



- A simple markup language (like HTML) for plaintext documents.
- Developed in 2004 by John Gruber in collaboration with Aaron Swartz
- First markdown-to-html converter written in Perl

# Flavors of Markdown

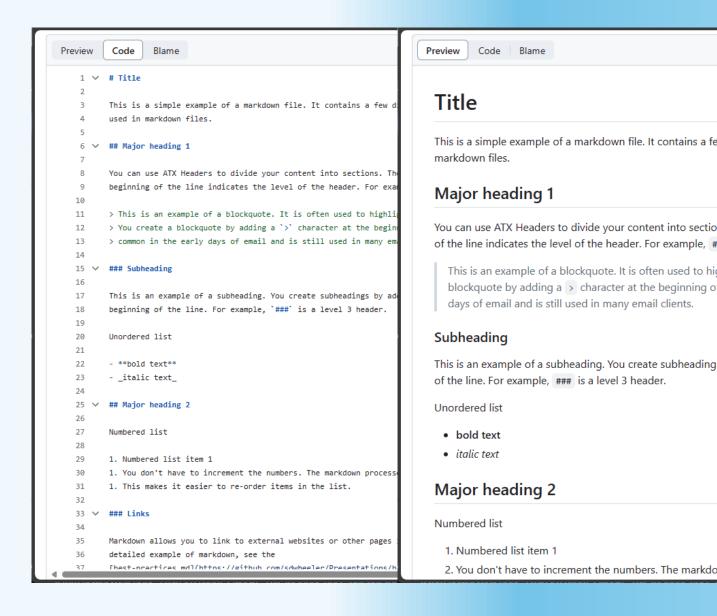
- CommonMark
- GFM
- Extensions tables, docs extensions



# Basic markup

#### Markdown goals

- Maintain readability of the plaintext
- Minimize the complexity of the markup
- Easily transformed to HTML



# Use cases

#### Documentation

- PowerShell help platyPS
- All content on <a href="https://learn.microsoft.com">https://learn.microsoft.com</a>

# Blogging

- Supported by Word Press
- PowerShell-Community blog
- <u>Hugo</u> static site generator

#### Chat and social media

- Teams chat
- Discord
- Reddit

### Note-taking

• Obsidian



# PowerShell style guide

- Standardized markup choices
- 100-char limit semantic line breaks
- Blank lines after blocks
- Blocks vs. spans

#### VS Code tools

- Learn extension
- Reflow
- Table formatter + Excel
- Gremlins
- Preview
- Other extensions

