MD rules v 1.1 20220116-13h51m10s <!--This document (MD-for-SyMenu.md) is a 'valid' template for MD menus (it can be imported into SyMenu), and contains comments on the rules to follow to edit MD files for SyMenu in MarkdownPad2. Here's how it looks when imported into SyMenu: SyMenu [D:] - v.7.00.8038 File ltem Manager Advanced Help FAKE: Level 1 Program 1 name FAKE: Level 1 WinCmd 2 name □ ☐ Container name (level 1) --- / label name 🚃 👄 separator name 🎹 💽 FAKE: Level 2 Link 2 name FAKE: BAD Level 2: becomes Level 1 ⊟ Gontainer level 1 bis 🖃 🧀 Container level 2 🖃 🧰 Container level 3 The pdf version is easier to read, but you MUST see it in MD as well, to view the control characters (#, >, \*) and the HTML tags (<dfn>). In MarkdownPad2 you can take advantage of the LivePreview to get a immediate feedback on the correteness of your files: vertical guides (visibles using 'markdown.css' in MarkdownPad2|Tools|Options|Stylesheets|Custom CSS) helps you to maintain the right level of nesting. To export the HTML file (MarkdownPad2|File|Export|Export HTML) use the 'Markdown' processor (MarkdownPad2|Tools|Options|Markdown) <!--- For a full SyMenu tree, 'SyRoot' MUST be the root node (level 0). - For a partial tree, Item list etc. any root is OK **SyRoot** <!--Next is a program entry: 'Level 1 Program 1 name'. The  $\langle dfn \rangle + \langle BR \rangle$  tags are required by the Items: SyProgramCmd, SyWinCmd, SyDocument, SyLink, SyFolder. This structure is build by the **SyMenu2MDexport** program, and you **NEVER** have to change it. You can change the 'name' and 'description', or move or **delete** the Items. --> Level 1 Program 1 name description for Level1 Program1 Level 1 WinCmd 2 name Here the 'description' (optional), used as tooltip <!--To use the 'description' as tooltip see Show tooltip on item entries in SyMenu. Always put the **Description** in MD italic (\*...\*) marks, just after the <BR /> tag, without blank lines (important!) --> <!--**Containers Rules:** 1. You can add or delete a container as you like. 2. The container 'name' is used as a key: changing the name creates a new container. 3. Care to **keep the level (N) updated**: Next Container is on level 1, so: just one (N) block mark (>) and two (N + 1) number signs (##). --> Container name (level 1) Here Container description <!--Rules for Items (SyProgramCmd, SyWinCmd, SyDocument, SyLink, SyFolder): 1. You CAN: a) to change the **position** of the Item in the menu (cut&paste): Allways care to keep the level updated. b) to change the dfn content ( name or menu choice), c) to change the **description** (tooltip). 2. Keep one or more blank lines between items.

## 4. If you ADD a new Item (as we do in this file), it is added 'FAKE' to the name and it will appear unlinked. You *MUST edit it (SyMenu|Configuration).* note: use an uniques 'id' for "new items", e.g. use a timestamp or a new GUID. 5. For Items, Level N requires N block mark:

end.

-->

<!--

<!--

**Description rules:** 

marks (\*...\*).

and marks (\*).

any tag:

*lists* (1.), *etc.* 

label name

Separator rules:

like this to CSS (in

hr.syseparator {

width: 350px;

See the next Item at Level 2: (>>) --> Level 2 Folder 1 name description for the Item. <!--Labels rules - Labels have only a name, no description. - The tag '<label>xxxxxxxxxxxxxxclabel/>' is mandatory. note: To highlight labels in HTML add to CSS (in MarkdownPad2|Tools|Options|Stylesheets|Edit): label { font-style: italic; font-weight: 600;

The '<hr class="SySeparator" />' tag is required.

note: To control the separator look in HTML, add some

Only the 'separator name' as description.

