

# Add code samples

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Sometimes you may want to display code for your readers to copy and paste from an article. Here's how:

1. Select **Code View** in your WYSIWYG editor.
2. Paste the code you want to display into the code view.
3. If you're using our default syntax highlighter, wrap the code using the following format: `<pre><code data-language="language"></code></pre>` tags.
  - a. If you're using a **custom syntax highlighter**, most of those use `code class="language-xxxx"` or a similar format. Check with the syntax highlighter you're using!
4. Replace **"language"** with the language of the code. For example, the code block below will highlight Javascript syntax:

```
<pre>
  <code data-language="javascript">
    &lt;script&gt;
      alert("Hello, World!");
    &lt;/script&gt;
  </code>
</pre>
```

And produce this treatment using the default syntax highlighting:



## Scripts and other HTML

If you're adding code wrapped in `<script>` tags, encode the greater than and less than signs around the opening and closing script tags so that the code doesn't execute (as is shown above). Use [this online tool](#) to encode your script. Be sure to check the box to **Encode the less than and greater than sign**.