

MARKDOWN

What is Markdown

Markdown is a lightweight markup language with plain text formatting syntax.

Markdown was initially created by **John Gruber** in **2004** with the goal of enabling non-programmers to write documents using an easy-to-read and easy-to-write plain text format that could be converted directly into HTML.

Markdown is often used to format readme files, for writing messages in online discussion forums, and to create rich text using a plain text editor.

Advantages

- Purpose of markdown is to make it easy to read, write and edit prose.
- Markdown uses a very simple formatting syntax to accomplish the same thing that HTML or Rich Text Formatting does.
- It is simpler than HTML.
- You don't have to worry about opening and closing tags.
- To format text, Markdown uses punctuation and characters you're already familiar with.

- Heading
- Emphasis
- Lists
- Links
- Horizontal rule
- Blockquotes
- Images