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bash and ksh

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*practical* difference between the two shells is as follows:

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The rendered version of the preceding technical document looks as follows:

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A Markdown parser converts Markdown files into HTML. Browsers can then display the resulting HTML to readers.

We recommend becoming comfortable with Markdown by taking one of the following tutorials:

- www.markdowntutorial.com [↗](#)
- [Mastering Markdown](#) [↗](#)

What's next?

Congratulations: you've completed the pre-class work for Technical Writing One.

If the in-class portion of Technical Writing One is available in your organization, please take it. If you'd like to facilitate the in-class portion of Technical Writing One, see the [facilitator's guide](#).

A quick compilation of the topics covered in Technical Writing One is available on the [Summary](#) page.

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Just enough grammar (optional)

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