


# Add Markdown to an alert description

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Alert descriptions support Markdown, which is a simple formatting syntax that converts plain text into HTML. When placed before or around text, certain non-alphabetic characters specify what HTML styling to apply to the text. For example, place double asterisks (\*\*) before and after text you want to display as bold.

If you [add a notification to the alert configuration](#), the description is included in the body of email notifications. The description is also displayed in the Alert Details, which you can access from the [Alert History](#).

1. Log into the Web UI on the ExtraHop Discover or Command appliance.
2. Click the System Settings icon  and then click **Alerts**.
3. Open the alert you want, and then click the **Description** tab.
4. In the text box, enter the description for the alert configuration.

The following table shows common Markdown formats that are supported in the text box.

Format	Description	Example
Headings	Place a number sign (#) before your text to format headings. The level of heading is determined by the amount of number signs.	####Example H4 heading
Unordered lists	Place a single asterisk (*) before your text.	* First example * Second example
Ordered lists	Place a single number and period (1.) before your text.	1. First example 2. Second example
Bold	Place double asterisks before and after your text.	**bold text**
Italics	Place an underscore before and after your text.	<i>_italicized text_</i>
Hyperlinks	Place link text in brackets before the URL in parentheses. Or type your URL.  Links to external websites open in a new browser tab. Links within the ExtraHop Web UI, such as dashboards or custom pages, open in the current browser tab.	[Visit our home page](https://www.extrahop.com)  https://www.extrahop.com
Blockquotes	Place a right angle bracket and a space before your text.	On the ExtraHop website: > Access the live demo and review case studies.
Monospace font	Place a backtick (`) before and after your text.	`example code block`
Emojis	Copy and paste a Unicode block emoji into the text box. Adding	

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	emojis in Markdown syntax is unsupported. For Unicode emojis examples, see the <a href="#">Unicode Emoji Chart</a> website.	

5. Click **OK**.