

Working with Text Breaks

Paragraph Break

On a Confluence page, a continuous line of text with two carriage returns at its end forms a paragraph. This is equivalent to a continuous line of text followed by a blank line.

When rendered into HTML, the result is a line of text wrapped in a set of `<p></p>` tags.


Line Break

Confluence provides two options for forcing a line break within a paragraph of text:

- Implicitly, by entering a single carriage return at its end.
- Explicitly, by using the `
` tag or multiple consecutive backslashes:

```
Unknown macro: {nomarkup}  
(  
)  
.
```

When rendered into HTML, the result is a paragraph of text split into separate lines by `
` tags, wherever a forced line break appears.

 For most purposes, explicit line breaks are not required because a single carriage return is enough.

The examples below show how to use explicit line breaks.

What you need to type	What you will get
here is some text Unknown macro: {nomarkup} Unknown macro: {nomarkup} divided Unknown macro: {nomarkup} using line Unknown macro: {nomarkup} breaks	here is some text divided using line breaks
This is a short list: * Point 1 Text to go with point 1 * Point 2 Unknown macro: {nomarkup} Text to go with point 2 with a break	This is a short list: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Point 1 Text to go with point 1• Point 2 Text to go with point 2 with a break


If you wish to use multiple consecutive line breaks, each should be separated by a space character. For example, use {{

```
Unknown macro: {nomarkup}
```

}} for two consecutive line breaks.

Horizontal Rule

Use four dashes (----) to create a horizontal rule.

 Make sure that the dashes are on a separate line from the rest of the text.

What you need to type	What you will get
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here is some text <div style="border: 1px solid orange; border-radius: 5px; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Unknown macro: {nomarkup}</div> divided by a horizontal rule	here is some text <hr/> divided by a horizontal rule
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