

# MARKDOWN SYNTAX



**Markdown** is a way to style text on the web. You control the display of the document; formatting words as bold or italic, adding images, and creating lists are just a few of the things we can do with Markdown. Mostly, Markdown is just regular text with a few non-alphabetic characters thrown in, like `#` or `*`.

## HEADERS

```
# This is an <h1> tag
## This is an <h2> tag
##### This is an <h6> tag
```

## EMPHASIS

```
*This text will be italic*
_This will also be italic_

**This text will be bold**
__This will also be bold__

*You can combine them*
```

## BLOCKQUOTES

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## LISTS

### Unordered

```
* Item 1
* Item 2
  * Item 2a
  * Item 2b
```

### Ordered

```
1. Item 1
2. Item 2
3. Item 3
  * Item 3a
  * Item 3b
```

## IMAGES

```
![GitHub Logo](/images/logo.png)
```

Format: `![Alt Text](url)`

## LINKS

```
http://github.com - automatic!
```

```
[GitHub](http://github.com)
```

## BACKSLASH ESCAPES

Markdown allows you to use backslash escapes to generate literal characters which would otherwise have special meaning in Markdown's formatting syntax.

```
\*literal asterisks\*
```

```
*literal asterisks*
```

Markdown provides backslash escapes for the following characters:

<code>\</code> backslash	<code>()</code> parentheses
<code>`</code> backtick	<code>#</code> hash mark
<code>*</code> asterisk	<code>+</code> plus sign
<code>_</code> underscore	<code>-</code> minus sign (hyphen)
<code>{}</code> curly braces	<code>.</code> dot
<code>[]</code> square brackets	<code>!</code> exclamation mark