*MarkdownPad2*|*Tools*|*Options*|*Stylesheets*|*Edit*):

border-top: 8px solid lightgrey;

margin-bottom: -15px;

margin-right:auto;

3. If you delete an Item in MD, it will be not deleted in

SyMenu, but moved into the 'orphans' container at the

margin-left: 0; --> separator name Level 2 Link 2 name Test languages in descriptions: - (IT): Sarà più hot così o colà? (it will be hotter like this or that?) - (Taj): เชื่อถือได้ (reliable) - Special char test: < % & " # @ ' \* > WYSIWYG in SyMenu Configuration form - Special char test: < % & " # @ ' \* > WYSIWYG in MarkdownPad2 - Escaped by user (or by SyMenu2MDexport): # starting number sign, \*\*asterisks\* near text, and ~~~ in next line: ~~~~~~~

1 The block marks (>> here two because at level 2) may

or may not be repeated in each line of the description.

2 Descriptions are always included in 'italics' MD

note: spaces not allowed between description text

3 SyMenu restrictions: tooltips are pure text, without

a) do not use any MD features: bold, images, links,

c) the CRLF (newLine) are repected in tooltips, MD

4 XML restrictions: The five chars [&, <, >, ", '] MUST

*b)* **do not use** any HTML tags like <b> etc.

be replaced by entities: [&, <, &gt;, &quot;,

and HTML (with updated CSS).

']. Fortunately the editors used (SyMenu and MarkdownPad2) are WYSIWYG and they do it for you. 5 Markdowm restrictions: following chars:[# (at the beginning of the line) and \* (not alone)] MUST be escaped: [\#, \\*]: but it is rare to use it in names or descriptions. And hashtags are handled by tools. 6 Markdowm restriction: the sequence '~~~' at the beginning of the line has a special meaning: to escape it add a **block mark** (>) before. 7 This tool restrictions: do not insert blank lines into the description. Leading and trailing spaces are cut off. 8 important! To have descriptions that respect the newLines in HTML you must add to the CSS (in *MarkdownPad2*|*Tools*|*Options*|*Stylesheets*|*Edit*):

em { display: none; } to hide the descriptions in the

em { white-space: pre-wrap; }

*ERROR:* missing a 'block mark' (> in place of >>)

This is fine. But it will be missed!

#hashtag #second hashtag

Level 2 Item 5

This is OK, but it is missed too.

*place of >>)* 

IMPORTANT!: Any error in 'block mark' (>) breaks the levels

1: Only if you have chosen 'USER' option (on

MDexchange) you CAN manage hashtags.

(see vertical guides in preview) and following items MAY be missing

Hashtags are in the last description line, without leading

spaces: the first begins with an escaped number sign (#).

2: With the 'NONE' option, existing hashtag are deleted.

**MDexchange**, reflecting the actual position of the Item

5: In VERBOSE mode, "MD2SyMenuImport.bat" adds its

 $own\ comments\ to\ the\ XML/ZIP\ output:\ the\ comment\ are$ 

visible in the SyMenuItem.xml file or in the SyMenu-

6: IMPORTANT! put 'block marks' (>) in front of

comments as required by the current level

test long line test long

line test long line test

long line test long line

3: On the 'AUTO' option, hashtags are added by

ERROR: extra 'block mark' (>>> in

em { display: block;

font-style: italic;

alternatively:

BAD Level 2: becomes Level 1

HTML preview.

Level 2 Item 4

Hashtag rules:

in the menu.

Level 2 Item 6

Container level 1 bis

-->

<!--

noting to say about this container <!--Comment rules:

page. 4: In VERBOSE mode, "SyMenu2MDexport.bat" adds its  $own\ comments\ to\ the\ MD\ output:\ the\ comments\ are$ visibles on an MD editor.

-->

Container at level 2: only two block mark (>>) *and three* (2+1) *number sigs* (###). Container level 3 Level 4 program 1 test long line test long line test long line test long line test long line

Container level 2

prettyPrinter output.

Level 1 program 3 program comment

by SyMenu2MDexport v. 1.0 (alpha) ©2021 Marco Sillano

Level 3 program 1

program comment

1: Standard HTML comments (<!-- comment -->) are visible in MD but invisible in the HTML output. 2: Escaped comments (<!-- comment -->) are visible in HTML. Only on these comments you can use MD and HTML tags to enhance the text. IMPORTANT: Avoid any block tags that break the Level!. Here I have used this style to get a good looking pdf rule 3: Comments are NOT processed.