

NAME

md2roff - converts markdown documents to roff (man, mdoc, ms, mm, mom).

SYNOPSIS

md2roff [{-n|-z}|-d|-m|-o}] [*FILE*] [-]

DESCRIPTION

md2roff converts the input files to **groff** (with man package) format and prints the result to **stdout**. If the *FILE* is '-' then it reads from **stdin**.

OPTIONS

-h, --help

displays a short-help text and exits

-v, --version

displays the program version, copyright and license information and exists.

-n, --man

use man package (linux man pages, default), see **groff_man(7)**.

-s, --ms

use ms package, see **groff_ms(7)**.

-m, --mm

use mm package, see **groff_mm(7)**.

-d, --mdoc

use mdoc package (BSD man pages), see **groff_mdoc(7)**.

-o, --mom

use mom package, see **groff_mom(7)**.

-pX, --synopsis-style=X

For man-page only. specify the style of the SYNOPSIS. Where X, 0 = default, 1 = md2roff highlight, 2 =.SY/.OP commands, 3 =.Nm commands.

-z, --man-official

try to use rules of **man-pages(7)**.

NOTES

1. If the documents starts with '#' then creates the TH command with this; otherwise there will be a default TH with the file-name. Actually only the title (name) and section are required. See **man-pages(7)**.

```
... example
# title section date source manual
... sed manual page:
# SED 1 "January 2020" "sed 4.8" "User Commands"
```
2. If you write man page, use '####' for each option to automatically convert the section to '.TP' as in GNU's manuals. Also this enables 'COMMAND'(see 4) style for this line only and only in man-page output mode.
3. Use special link type (man) to link man pages. Example, link to **tcsh(1)**.

```
... link to [tcsh 1] (man) ...
```
4. For man modes, there is a special keyword 'COMMAND:' in SYNOPSIS section that enables the syntax commands (command and options in bold, separators/syntax-symbols in no-color, parameters in italics). COMMAND takes one text string as parameter which is the full expression of the syntax. For multi-line use special character backslash at the end of the line. This is same to '--synopsis-style=1'

```
## SYNOPSIS
COMMAND: appname -x [-y] [file]
```
5. For man and mdoc modes, there is a special keyword 'SYNTAX:' in SYNOPSIS section that

enables the syntax commands (.SY/.OP/.YS). Each line starts with ‘-’ translated to .OP otherwise to .RI, except the first which is the command name. This is same to ‘--synopsis-style=2’

```
## SYNOPSIS
SYNTAX:
    appname
    -x arg
    -y [arg]
```

BUGS

A lot. Fix and send.

EXAMPLES

View a markdown as console man page:

```
$ md2roff mytext.md | groff -Tutf8 -man | $PAGER
```

View a markdown as postscript man page:

```
$ md2roff mytext.md | groff -Tps -man | okular -
```

This document is example, its written in markdown and produce a nice man page. You can see the man page as exported to *pdf* (by **groff**) in this directory.

HOME PAGE

<https://github.com/nereusx/md2roff>

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SEE ALSO

groff_man(7), **man-pages(7)**, **groff_man(7)**, **groff_md(7)**, **groff_mm(7)**, **groff_mom(7)**, **groff_ms(7)**.