I don't use Microsoft Word!

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Introduction

Who am I? This is an unnumbered list showing part of my answers. Before that, I would like to see how a paragraph looks like in pandoc's output. I really hope that this paragraph is not too long. Otherwise, I can do nothing to help.

- I'm a Linux user.

- I'm a free software supporter.

- I love text editing with Vim!

Microsoft Word is *not* your friend!

- If you are satisfied by the current version of Word, how can Microsoft make money?

- You need to wait for a while for Word to load.

- It's possible that Word fails to process your file properly, due to:
  - Encoding error
  - Runtime error
  - Other errors

Using plain text (TXT) files

- ▶ Notepad seldom causes a computer to hang.

- ▶ Notepad load files quickly.

  Question: How about the font styles?

Use markdown

1. It's simple to write.

2. You can create **bolded** and *italicized* fonts.

3. Editing without leaving the keyboard is efficient.

4. Finding and clicking the right buttons for a numbered list is slow.

5. Use pandoc to get a PDF file for your boss.

Conclusion

- Microsoft Word

  - Inefficient
  - Susceptible to errors
  - Skills can be outdated after several years
  - Need to pay for the license
  - Need to pay for *another* license after several years

- TXT files and markdown

  - Easy to open
  - Easy to write
  - Pandoc to convert TXT files to a PDF file that has different font styles.