

Markdown Cheat Sheet

The everyday Markdown syntax on one page — from Rverse Analytics

Markdown turns plain text into formatted documents with a handful of symbols. This is the practical core used in GitHub READMEs, static sites, and the prose of Quarto and R Markdown. Try any of it live at rverseanalytics.com/tools/markdown-previewer.

Text & headings

You write	You get
<code># Heading 1 ... ##### Heading 6</code>	headings, largest to smallest
<code>**bold**</code>	bold text
<code>*italic*</code>	italic text
<code>`inline code`</code>	monospaced code
<code>~~strikethrough~~</code>	struck-through text

Separate paragraphs with a blank line. A single line break is usually ignored.

Lists

You write	You get
<code>- item</code> OR <code>* item</code>	a bulleted list
<code>1. item</code>	a numbered list
two-space indent before <code>-</code>	a nested sub-item

Links & images

You write	You get
<code>[text](https://url)</code>	a link
<code>[text](https://url "title")</code>	a link with a hover title
<code>![alt text](image.png)</code>	an embedded image

Always write meaningful image alt text — it helps accessibility and SEO.

Code blocks

Fence multi-line code with triple backticks and name the language:

```
```r
x <- c(1, 2, 3)
mean(x)
```
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Blockquotes & rules

| You write | You get |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| > quoted text | an indented blockquote |
| --- on its own line | a horizontal rule |

Tables

| | | | | |
|--|--------|--|--------|--|
| | Column | | Number | |
| | :----- | | -----: | |
| | Left | | 3.1 | |

Colons in the separator row set alignment: :--- left, ---: right, :---: centre.

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