

# Breaking Down Barriers

Using Docsify-This As an Entry Point  
to Markdown Open Publishing

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# Session Topics

1. Open Content Format Considerations
2. Markdown
3. Docsify-This
4. “In the Wild” Examples
5. Hosting Markdown Files
6. Live Demo
7. Online Activities!

# **1. Open Content Format Considerations**

# Open Content Format Considerations

- Support for the 5 Rs (Retain, Reuse, Revise, Remix and Redistribute)
  - For example, is content reusable across different platforms?
- Content editing tools
  - For example, are there Web and/or desktop editing options?
- Publishing workflows
  - For example, how is raw content turned into Web pages?
- Collaboration and version control potential
  - For example, can content revisions be managed?

## 2. Markdown

# What is Markdown?

Markdown is a syntax to format the display of content stored as plain text - similar but simpler than HTML formatting

# Markdown Examples

# Your H1 Text Here

## Your H2 Text Here

*\_your italic text here\_*

**\*\*your bold text here\*\***

\* your unordered list item here

1. your numbered (and indented) list item here

[link title](https://www.google.com)

![Image Alt Text](imagefile.jpg)

**Tip: To ensure a new paragraph after text in markdown, put two spaces after the end of the line**

# Why Markdown?

- ✓ System-independent
- ✓ Text-only (future proof *and* perfect for version control!)
- ✓ Separation of content vs. presentation
- ✓ Human-readable (i.e. more than HTML)
- ✓ Can also contain HTML snippets



# Example HTML Snippets

```
<div style="text-align: center;">
```

```
# This h1 Header is Centered
```

```
</div>
```

---

```
<details>
```

```
  <summary>Content title</summary>
```

```
  This content can be <em>shown/hidden</em>.
```

```
</details>
```

# Publishing with Markdown

- Markdown Converters
  - For example, Pandoc ([pandoc.org](https://pandoc.org))
- Markdown Static Site Builders
  - For example, Jekyll ([jekyllrb.com](https://jekyllrb.com))
- Markdown Dynamic Renderers
  - For example, Docsify ([docsify.js.org](https://docsify.js.org))

***How can we further reduce the  
barriers to publishing open content  
with Markdown?***

### **3. Docsify-This**

# Docsify-This

Docsify-This is an open source Web app, built using the Docsify Open Publishing Kit, that can instantly turn online Markdown files into web pages

# Docsify-This Core Design Principles

1. Frictionless Markdown publishing
2. Flexible content display handling
3. Your content, your control
4. Support the 5 Rs of OER
5. Authors helping other authors

# Publishing Markdown Content with Docsify-This

1. Create or view a Markdown file on GitHub, Codeberg or a Webserver and copy that URL
2. Go to **Docsify-This.net**, paste the URL into the **Markdown File URL** field, and tap the **Publish as a Standalone Web Page** button
3. *That's it, there is no step 3!*



# Docsify-This

## Instantly Turn Online Markdown Files into Web Pages

This open-source web app, built with the magical documentation site generator [Docsify](#), provides a quick way to publish one or more online [Markdown](#) files as standalone web pages without needing to set up your own website. Try it out below!

### Web Page Builder

Enter the URL of a Markdown file and view that file as a web page in a new Browser tab. The resulting Docsify-This page URL can be copied and shared or used as an iFrame source URL.

Markdown File URL (GitHub, Codeberg or raw source URL):

[Publish as a Standalone Web Page](#)

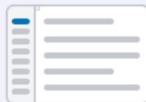
Page layout:



Content Only



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Docsify Sidebar

☐ Include 'Edit this Page' link with public GitHub or Codeberg files (default location is bottom of page)

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### All About Docsify-This

- [What Problem Does Docsify-This Solve?](#)
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# My Open Publishing Space

## Create, Share and Collaborate



[Docsify](#) can generate article, portfolio and documentation websites on the fly. Unlike Docusaurus, Hugo and many other Static Site Generators (SSG), it does not generate static html files. Instead, it smartly loads and parses your Markdown content files and displays them as a website.

### Introduction

**Markdown** is a system-independent markup language that is easier to learn and use than **HTML**.



Figure 1: The Markdown Mark

Some of the key benefits are:

1. Markdown is simple to learn, with minimal extra characters, so it's also quicker to write content.
2. Less chance of errors when writing in markdown.
3. Produces valid XHTML output

# Example Docsify-This URL

`https://docsify-this.net/?basePath=https://raw.githubusercontent.com/hibbitts-design/docsify-this-one-page-article/main&homepage=home.md&sidebar=true`

# Time for Questions & Discussion

- What we've covered so far
  - Open content format considerations
  - Markdown
  - Docsify-This
- Coming up
  - “In the Wild” Examples

## **4. “In the Wild” Examples**

OpenArm

Characteristics

Rules

Machine Learning (AI)

