

# Clarify restrictions on attempting to format plaintext messages. #451



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## Labels

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michaelcfanning commented 16 days ago

Contributor

See 3.11.3 'Plain text messages'

This section clearly states that 'a plain text message SHALL NOT contain formatting information such as HTML tags'. This prohibition also includes more naive attempts to format messages such as using spaces, tabs, etc. to provide indentation or to suggest some structure to the message.

We should add a bit of language that makes it quite explicit: formatting s/be restricted to embedded links and the introduction of line end sequences, if necessary, to break apart paragraphs (noting, as we already do, that viewers are free to transform, elide or encode these line end sequences).

Also, a minor point, the text refers to `\r` as a 'line break' when this character literally refers to a carriage return.



lgolding self-assigned this 12 days ago



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Contributor

Done, except I didn't change the "line break" language. Instead, I changed "line breaks (for example, `"\r"` or `"\n"`)" to "line breaks (for example, `"\r\n"` or `"\n"`)"



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**michaelcfanning** commented 12 days ago

Contributor

Author

Yes, this seems simpler.



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**lgolding**

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#### Projects

None yet

#### Milestone

No milestone

#### Linked pull requests

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None yet

#### 2 participants

