

This is intended as a quick reference and showcase. For more complete info, see [John Gruber's original spec](#) and the [Github-flavored Markdown info page](#).

Note that there is also a [Cheatsheet](#) specific to Markdown Here if that's what you're looking for.

You can play around with Markdown on our [live demo page](#).

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Headers

```
# H1
```

```
## H2
```

```
### H3
```

```
#### H4
```

```
##### H5
```

```
##### H6
```

Alternatively, for H1 and H2, an underline-ish style:

```
Alt-H1
```

```
=====
```

Alt-H2

H1

H2

H3

H4

H5

H6

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Lists

(In this example, leading and trailing spaces are shown with with dots: .)

1. First ordered list item

2. Another item

- * Unordered sub-list.

1. Can have numbered sub-lists

2. Another Item

- Or pluses

Task Lists

To create a task list, preface list items with a hyphen and space followed by

`[]`

. To mark a task as complete, use

`[x]`

.

- [] Mercury

- [x] Venus

- [x] Earth (Orbit/Moon)

- [x] Mars

- [] Jupiter

- [] Saturn

- [] Uranus

- [] Neptune
- [x] Comet Haley

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This is how task lists are created.

Definition Lists

Some Markdown processors allow you to create 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.

Links

There are two ways to create links.

```
[I'm an inline-style link](https://www.google.com)
```

```
[I'm an inline-style link with title](https://www.google.com "Google's Homepage")
```

```
[I'm a reference-style link][Arbitrary case-insensitive reference text]
```

```
[I'm a relative reference to a repository file](../blob/master/LICENSE)
```

```
[You can use numbers for reference-style link definitions][1]
```


Images

Here's our logo (hover to see the title text):

Inline-style:

```
![alt text](https://github.com/adam-p/markdown-here/raw/master/src/common/images/icon48.png "Logo Title Text 1")
```

Reference-style:


```
![alt text][logo]
```


[logo]:

→ <https://github.com/adam-p/markdown-here/raw/master/src/common/images/icon48.png>

→ "Logo Title Text 2"

Here's our logo (hover to see the title text):

Inline-style: 

Reference-style: 

Code and Syntax Highlighting

Code blocks are part of the Markdown spec, but syntax highlighting isn't. However, many renderers – like Github's and *Markdown Here* – support syntax highlighting. *Markdown Here* supports highlighting for dozens of languages (and not-really-languages, like diffs and HTTP headers); to see the complete list, and how to write the language names, see the [highlight.js demo page](#).

No language indicated, so no syntax highlighting in Markdown Here (varies on Github).

But let's throw in a `tag`.

(Github Wiki pages don't seem to support syntax highlighting, so the above won't be colourful (the strings are not red, for example). Try it out in a *Markdown Here* email or a Github Markdown README or Github Issue – you can preview a new Issue without submitting it.)

Again, to see what languages are available for highlighting, and how to write those language names, see the [highlight.js demo page](#).

Tables

Tables aren't part of the core Markdown spec, but they are part of GFM and *Markdown Here* supports them. They are an easy way of adding tables to your email – a task that would otherwise require copy-pasting from another application.

Blockquotes

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> This line is part of the same quote.

Quote break.

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↳ everyone. Oh, you can `*put* **Markdown**` into a blockquote.

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Inline HTML

You can also use raw HTML in your Markdown, and it'll mostly work pretty well.

```
<dl>

  <dt>Definition list</dt>

  <dd>Is something people use sometimes.</dd>


  <dt>Markdown in HTML</dt>

  <dd>Does *not* work **very** well. Use HTML <em>tags</em>.</dd>

</dl>
```

Definition list

Is something people use sometimes.

Markdown in HTML

Does *not* work **very** well. Use HTML tags.

Horizontal Rule

Three or more...

Hyphens

Underscores

Line Breaks

My basic recommendation for learning how line breaks work is to experiment and discover – hit <Enter> once (i.e., insert one newline), then hit it twice (i.e., insert two newlines), see what happens. You’ll soon learn to get what you want. “Markdown Toggle” is your friend.

Here are some things to try out:

Here's a line for us to start with.

This line is separated from the one above by two newlines, so it will be a **separate
↪ paragraph**.

This line is also a separate paragraph, but...

