COMPSCI/ECON 206

Computational Microeconomics



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A code notebook, in general, includes two parts: text and code cells. With the lucid communication of our notebook to others, we provide professional markdown for the text cells and code formatting for the code cells.

<u>The first principle</u> is to make your notebook coherent in logic, self-content in glossaries, and comprehensive in references. A useful strategy is to "put yourself in the others' shoes." Imagine how you would understand your own notebook without any prior information.

For <u>markdown</u>, we can refer to the guide (<u>https://www.markdownguide.org/</u>) for some basic golden rules:

The definition: John Gruber (2004) creates Markdown as a lightweight markup language to add formatting elements to plaintext text documents. Markdown is widely used, for example on Reddit and GitHub. <u>Dilinger</u> is one of the best online Markdown editors, that convert the markdown written down in a .md file into HTML. Using markdown, you can typeset basic syntax such as:

- Headings for structure: # Heading one; ## Heading two; ### Heading three
- Font style: **text** for bold; *text* for italics
- Hyperlink: [text](URL)
- Horizontal Rule: ---
- Blockquote: >
- Ordered List and Unordered list
- Code: 'content'
- Image ![alt text](image. jpg)

You can refer to the following documents for more typesetting options:

- Cheat-sheet: https://www.markdownguide.org/cheat-sheet/
- Basic Syntax: https://www.markdownguide.org/basic-syntax/
- Extended Syntax: https://www.markdownguide.org/extended-syntax/
- Hacks: https://www.markdownguide.org/hacks/

Here are the additional references for creating markdown:

• <u>John Gruber's Markdown documentation</u>. The original guide was written by the creator of Markdown.

- Markdown Tutorial. An open-source website that allows you to try Markdown in your web browser.
- <u>Awesome Markdown</u>. A list of Markdown tools and learning resources.
- <u>Typesetting Markdown</u>. A multi-part series that describes an ecosystem for typesetting Markdown documents using <u>pandoc</u> and <u>ConTeXt</u>.
- A Crash Course: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HUBNt18RFbo
- The Github: https://docs.github.com/en/get-started/writing-on-github/getting-started-writing-and-formatting-syntax

Here is the markdown authoring applications:

• Mac: MacDown, iA Writer, or Marked 2

• iOS / Android: iA Writer

• Windows: ghostwriter or Markdown Monster

Linux: <u>ReText</u> or <u>ghostwriter</u>Web: <u>Dillinger</u> or <u>StackEdit</u>

For *code formatting*, the golden rules are to improve expandability. You can confirm the checklist:

• Write your code in a simple and logical structure (e.g., following the <u>PEP-8</u> Standard)

• Write *comments* beginning with a hash (number sign) (#) for signal line explanations

• Write *docstring* that describes modules, classes, and functions

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- Add necessary indention, black spaces, line spaces manually or using the tools such as "black"
- you can refer to
 - PEP-8 Standard: https://realpython.com/python-pep8/
 - Format the code with black:(Blanks) https://github.com/psf/black (YouTube)
 - **Github documentation**: https://github.com/realpython/python-guide/blob/master/docs/writing/documentation.rst#id19

Finally, you can also consider <u>Sphinx</u> (<u>https://www.sphinx-doc.org/en/master/</u>) for intelligent and beautiful (python) documentation.