

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. [w 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). [MD 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. [MD](#) 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. [MD](#) 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. [MD](#) Markdown Guide +4

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

Start a paragraph with the greater-than sign (>) to format it as a blockquote. [MD](#) 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.