How To Write a USEFUL README On Github

Video

https://youtu.be/E6NO0rgFub4?si=kzGOB-sXfx69Yznu

Notes

- Bad READMEs:

    - The 'one-liner'

    - The 'ghost'

    - The 'over-explainer'

    - The 'out of date README'

    - The 'broken promise'

- Benefits of a good README

    - Search engine optimisation (SEO) value - good keywords will help people find your project

    - Gaining users

    - Gaining contributors

    - Reminding yourself

    - Reduce reported issues (Known issues)

- How to write a good README

    - Strong title and subtitle

- Intro paragraph (this is where SEO value comes in)

- Visual helper (diagram, video, etc)

- User installation instructions

- Developer/contributor instructions (how to build and install application + work on it)

- Contributor expectations (How to contribute, conventions, templates, etc)

- Known issues

- How to donate