

MARKDOWN

IT'S REALLY JUST A DIFFERENT KIND OF
"MARK-UP"

THE BRIEF HISTORY OF MARKDOWN

- 2004: John Gruber and Aaron Swartz (co-founder of Reddit)
- Ancient history: text documents on the Internet (pre-web)
 - TBL: HTML (a mark-up language) ...a type of SGML
 - Reader: any web browser
 - So easy!
- EASIER! - common pseudo-formatting → convert to RTF or HTML
 - Trade-off: limited
 - Sucks: *"The nice thing about standards is that there are so many of them."*
 - E.g. GFM: GitHub Flavored Markdown
- Used worldwide – many purposes; mostly quick documentation
 - GitHub **readme.md** files

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markdown-demo.md x
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20 bold,
21 monospace.
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23 Horizontal rule:
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26 Strikethrough:
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29 An [example link](http://csc174.com).
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31 ![This is me](http://www.rkostin.com/images/moi.jpg "Moi")
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33 Ta-da! Also, typical markdown readers support "real" HTML.
34 Just use regular <strong>HTML tags</strong> to do <strong>
35 HTML things</strong>.
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