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Markdown Cheatsheet

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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 also check out [more Markdown tools](#).

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Headers

```
# H1
## H2
### H3
#### H4
##### H5
##### H6
```

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

```
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=====
```

```
Alt-H2
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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.
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- 1. Ordered sub-list
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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]
```

Or leave it empty and use the [link text itself].

URLs and URLs in angle brackets will automatically get turned into links.
`http://www.example.com` or `<http://www.example.com>` and sometimes
`example.com` (but not on Github, for example).

Some text to show that the reference links can follow later.

[arbitrary case-insensitive reference text]: `https://www.mozilla.org`
[1]: `http://slashdot.org`
[link text itself]: `http://www.reddit.com`

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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"

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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. Which languages are supported and how those language names should be written will vary from renderer to renderer. *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](#).

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Blocks of code are either fenced by lines with three back-ticks `````, or are indented with four spaces. I recommend only using the fenced code blocks -- they're easier and only they support syntax highlighting.

```
```javascript
var s = "JavaScript syntax highlighting";
alert(s);
```

```
```
```

```
```python
s = "Python syntax highlighting"
print s
```
```

```
```
```

No language indicated, so no syntax highlighting.  
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Footnotes

Footnotes aren't part of the core Markdown spec, but they [supported by GFM](#).

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A footnote can also have multiple lines^[2].

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[^2]: Every new line should be prefixed with 2 spaces.

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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.

Colons can be used to align columns.

| | | | |
|--------|---------|--------|--|
| Tables | Are | Cool | |
| ----- | :-----: | -----: | |

```
col 3 is	right-aligned	$1600
col 2 is	centered	$12
zebra stripes	are neat	$1
```

There must be at least 3 dashes separating each header cell.
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Blockquotes

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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>
```

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Markdown in HTML

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

Horizontal Rule

Three or more...

Hyphens

Asterisks

—

Underscores

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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...

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(Technical note: *Markdown Here* uses GFM line breaks, so there's no need to use MD's two-space line breaks.)

YouTube Videos

They can't be added directly but you can add an image with a link to the video like this:

```
<a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=YOUTUBE_VIDEO_ID_HERE" target="_blank"></a>
```

Or, in pure Markdown, but losing the image sizing and border:

[![IMAGE ALT TEXT HERE](http://img.youtube.com/vi/YOUTUBE_VIDEO_ID_HERE/0.jpg)](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOUTUBE_VIDEO_ID_HERE)

Referencing a bug by #bugID in your git commit links it to the slip. For example #1.

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