown Here options page.

Here are some examples to try out:

```
$-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac} \over 2a$  
$x = a_0 + \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{a_2 + \frac{1}{a_3 + a_4}}}$  
$\forall x \in X, \quad \exists y \leq \epsilon$
```

The beginning and ending dollar signs (`$`) are the delimiters for the TeX markup.