



Intro to Markdown

Or Why I Should Stop Making Jokes On the Internet and Getting
Myself Into These Situations

What the Heck is Markdown?

Markdown is a way to write **plain text** files which can easily be **converted** into another format. Most often Markdown is converted to **HTML** to write web pages, but it's also possible to use it to create other formats such as PDF, RTF, LaTeX, and much more.

A black and white photograph of a man with light-colored hair, wearing a dark suit jacket over a white shirt and a striped tie. He is looking down intently at a newspaper he is holding in his hands. The background consists of several other newspapers stacked horizontally.

Why should I care?

- More visually pleasing than HTML
- Easier to write with than HTML
- Portable and flexible
- More adoption



Time to get our hands dirty.

<http://daringfireball.net/projects/markdown/dingus>

Paragraphs and Line Breaks

< p > tags are automatically wrapped around paragraphs.

Use < br /> or double spaces at the end of a line for a line break



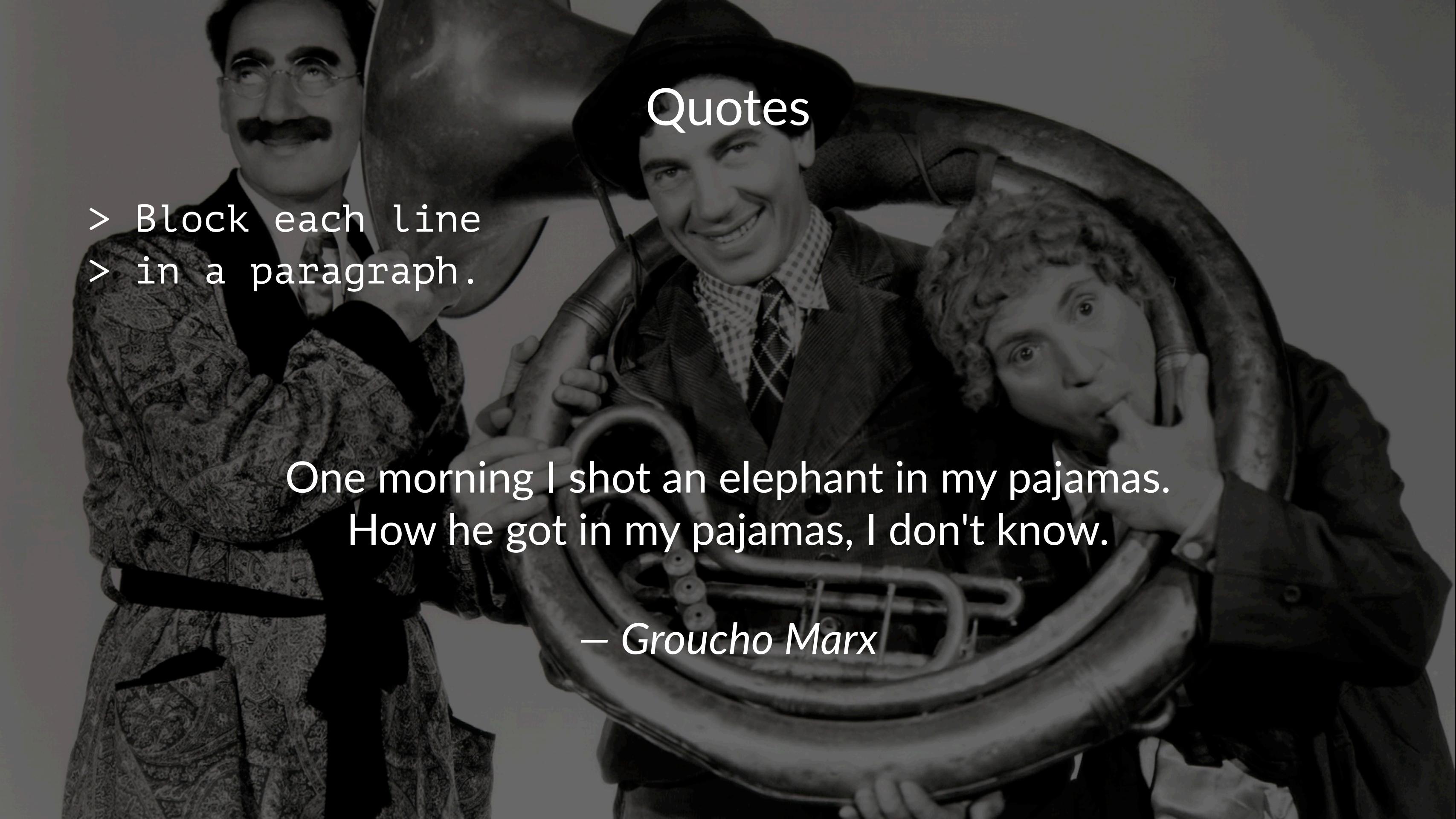
Headers

#H1

##H2

###H3

####H4



Quotes

- > Block each line
- > in a paragraph.

One morning I shot an elephant in my pajamas.
How he got in my pajamas, I don't know.

