Markdown Basics: Write Formatted Text

Plain text that turns into headings, lists and links

What it is

Markdown is a way to format text using simple symbols. A Markdown file is plain text, usually ending in .md.

Headings

Start a line with # for a big heading, ## for a smaller one, and ### for an even smaller one.

Bold and italic

Put **two stars** around words for bold and *one star* around words for italic.

Lists

Start lines with - for bullets, or with 1. 2. 3. for a numbered list. Add a blank line before the list.

Links and images

Write [link text](https://example.com) for a link. Add a ! in front, like ![description](picture.png), for an image.

Paragraphs

Leave a blank line between paragraphs. Without a blank line, lines run together.

Turn it into something else

Pandoc turns Markdown into HTML, Word or PDF. Obsidian shows it formatted and can export to PDF.

Tip: Write first, format later. The symbols are easy to add when you are done.

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