

# Master Markdown Styles

## Define your own markdown styles

Heavy users of markdown will appreciate Curio’s support for master markdown styles.

Using a specified style file, Curio can apply styling attributes to certain markdown elements within a project, specifically the six markdown headers (`#`, `...`, `#####`).

Here’s a portion of a sample master markdown style file:

```
# = font-family:Helvetica Neue UltraLight;font-size:32;font-color:#376098;
## = font-family:Helvetica;font-size:28;font-color:#ff00ff;font-bold:1;
```

- It's a pretty simple text file format:
- Each header element (`#`, `...`, `#####`) is defined on its own line.
  - The font attributes are a semicolon-delimited collection of key/value pairings each separated by a colon.
  - Spaces before and after the `=`, `:`, and `;` are ignored.

When the style file is changed, the updated style changes will be broadcast throughout your project instantly updating all text figures which use those markdown elements.

You can also create a global master markdown style file for use in all projects.

Attribute Example	Description
font-family:Helvetica	The specific font face like "Helvetica Neue UltraLight" or general font family like "Helvetica".
font-color:#fff00	The color for the font, in hex syntax.
font-bold:1	Enable bold. Useful if a general font family is specified instead of specific font face.
font-italic:1	Enable italics. Useful if a general font family is specified instead of specific font face.
font-underline:1	Enable underline.
font-strikethrough:1	Enable strikethrough.
line-height-multiple:1.2	The natural line height will be multiplied by this value (default is 1).
line-spacing:5	The additional distance in points between lines (default is 0).
paragraph-spacing-before:5	The distance in points before this header (default is 5).
paragraph-spacing-after:2	The distance in points after this header (default is 2).

### Edit a Project’s Master Markdown Style File

1. Use the Format > Edit Master Markdown Style File menu item to edit your project's master style file in the default editor for .txt files, such as TextEdit.
2. When you save your changes and switch back to Curio, Curio will automatically notice the updates and re-render your visible idea spaces and queue up preview regeneration for all project idea spaces just in case they contain markdown as well.
3. If you remove the contents of the style file then the file itself will be automatically removed from the project package when you switch back to Curio.

### Import a Master Markdown Style File

- Alternatively, if you have an existing markdown style file you wish to use, choose the Format > Import Master Markdown Style File menu item and the file will be copied into your project and then stylings applied throughout.

### Global Master Markdown Style File

- If you place a Markdown Styles.txt in your `~/Library/Application Support/Curio/Version XX/Repository` folder (where XX is your Curio version, like 12) then it will be used to define default master markdown styles for all Curio projects. Styles defined in that file will be read first, then you can override or add more styles with your project specific master markdown styles.