



Markdown is a lightweight markup language used to format plain text documents with simple, easy-to-read syntax. It is widely used because its syntax is designed to be readable as plain text while also being convertible to HTML and other formats.  Wikipedia +3


Below are the common Markdown formats:


Headings

To create a heading, use one to six hash marks (#) at the beginning of a line, followed by a space and the heading text. The number of hashes determines the heading level.  Skillable +1


- # Heading 1
- ## Heading 2
- ### Heading 3


Text Formatting (Emphasis)

You can emphasize text by wrapping it in specific characters.  Microsoft Learn +1


- **Bold:** Wrap text in two asterisks (****bold****) or two underscores (bold).
- *Italic:* Wrap text in one asterisk (**italic**) or one underscore (italic).
- ~~Strikethrough:~~ Wrap text in two tildes (~~strikethrough~~) (not supported by all Markdown applications).  Markdown Guide +2

Lists

Create lists using either numbers or bullet points.  Daring Fireball +1


- **Unordered lists:** Start each line with an asterisk, a hyphen, or a plus sign, followed by a space.
 - * Item 1
 - - Item 2
 - + Item 3
- **Ordered lists:** Start each line with a number followed by a period and a space. The actual numbers used do not affect the output; the list will be numbered sequentially when rendered.
 - 1. First item
 - 2. Second item
 - 3. Third item  Daring Fireball +4

Links

Wrap the link text in square brackets and the URL in parentheses immediately after.  [Markdown Guide +1](#)


- `[Anchor Text](https://example.com/ "Optional Title")`

Images

Image syntax is similar to links but includes an exclamation mark at the beginning.  [Markdown Guide +1](#)

- `![Alt text for image](/path/to/image.jpg "Optional Title")`


Code Blocks

For inline code, wrap the text in single backticks (`code`). For a block of code spanning multiple lines, use three backticks (`````) on the lines before and after the code.  [Markdown Guide +4](#)

```
```javascript
// Example code block
function hello() {
 console.log("Hello World");
}
```
```

Blockquotes

Start a paragraph with the greater-than sign (`>`) to format it as a blockquote.  [Markdown Guide +1](#)

- `> This is a blockquote.`
- `> This is a multiline blockquote`
- `> that spans several lines.` 

For a more comprehensive guide, the [Markdown Guide cheat sheet](#) offers a quick overview of basic and extended syntax.