



Have you gone MADR?

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Why did I/we decide this again?

Over time it gets harder to remember

- Agile manifesto:
"Working software over comprehensive documentation"
- How well do your handovers go?
- A lot of information is in our heads, fading over time
- Or in Email chains – can you still find it?
- And in chats, where searching is even harder
 - Or history is deleted after x years 🤖

Markdown Any Decision as a Record

How does that help us?

Documenting decisions

Source - <https://adr.github.io/madr/>

- Designed for architectural decisions, along with code
- At a minimum document the
 - Decision made
 - Context and problem statement
 - Considered options
 - Outcome detailing pro's/cons





Applying MADR

The Agile way: document when it adds value

- DRY – link to extensive resources
- Document alternatives and reasoning
- Decisions should be mostly static
 - Different insights over time? New MADR!
- Add decisions when you think or someone mentions:
"this might be useful for future reference"
- Review them like code pull requests
- The above should smoothen future discussions
- Don't add all historical decisions at once, take your time

A photograph of a man with curly hair and glasses, wearing a dark jacket, holding a smartphone and showing it to another person whose hand and part of a face are visible on the right. The background is a blurred indoor setting with warm lighting. The text "Live demo" is overlaid in the center.

Live demo

Java 23+ JavaDoc with Markdown 🤩

JEP 467: Markdown Documentation Comments

Make API documentation comments easier to write and easier to read in source form by introducing the ability to use Markdown syntax in documentation comments, alongside HTML elements and JavaDoc tags.

Key benefit: use the same markup language for both decisions and elaborating code.

Recap

Focus on important decisions in an accessible format

- Document the important decisions in a concise way
 - Link to larger, more in-depth resources
- Have them in one markup along with your code
- Align with your fellow developers on what works well





do your thing

Thank you!

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