

Resume in Markdown

It used to be a sign of technical prowess to compose a resume in LaTeX-- you wanted to take the extra effort to make a professional, beautiful document. Now, unfortunately, nobody reads printed resumes -- employers just want something to copy-and-paste into a database field so they can search for whatever isolated skill set they're looking for.

Employees need to keep their resumes current, regardless of job search status. Employers may want an internal database. They may provide a bundle of resumes to prospective clients, to show off their staff competence, or as a contractual requirement.

A lot of people have recently concluded that Markdown (in [Pandoc](#)) is an easily-maintainable and portable text format suitable for publishing resumes. For example:

<http://sysadvent.blogspot.com/2011/12/day-14-write-your-resume-in-markdown.html>

See:

- "Unbeatable Resumes," by Tony Beshara
- How a Programmer Reads your Resume (comic)

Create your_name.markdown, along the lines of:

```
#Your Name
1234 Main St., City, State 12345
(555) 555-5555
your.name@example.com
http://www.example.com
http://www.linkedin.com/in/yourname

#Summary

Quick Summary (not objective) specifically highlighting why you qualify for the job.

#Work Experience (only last 10 years)

## Company Name 1 (City, State)
*[Company 1][] description, particularly if not well-known.*

**Position Title (include alternate titles in parentheses)** (Start Date - End Date)

Summary of your role

- Accomplishment that contains bold text.
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## Company Name 2 (City, State)
*[Company 2][] description, particularly if not well-known.*

**Position Title (include alternate titles in parentheses)** (Start Date - End Date)

Summary of your role

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## Company Name 3 (City, State)
*[Company 3][] description, particularly if not well-known.*

**Position Title (include alternate titles in parentheses)** (Start Date - End Date)

Summary of your role
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[Company 1]: <http://www.example.com/company1>

[Company 2]: <http://www.example.com/company2>

[Company 3]: <http://www.example.com/company2>

Then manually use pandoc to convert them to plain text, Microsoft Word, etc., or just use a batch file (Windows):

```
pandoc --from=markdown --to=docx --output=your_name.docx your_name.markdown
pandoc --from=markdown --to=plain --output=your_name.txt your_name.markdown
pandoc --from=markdown --to=rtf --output=your_name.rtf your_name.markdown
pandoc --from=markdown --to=odt --output=your_name.odt your_name.markdown
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7z.exe u -x!*.*.zip your_name.zip your_name.*
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7-Zip

But note that an astonishing number of recruiters are unable to figure out how to open Zip files, so just plan on emailing the .docx, and using the .txt for uploading to online applications and LinkedIn, and the like.

Regards,

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