

# The Markdown Guide

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hyphens (---) to create each column's header, and use pipes (|)  
to separate each column." <br><span style='font-size:12px'>Page  
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span><br><br>"Creating tables with hyphens and pipes can be  
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“You can use a backslash to escape the following characters.”

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“You can’t use Markdown syntax inside block-level HTML tags.”

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“To add a table, use three or more hyphens (---) to create each column’s header, and use pipes (|) to separate each column.”

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“Creating tables with hyphens and pipes can be tedious.”

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“You can align text in the columns to the left, right, or center by adding a colon (:) to”

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“You can align text in the columns to the left, right, or center by adding a colon (:) to the left, right, or on both side of the hyphens within the header row.”

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“You can display a pipe (|) character in a table by using its HTML character code (|).”

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“Depending on your Markdown processor or editor, you’ll use three backticks ( ) or three tildes ( ~ ~ ~ ) on the lines before and after the code block. The best part? You don’t have to indent any lines!” <br><span style='font-size:12px'>Page No. \_58\_ |  
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“To add syntax highlighting, specify a language next to the backticks before the fenced code block.”

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“Footnotes allow you to add notes and references without cluttering the body of the document.”

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“To create a footnote reference, add a caret and an identifier inside brackets ([ ^ 1]).”

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“Identifiers only correlate the footnote reference with the footnote itself — in the output, footnotes are numbered sequentially.”

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“Identifiers can be numbers or words,”

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“Identifiers can be numbers or words,”

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“Identifiers can be numbers or words, but they can’t contain spaces or tabs.”

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“Add the footnote using another caret and number inside brackets with a colon and text ([^1]: My footnote.).”

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“— some Markdown processors automatically add them.”

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“To add a custom heading ID, enclose the custom ID in curly braces on the same line as the heading.”

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“You can link to headings with custom IDs in the file by creating a standard link with a number sign”

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“You can link to headings with custom IDs in the file by creating a standard link with a number sign (#) followed by the custom heading ID.”

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“definition lists of terms and their corresponding definitions. To create a definition list, type the term on the first line. On the next line, type a colon followed by a space and the definition.”

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““strikethrough” words by putting a horizontal line through the center of them. This feature allows you to indicate that certain words are a mistake not meant for inclusion in the document.”

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“use two tilde symbols (~ ~) before and after the words.”

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“Task lists allow you to create a list of items with checkboxes. In Markdown applications that support task lists, checkboxes will be displayed next to the content. To create a task list, add dashes (-) and brackets with a space ([ ]) in front of task list items.”

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“To select a checkbox, add an x in between the brackets ([x]).”

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“There are two ways to add emoji to Markdown files: copy and paste the emoji into your Markdown-formatted text, or type emoji shortcodes.”

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“If you’re using a static site generator, make sure you encode HTML pages as UTF-8”

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“emoji shortcodes. These begin and end with a colon and include the name of an emoji.”

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“If you don’t want a URL to be automatically linked, you can remove the link by denoting the URL as code with backticks.”

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