Converting Word documents into Markdown

This documented shows how to take a word document and convert it into GitHub Markdown.

Introduction:

For better or worse there are many examples of technical documentation that is maintained inside MS Word (or Google docs etc).

The problem is that it’s very hard to:

* Maintain the content under version control
* Re-purpose the content for other formats

# Approach

Translate the word document into a markdown document as a once-off migration step

You need to have pandoc installed

The process is can be pictured like this.

From the command line

pandoc –f docx –t markdown file.docx > file.md

Try it!