– Groucho Marx

Code Blocks

Wrap code in ` ` ` three back ticks

```

Code goes here

```

Result

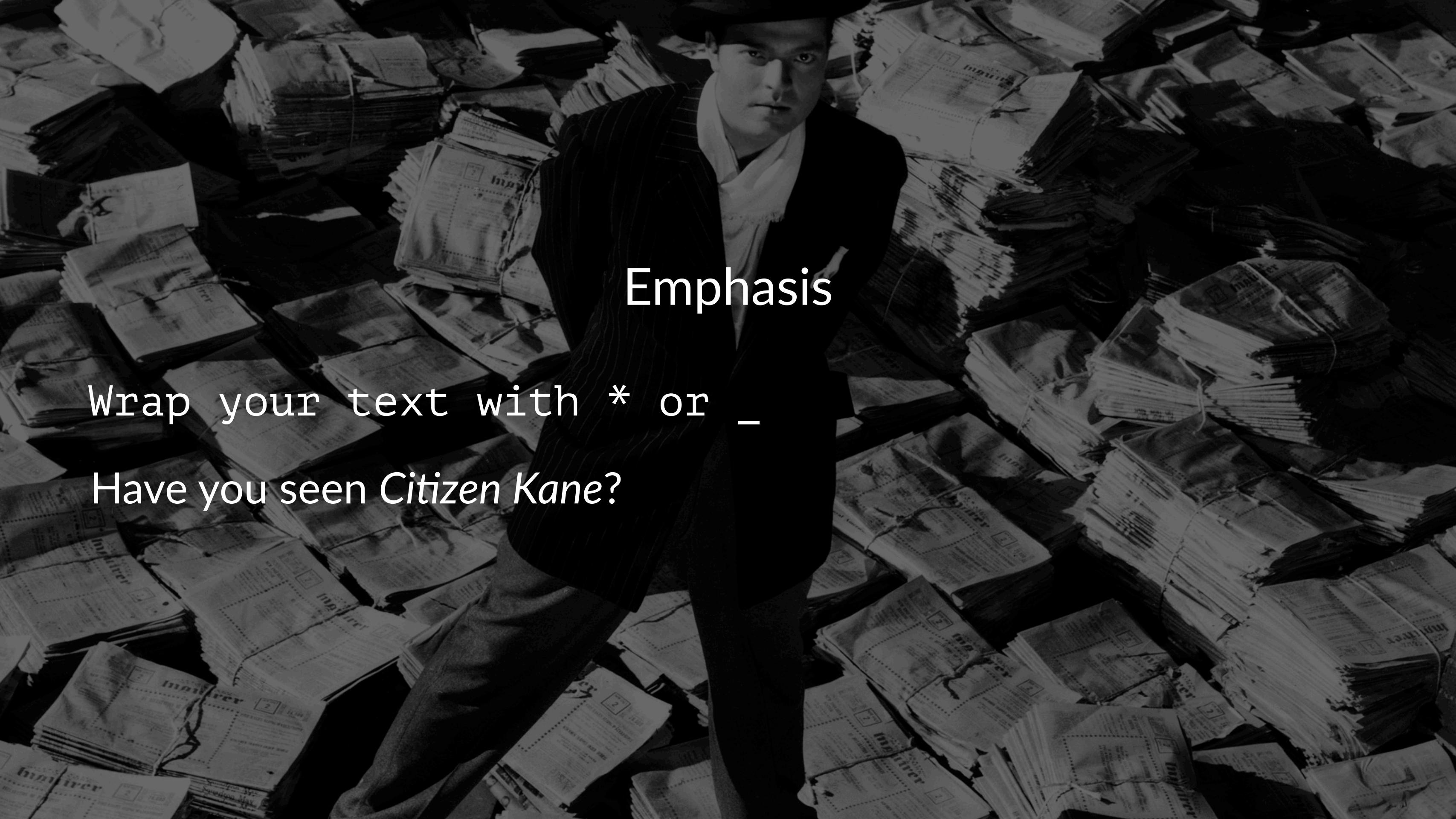
```
function isFighting(p1, p2) {  
  if (p1.fighting == p2)  
    return "Gentlemen, you can't fight in here! This is the War Room.";  
}
```

Horizontal lines

* * *

Result

You know what a line looks like.



Emphasis

Wrap your text with * or _

Have you seen *Citizen Kane*?



More Emphasis!!!!

Wrap your text with ** or __

Rosebud!!!

Adding Links

[You need this link]([http://en.wikipedia.org/
wiki/Chess](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chess))

You need this link

Adding Images

Exactly the same as links but start with
a "!"

```
![Alt text](/path/to/img.jpg "Optional title")
```

Inline Code

Wrap code in ` one back tick

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Ordered Lists

Format: One space, number, a period, and a space

Code

1. The Duke
1. Marion Mitchell Morrison

Result

1. The Duke
2. Marion Mitchell Morrison

Unordered Lists

Format: One space, an asterisk, a period, and a space

- * Why I oughta...
- * Nyuk Nyuk Nyuk!

Result

- Why I oughta...
- Nyuk Nyuk Nyuk!

Nested Lists

Format: Use spaces to nest lists

Code

- * Characters
 - 1. Sam Spade
 - 1. Ruth Wonderly
 - * Joel Cairo

Nested Lists cont.

Result

- Characters
 - 1. Sam Spade
 - 2. Ruth Wonderly
 - Joel Cairo



Questions

The
One
and
Only



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