



Markdown Helper

The Markdown Helper, contributed by Andre Alves Garzia, contains functions dealing with "Markdown", a software tool written in Perl, that converts plain text (formatted with the Markdown syntax) to structurally valid XHTML (or HTML). Please read about Markdown at [Daring Fireball](#).

Loading this Helper

This helper is loaded using the following code:

```
rigLoadHelper "markdown"
```

The functions:

rigMarkdownAvailable()

Use this function to check if the Markdown engine (Markdown.pl) is available.

```
if rigMarkdownAvailable() then
    # Code...
end if
```

This function returns true or false.

rigMarkdownVersion()

This function, you guessed it, returns the version of the installed Markdown engine.

rigMarkdown(pPlainText, pHTML4Flag)

This function is a wrapper for the Markdown engine to convert plain text to structurally valid XHTML (or HTML).

The first parameter is a string formatted with the Markdown syntax. The optional second parameter is a boolean which configures Markdown to produce HTML 4 output. Defaults to FALSE (XHTML).

```
if rigMarkdownAvailable() then
    put rigMarkdown(tMDstring) into gData["mdOutput"]
end if
```

This converts Markdown formatted plain text to XHTML.