

Lab: Advanced Gitlab Formatting

Creating a table

Note: Create a Gitlab repository or create README.md in the existing repository before starting the lab.

You can create tables with pipes `|` and hyphens `-`. Hyphens are used to create each column's header, while pipes separate each column. You must include a blank line before your table in order for it to correctly render.

```
| First Header | Second Header |
| ----- | ----- |
| Content Cell | Content Cell |
| Content Cell | Content Cell |
```

First Header	Second Header
Content Cell	Content Cell
Content Cell	Content Cell

The pipes on either end of the table are optional.

Cells can vary in width and do not need to be perfectly aligned within columns. There must be at least three hyphens in each column of the header row.

```
| Command | Description |
| --- | --- |
| git status | List all new or modified files |
| git diff | Show file differences that haven't been staged |
```

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git status	List all new or modified files
git diff	Show file differences that haven't been staged

If you are frequently editing code snippets and tables, you may benefit from enabling a fixed-width font in all comment fields on Gitlab.

Formatting content within your table

You can use [formatting] such as links, inline code blocks, and text styling within your table:

```
| Command | Description |
| --- | --- |
```

```
| `git status` | List all *new or modified* files |
| `git diff` | Show file differences that **haven't been** staged |
```

Command	Description
<code>git status</code>	List all <i>new or modified</i> files
<code>git diff</code>	Show file differences that haven't been staged

You can align text to the left, right, or center of a column by including colons `:` to the left, right, or on both sides of the hyphens within the header row.

```
| Left-aligned | Center-aligned | Right-aligned |
| :---        | :---:         | ---:         |
| git status  | git status    | git status    |
| git diff    | git diff      | git diff      |
```

Left-aligned	Center-aligned	Right-aligned
<code>git status</code>	<code>git status</code>	<code>git status</code>
<code>git diff</code>	<code>git diff</code>	<code>git diff</code>

To include a pipe `|` as content within your cell, use a `\` before the pipe:

```
| Name      | Character |
| ---      | ---      |
| Backtick  | `        |
| Pipe      | \|       |
```

Name	Character
Backtick	`
Pipe	

Organizing information with collapsed sections

You can streamline your Markdown by creating a collapsed section with the `<details>` tag.

Creating a collapsed section

You can temporarily obscure sections of your Markdown by creating a collapsed section that the reader can choose to expand. For example, when you want to include technical details in an issue comment that may not be relevant or interesting to every reader, you can put those details in a collapsed section.

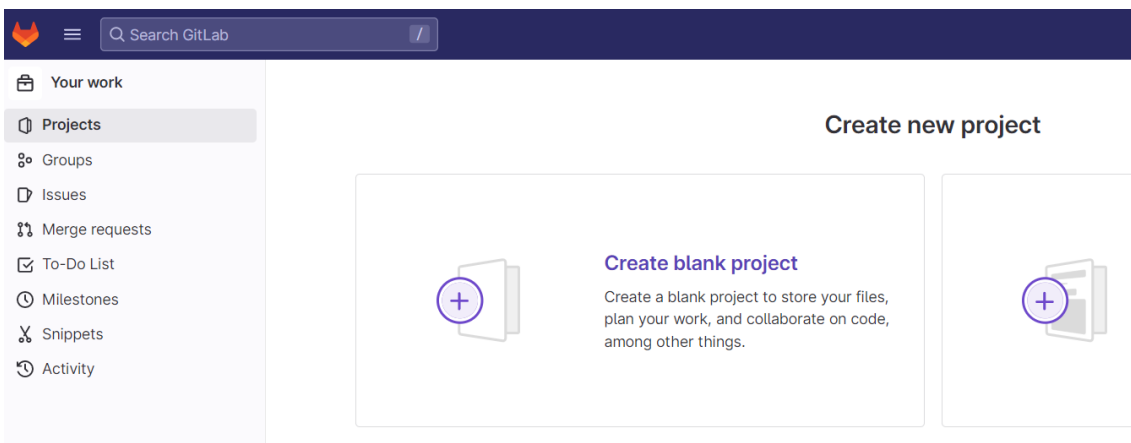
Any Markdown within the `<details>` block will be collapsed until the reader clicks to expand the details. Within the `<details>` block, use the `<summary>` tag to create a label to the right of .

```
<details><summary>CLICK ME</summary>
<p>

#### We can hide anything, even code!

```ruby
 puts "Hello World"
```

</p>
</details>
```



The Markdown will be collapsed by default.



After a reader clicks , the details are expanded.

▼ CLICK ME

We can hide anything even code!

```
puts "Hello World"
```

Creating and highlighting code blocks

Share samples of code with fenced code blocks and enabling syntax highlighting.

Fenced code blocks

You can create fenced code blocks by placing triple backticks ````` before and after the code block. We recommend placing a blank line before and after code blocks to make the raw formatting easier to read.

```
```  
function test() {
 console.log("notice the blank line before this function?");
}
```
```

```
function test() {  
  console.log("notice the blank line before this function?");  
}
```

Tip: To preserve your formatting within a list, make sure to indent non-fenced code blocks by eight spaces.

To display triple backticks in a fenced code block, wrap them inside quadruple backticks.

```
````  
````  
Look! You can see my backticks.  
````  
````
```

```
```  
Look! You can see my backticks.
```
```

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Syntax highlighting

You can add an optional language identifier to enable syntax highlighting in your fenced code block.

For example, to syntax highlight Ruby code:

```
```ruby  
require 'redcarpet'
markdown = Redcarpet.new("Hello World!")
puts markdown.to_html
```
```

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markdown = Redcarpet.new("Hello World!")  
puts markdown.to_html
```