



Introduction to Markdown

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What is Markdown?

"Markdown is a text-to-HTML conversion tool for web writers. Markdown allows you to write using an easy-to-read, easy-to-write plain text format, then convert it to structurally valid XHTML (or HTML)."

- [John Gruber, creator of Markdown](#)

Markdown Syntax

Italics

```
*This text will appear italicized!*
```

This text will appear italicized!

Markdown Syntax

Bold

```
**This text will appear bold!**
```

This text will appear bold!

Markdown Syntax

Headings

```
## This is a secondary heading  
### This is a tertiary heading
```

This is a secondary heading

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Markdown Syntax

Unordered Lists

```
- first item in list  
- second item in list  
- third item in list
```

- first item in list
- second item in list
- third item in list

Markdown Syntax

Ordered Lists

```
1. first item in list  
2. second item in list  
3. third item in list
```

1. first item in list
2. second item in list
3. third item in list

Markdown Syntax

Links

```
[Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health](http://www.jhsph.edu/)  
[Download R](http://www.r-project.org/)  
[RStudio](http://www.rstudio.com/)
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Advanced Linking

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[2]: http://simplystatistics.org/  "Simply Statistics"
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Markdown Syntax

Newlines

- Newlines require a double space after the end of a line.

```
First line  
Second line
```

First line Second line

```
First line  
Second line
```

First line
Second line

Markdown Resources

- [The Official Markdown Documentation](#)
- [Github's Markdown Guide](#)