

# CUSTOMISING TEXT EDITORS

For richer and more engaging content

## WHY USE THIS\*

Simple text area

Recognise me? I'm your basic text area input with `<textarea>`

Submit

- no formatting
- text only
- limited customisation (aesthetics only)

- a plethora of formatting options
- can include images, links, tables, footnotes, etc
- customise functionality via plugins or custom code
- customise toolbar organisation
- customise aesthetics

## WHEN YOU COULD USE THIS?

The screenshot shows a rich text editor interface. The toolbar includes icons for undo, redo, bold, italic, underline, strikethrough, subscript, superscript, text color, background color, bulleted list, numbered list, link, unlink, image, table, and custom unicode functionality. The content area shows the text "Important *research* comments" with "research" in italics, "@ Badian [1967]" with an arrow pointing to "@ mentions for cross referencing", and "alluring insights" with "alluring" in a light blue color. The bottom status bar shows "body p".

To read the full post



\*If you're only collecting simple input, use the simple text area. If users would benefit from having formatting etc, choose a rich text editor.  
CK Editor is shown here and is recommended, particularly for Django projects, either through Python or JavaScript initialisation