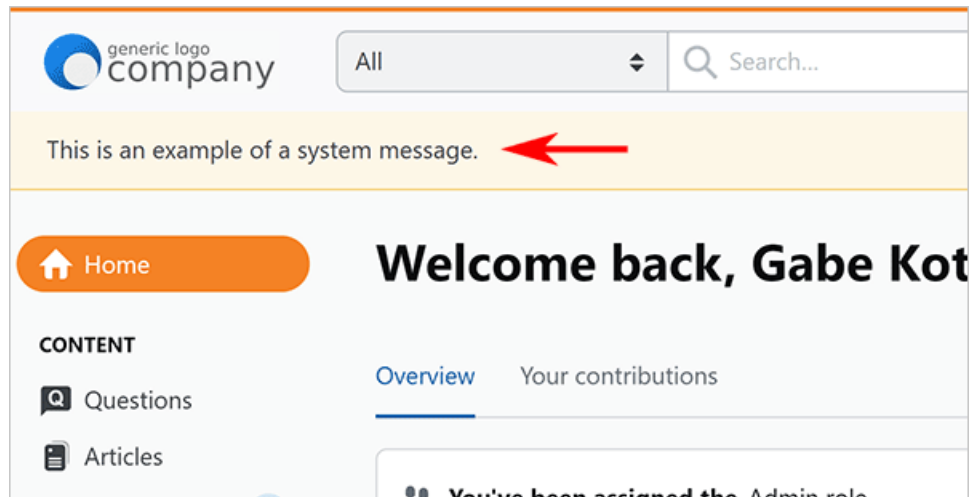


## System messages

The first area of the Custom Messages page allows you to control a special subset of your site's custom messages: system messages. System messages appear at the very top of the site, and are usually used for site downtime, password resets, and other events that affect all users.



By default, system messages are visible to all users whether logged in or not. To display the system message to logged-in users only, click the **Hide the system message when logged out** checkbox. Enabling this option ensures that system messages remain visible only to logged-in users. This is helpful for messages intended only for your active user base.

To control your site's system messages, click **System messages** under the checkbox. This will take you to an admin page on your site not accessible by any menu ([https://\[your\\_site\].stackenterprise.co/admin/messages/system](https://[your_site].stackenterprise.co/admin/messages/system)). Here you can edit and update system messages.

You can create a new system message and set how long you want your site to display it. You can also view and reuse any past message by clicking its **Re-use** link.

**NOTE:** Read the help box in the upper-right corner of the page for important details about the duration and formatting of system messages.

**Help**

System messages appear at the top of the site for every user, until they expire.

Only one system message may be active at a time; for a new message to be added, a possibly active one must be deleted first.

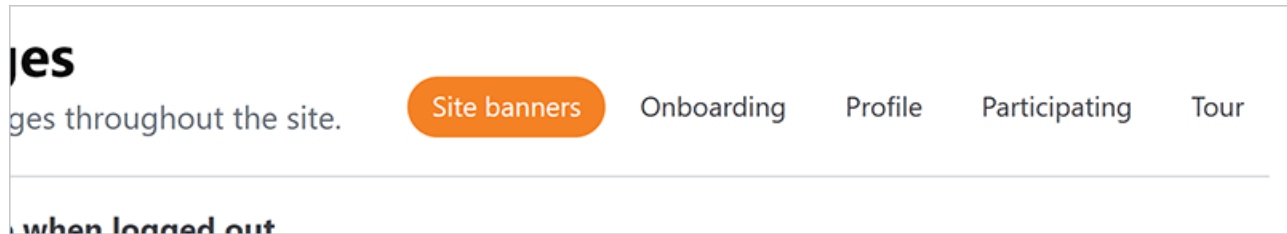
The maximum duration for a system message is 9999 hours.

Some HTML is allowed.

