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title: 'Mindmaps to Markdown: Flattening the Hierarchy'  
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# 1 Installation

These are the node details. They should not be parsed.

1. Download mm2markdown.xsl and put it in your `\freeplane\resources\xslt` folder.
2. Restart freeplane
3. Upon restart, verify that `Markdown (.markdown, .md)` appears as an option of the "Files Types" parameter within the File>Export map dialog

## 2 Usage

### 2.1 Structuring your mindmap

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#### 2.1.1 Document metadata

The root node should be left empty. Any attributes of the root node are placed into a YAML metadata block at the beginning of the document. Pandoc will process this and add it to the output document if supported. See the [pandoc metadata documentation](#) for more details.<sup>[^](#)</sup>[yaml](#)

#### 2.1.2 Headers

Node text is converted to document headers. The depth of the node determines the header level. Most markdown converters handle six levels of headers.

Header order is determined by a node's position off of the root node. Right side then left, top to bottom.

#### 2.1.3 Body text

Node notes are converted to body text. Node details are ignored.

### 2.2 Formatting

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#### 2.2.1 Text

This is **Bold**

This is *italic*

This is ~~stricken-through~~

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This text should be separated from the text formatting above with an HR break.

#### 2.2.2 Lists

- This
- is
- part
- of
- an
- unordered
  - list

- 1. This
- 2. is
- 3. an
- 4. ordered
  - 1. list

2.2.3 Tables

LaTeX puts tables wherever the hell it wants, so these may not align with their headers. See the table captions to distinguish.

2.2.3.1 Table: Complete

Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	setosa
4.9	3	1.4	0.2	setosa
4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	setosa
4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2	setosa
5	3.6	1.4	0.2	setosa
5.4	3.9	1.7	0.4	setosa
4.6	3.4	1.4	0.3	setosa
5	3.4	1.5	0.2	setosa
4.4	2.9	1.4	0.2	setosa
4.9	3.1	1.5	0.1	setosa

: Completely filled table

2.2.3.2 Table: Empty cells

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5	3.6	1.4		setosa
5.4	3.9	1.7		setosa
4.6			0.3	setosa
	3.4	1.5	0.2	setosa
	2.9	1.4	0.2	setosa

: Table containing empty cells

3 Markdown

This xsl file was tested with pandoc markdown.[^pandoc] A footnote with a link to additional information should appear somewhere on this page.

[^pandoc]: See <http://johnmacfarlane.net/pandoc/index.html>.