

# Designing Message Styling

## XEP-0393 and Mellium

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XEP-0393: Message Styling defines a formatted text syntax for use in instant messages with simple text styling.

# Inline Styles

*emphasis*

**\*strong emphasis\***

~~strike through~~

``preformatted``

# Preformatted Text

```
```optional-tag
```

```
  _ _ _ _ _ / _ _ | _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ | _ _ _ _ _  
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| _ |  
```
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# Block Quote

```
> This is a quote.  
> It can have many lines.  
>  
>> It can even be nested!
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# Design Considerations

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<sup>1</sup>Not Markdown.

email & jid

sam@SamWhited.com

me

sr.ht & github

blog

A diagram illustrating the components of the email address 'sam@SamWhited.com'. The address is centered. Above it, a large curly brace spans the entire address, with the text 'email & jid' centered above the brace. Below the address, three smaller curly braces are positioned: one under 'sam', one under '@SamWhited', and one under '.com'. Below the 'sam' brace is the text 'me'. Below the '@SamWhited' brace is the text 'sr.ht & github'. Below the '.com' brace is the text 'blog'.

<https://blog.samwhited.com/2020/11/message-styling/>



<https://mellium.im>





`mellium.im/xmpp/styling`

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# Iterating

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r := strings.NewReader("It's called *Twelfth Night*_.")
d := styling.NewDecoder(r)
for {
    tok, err := d.Token()
    if errors.Is(err, io.EOF) {
        break
    }
    if err != nil {
        return err
    }
    // ...
}
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```
// A Token represents a styling directive or unstyled span of text.  
// If the token is a preformatted text block start token, Info is a  
// slice of the bytes between the code fence (``) and the newline.
```

```
type Token struct {  
    Mask Style  
    Data []byte  
    Info []byte  
}
```

```
// Copy creates a new copy of the token.  
func (t Token) Copy() Token
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```
const (
```

```
    BlockPre Style = 1 << iota
```

```
    BlockQuote
```

```
    SpanEmph
```

```
    SpanStrong
```

```
    SpanStrike
```

```
    SpanPre
```

```
    // ...
```

```
)
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const (  
    // ...  
  
    BlockPreStart  
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    BlockQuoteStart  
    BlockQuoteEnd  
  
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    // ...  
  
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const (  
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const (  
    // ...  
  
    Block                = BlockPre | BlockQuote  
    Span                 = SpanEmph | SpanStrong | SpanStrike | SpanPre  
    SpanEmphDirective   = SpanEmphStart | SpanEmphEnd  
    SpanStrongDirective = SpanStrongStart | SpanStrongEnd  
  
    // ...  
)
```

## Using Bitwise Operations on Styles

```
if tok.Mask&styling.Directive == styling.Directive {  
    /* lower contrast */  
}
```

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```
switch {  
  case tok.Mask&styling.SpanStrongStart == styling.SpanStrongStart:  
    out.WriteString("<strong><code>")  
    out.Write(tok.Data)  
    out.WriteString("</code>")  
  case tok.Mask&styling.SpanStrongEnd == styling.SpanStrongEnd:  
    out.WriteString("<code>")  
    out.Write(tok.Data)  
    out.WriteString("</code></strong>")  
  // ...  
}
```

## Possible Future QoL Enhancement:

```
// Directive checks if the style is any styling directive.  
func (s Style) Directive() bool {  
    return s&Directive == Directive  
}  
  
// Emph checks if the style includes emphasis.  
func (s Style) Emph() bool {  
    return s&SpanEmph == SpanEmph  
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```
for d.Next() {  
    tok := d.Token()  
    // ...  
}  
if d.Error() != nil {  
    return err  
}
```

# Chat Rooms



`go@gopher.chat`

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