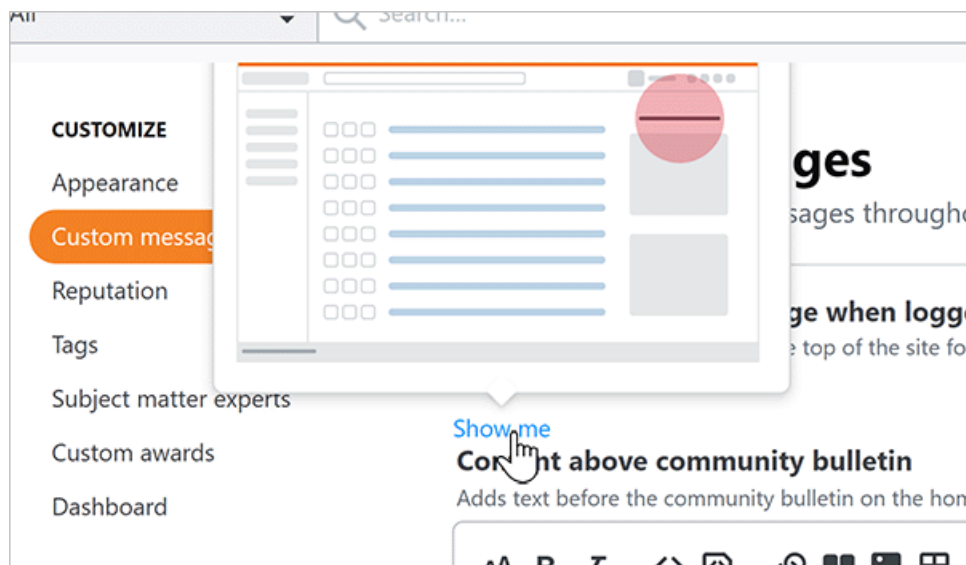
**Be careful!**

## Custom messages

The Custom Messages page allows you to craft your own messages in five areas: site banners, onboarding, profile, participating, and tour. To access each of these areas, click the corresponding button in the upper-right corner of the page.



**NOTE:** Many custom messages have a **Show me** link. Click this to see a thumbnail that shows where the message will appear on your site.

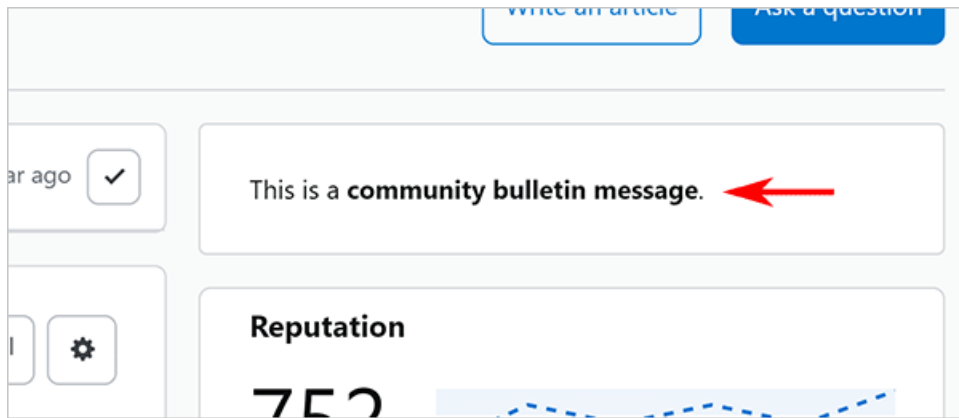


## Site Banners

Click **Site banners** to control the content of various banners across your site, ensuring users receive important updates and alerts. You can add messages to the following areas of your site:

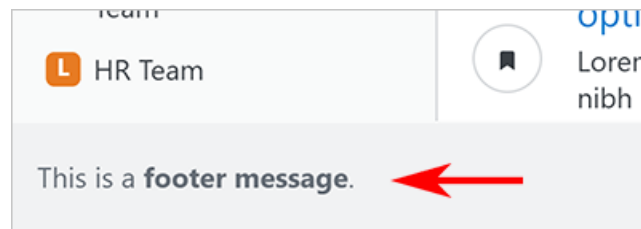
### Content above community bulletin

This message appears at the top of the right-hand column on the user's home page.



### Footer notice

Use this message to add text, links, and other content to the footer at the bottom of every page.



### Onboarding

Click **Onboarding** to create messages to help new users with the onboarding process. These messages include:

#### New user confirm

Use this message to communicate with new users before they finalize the account confirmation process.

