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GitHub combines a syntax for formatting text called GitHub Flavored Markdown with a few unique writing features.

Markdown is an easy-to-read, easy-to-write syntax for formatting plain text.

We've added some custom functionality to create GitHub Flavored Markdown, used to format prose and code across our site.
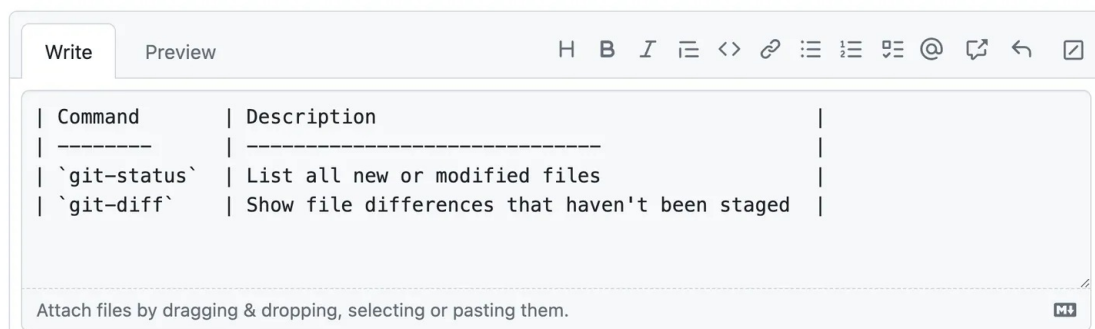
You can also interact with other users in pull requests and issues using features like @-mentions, issue and PR references, and emoji. For more information, see "Basic writing and formatting syntax."

Text formatting toolbar 🔗

Every comment field on GitHub Enterprise Cloud contains a text formatting toolbar, which allows you to format your text without learning Markdown syntax. In addition to Markdown formatting like bold and italic styles and creating headers, links, and lists, the toolbar includes GitHub Enterprise Cloud-specific features such as @-mentions, task lists, and links to issues and pull requests.

Enabling fixed-width fonts in the editor 🔗

You can enable a fixed-width font in every comment field on GitHub Enterprise Cloud. Each character in a fixed-width, or monospace, font occupies the same horizontal space. This can make it easier to edit advanced Markdown structures such as tables and code snippets.

1 In the upper-right corner of any page, click your profile photo, then click **Settings**.

2   In the left sidebar, click 🖌 **Appearance**.

3   Under "Markdown editor font preference", select **Use a fixed-width (monospace) font when editing Markdown**.

Markdown editor font preference

Font preference for plain text editors that support Markdown styling (e.g. pull request and issue descriptions, comments.)

☑ **Use a fixed-width (monospace) font when editing Markdown**

Further reading 🔗

- [GitHub Flavored Markdown Spec](#)
- "[Basic writing and formatting syntax](#)"
- "[Working with advanced formatting](#)"
- "[Quickstart for writing on GitHub](#)"

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