Learning input/output

Learning for Self-Design

Research Phase

How it started

Energy Regen

Tendons & Ligaments

Slip Ring

Build & Design Log

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How You Can Help

Why help?:

Mechanical

Electronics

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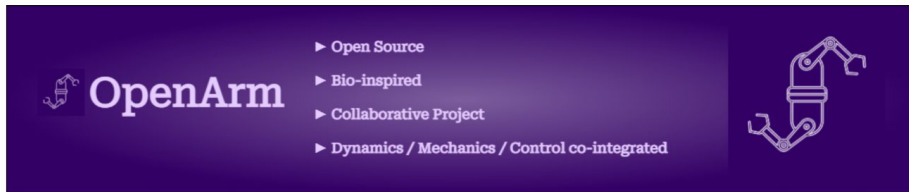
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## OpenArm

*An open-source robot arm*

**PURPOSE:** to design a robot arm using bio-inspiration for higher modularity and higher loads than leading commercial designs in 2023.

[Github Repo](#)

[Website](#)

## Characteristics

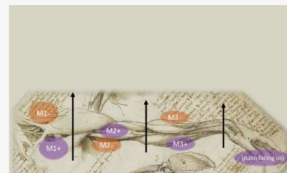
Version 1

- Comprised of 3D Printable + OTS parts
- Less than \$150 in components
- Using DC motors, M2 Belts, and M2 pulleys like those of 3D printers
- Having no encoders required ✨
- Bio-inspired - having damping forces and torque relationships similar to a human arm.
- Digital-twin oriented - the simulated design shall represent the real implementation sufficiently to simulate motion.
- Parametric design - the geometry leaves space for variations and modifications of internals & frame.

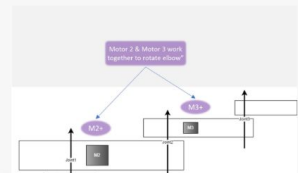
### Biological Sketch



### Biological sketch with motors identified



### Robot Arm concept with motors



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► Open Source

► Bio-inspired

► Collaborative Project

► Dynamics / Mechanics / Control co-integrated



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## Characteristics

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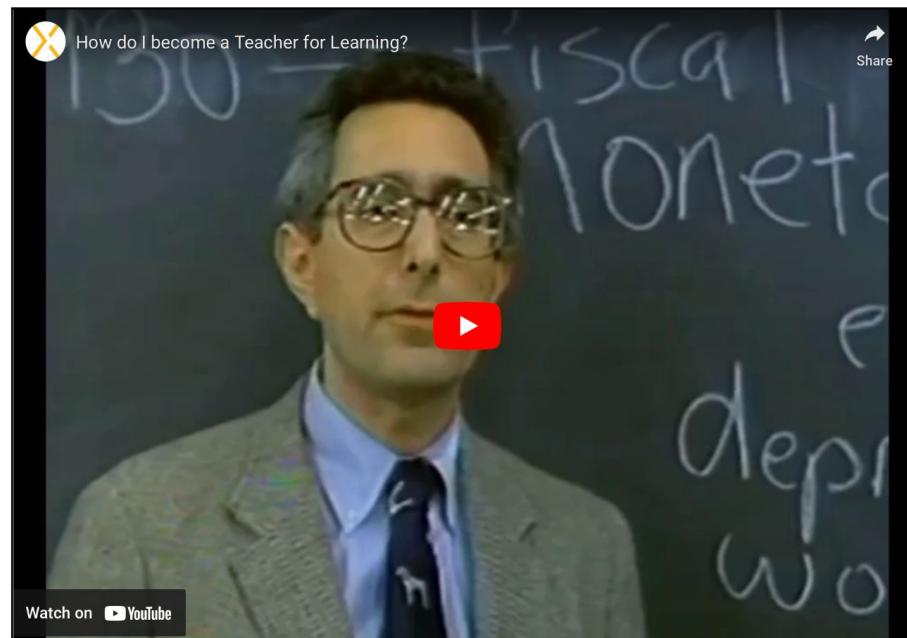
> **Scenario**

- > Overview
- > How Learning Works
- > Prior Knowledge
- > Organise Knowledge
- > Motivation
- > Mastery
- > Feedback and Practice
- > Climate of the Course
- > Metacognition
- > Summary




## Scenario

Students don't seem to understand the material in my course. They just don't get it! For some reason they seem to miss the mark in my exams each year no matter what I try to do to prepare them. They seem disinterested and distracted. I want them to understand the relevance and enthusiasm I feel for my content, but I'm out of ideas on how to get through to them.



Direct Link: [How do I become a teacher For learning?](#)

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Tutorial: Digital Audio Workstations

Course Evaluations

## A CSS Primer

This is the smallest, shortest CSS primer you'll ever see.

