

Video Title: “Getting Started with Markdown” <https://youtu.be/reyrw8I2NhM>

Transcript:

This is the “Getting Started” video for markdown. If you have done so already, please visit the homepage and view the “What is Markdown?” introduction video. Also, consider clicking the “Try Markdown” link at the top of the page. I think it is useful before attempting any of the tutorials to go ahead and jump in the deep end and see how far you can get on your own. After doing so, go to the “Resources Page” and click on the “Common Mark” tutorial. I chose this tutorial for a couple reasons. First of all, as the history section explains, the commonmark.org site is doing a lot to support markdown. Also, I like the fact that they don’t require any personal information or logins in order to go through the tutorial. Simply go to the link and click “lesson.”

When you’re reading, it will take about 15 or 20 minutes. But once you take that time it will be worth it because they will provide a comprehensive knowledge of all the things that are required for writing with markdown and creating a webtext using markdown’s markup syntax. Following that, return to the resources page, and go to the StackEdit editor. Now, I’ve already uploaded one of my own markdown files. This is the one that I wrote myself to create the History page on the markdown site. This page was first drafted in markdown and then converted to html for the site. And you can see here, the StackEdit editor, which I like quite a bit, is a lot like the “Try Markdown” link on my site, where you can get a view of what it would look like rendered in a web page on the right.

So, go ahead and try, if you will, and to write your own markdown text, webtext, blog post, article, reading response, review. And then go ahead after you’re finished, click on the hashtag, and we will go ahead and “Export to Disk.” Now, you’ll see that “As Markdown” is one of the options, but all that will do is just export the raw markdown. What we will see here is an introduction to what Markdown provides for web design. Now, we’re going to export using “Template.” StackEdit already has a basic CSS template included, that the use to create a nicely styled page. We are not going to get into editing that in this video, but just go ahead and click “Template” and save it. Here, I am going to save it to my “Desktop.” And we will see by going to the “Desktop” that we now have “history.html.” Now, if you double click this, it will open in your default web browser. And you can see we have a nicely styled simple web page.

So, that is the “Getting Started” video. There are other video to learn markdown and do different things with it under the “Resources” page. Thank you.