### Basic syntax (note the punctuation):

A CSS file is a collection of declarations about what **things** (er, content objects) look like. We say which thing we mean by using a "selector" and then we tell it what we want by specifying "attributes" and "values". The punctuation is necessary: it basically goes like this:

```
selector { attribute: value; }
```

E.g.,

```
h1 { font-size: 18pt; }
```

The **selector**: specifies the thing that we're going to talk about. It can be an HTML **element** like `p` or `h1` or `blockquote`

```
p
```

It can also refer to specific kinds of those elements, where they have named **classes** (as in `<p class="whatever">` . Or where they have a unique identifier:

```
p.whatever  
p#uniqueID
```

You can also specify that the thing only counts if it appears in a particular context. For instance, `p` only if it appears within a `section` element, but not otherwise:

```
section > p
```

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This is material for PUB 607, a graduate project course in Publishing production technologies at Simon Fraser University. This course is new as of spring 2023.

[jmaxsfu.github.io/pub607-23/](https://jmaxsfu.github.io/pub607-23/)

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The most current TRU Writer documentation is displayed below ([view in a new window](#)). Generated with [Docsify This](#).

TRU Writer Documentation

Setting Up TRU Writer

Customize the Writing Form

Shortcodes

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Updating The TRU Writer theme

Got Questions

TRU Writer Documentation

These is a reference for the settings and making use of other WordPress features in the [TRU Writer SPLOT WordPress theme](#)

Setting Up TRU Writer

Once you have installed TRU Writer and can see the barebones theme staring back at you or maybe dome cheesy demo content.

It is not very interesting. Yet. Get rid of any "Hello World" posts, say bye bye. Set your TRU Theme Options (see below). Set up a menu. Try using the Write page to create some initial content. Poke around the Customizer settings. Fiddle with your footer widgets.

Recommended Plugins for TRU Writer

While your doing all that uploading, you should know that this theme uses the [Reading Time WP plugin](#) to insert those commonplace estimates of reading time -- blame [Medium](#) if you hate knowing how long a post might take to read.

Page Setup

This theme has one special page for your writing form that must be created; associated with a specific template that provides it's functionality. Activating the theme *should* create the page for you when the theme is activated, but if not, create them as described below. You can edit the content of the **Write** page to customize the welcome seen by writers on your site.

If the theme does not do so automatically (and it should) create this Wordpress **Page**.

Write

The page that provides the writing form, see <http://splot.ca/writer/write>. Whatever you include in the body (not required) is added to the top of the form, maybe for extra instructions e.g. for a site at

Thank you for creating with [WordPress](#).

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README.md	Permalink Fix	6 months ago
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## **5. Hosting Markdown Files**

# Hosting Markdown Files

- GitHub or Codeberg
  - a. Signup for a GitHub or Codeberg account
  - b. Make a new repository, and create or upload your Markdown file
  - c. View the Markdown file, and copy/paste that URL into the Docsify-This Markdown File URL field
- Gist (GitHub Gists)
- Personal or Organizational Webhost
- *Or just about anywhere a raw source Markdown file can be accessed!*

# Time for Questions & Discussion

- What we've covered in this section
  - “In the Wild” Examples
  - Hosting Markdown files
- Coming up
  - Live demo
  - *And then online activities!*

## **6. Live Demo**



# 7. Online Activities!

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## Breaking Down Barriers: Using Docsify-This As an Entry Point to Markdown Open Publishing

Materials for Paul Hibbitts' [OTESSA 2024 Conference](#) online workshop about the open source project [Docsify-This](#).

- [Interactive Worksheet](#) (PDF)
- [Introduction to Docsify-This](#) (PDF)
- [Google Slides](#) (PDF)



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# Next Steps

## Markdown Guide

- [markdownguide.org](https://markdownguide.org)

## Improving The Accessibility Of Your Markdown

- [smashingmagazine.com/2021/09/improving-accessibility-of-markdown](https://smashingmagazine.com/2021/09/improving-accessibility-of-markdown)

## OER on GitHub What, Why, & How (also applies to Codeberg)

- [evanwill.github.io/make-oer](https://evanwill.github.io/make-oer)

## Markdown Desktop Editors

- [code.visualstudio.com](https://code.visualstudio.com)
- [typora.io](https://typora.io)

## GitHub Desktop App (can also be used with Codeberg)

- [desktop.github.com](https://desktop.github.com)

# Thank You! Questions?

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## OTESA 2024 online workshop materials

- [bit.ly/otessa24-docsify-this](https://bit.ly/otessa24-docsify-this) (incl. these slides)

## Docsify-This

- Web App: [docsify-this.net](http://docsify-this.net)
- Open Publishing Ecosystems - Docsify This: [youtube.com/watch?v=EjeqxOJ2ZxE](https://youtube.com/watch?v=EjeqxOJ2ZxE)

Want to host your own Docsify website? Check out my Docsify Starter Kits!

- [github.com/hibbitts-design](https://github.com/hibbitts-design)