### Confirm your new account

You are about to create a new account on **Your Site**

Here's how you'll look on the site based on the information provided to us by your Identity Provider.



**Display name**  
New User

This is the new user confirmation message. 

Confirm new accountCancel

## How to tag

Use this message to customize the first bullet prompt in the How to Tag sidebar. Users see this sidebar when adding tags to a new question.

ed fields\*

### How to Tag

A tag is a keyword or label that categorizes your question with other, similar questions. Choose one or more (up to 5) tags that will help answerers to find and interpret your question.

- This is the **how to tag** message. 
- complete the sentence: *my question is about...*
- use tags that describe things or concepts that are *essential*, not incidental to your question
- favor using existing popular tags
- read the descriptions that appear below the tag

If your question is primarily about a topic for which you can't find a tag:

- combine multiple words into single-words with hyphens (e.g. **knowledge-article** ), up to a maximum of 35 characters

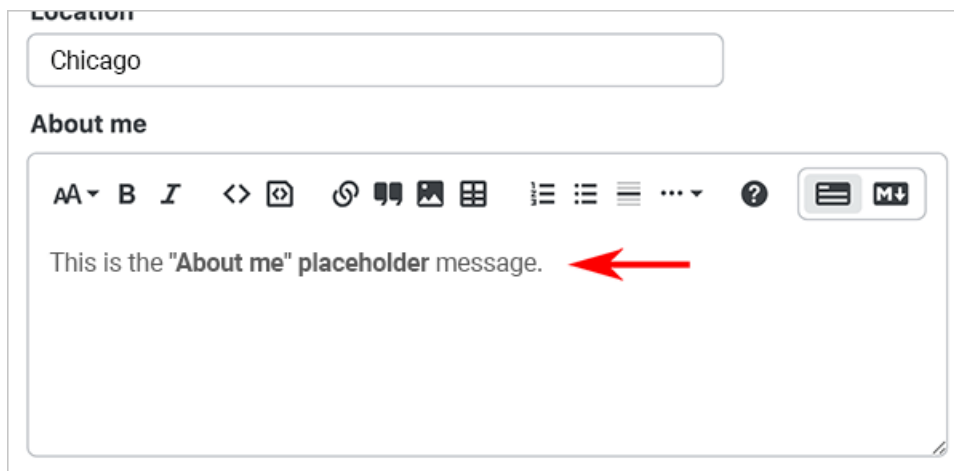
[popular tags »](#)

## Profile

Click **Profile** to control several aspects of user profiles on your site.

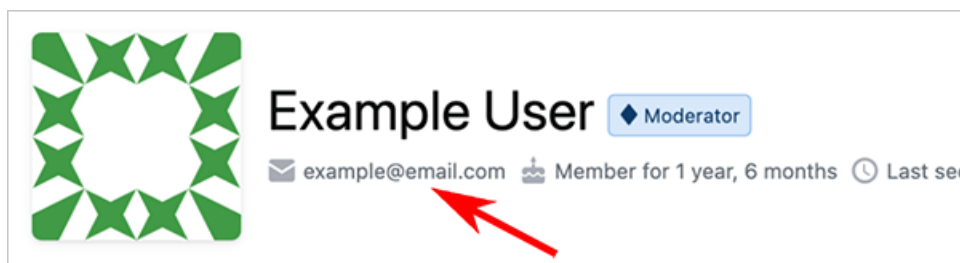
### "About me" placeholder

This message appears in the **About me** text box when new users fill out their profile. Use this message to help them create an effective profile (for example: remind them to include specific items, keep it brief, proofread before they save, etc.).



### Show the user's email address on their Main Site profile

Enable this checkbox to show users' email addresses on their main site profile.



### Show the user's ID on their Main Site profile

*Not used.*

## Participating

Click **Participating** to customize messages that help your users add well-written, well-formatted questions and answers.

### Placeholder text of new question title

Customize this message to pre-populate the question **Title** with text that will help users write effective question titles.

# Ask a question

**Title\***

This is the "Placeholder text of new question title" message. 

**Body\***

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## How to format markdown

This message allows you to add useful tips to the top of the How to Format help box. This box appears when users are writing the **Body** of their question.

Required fields\*

 **How to Format**

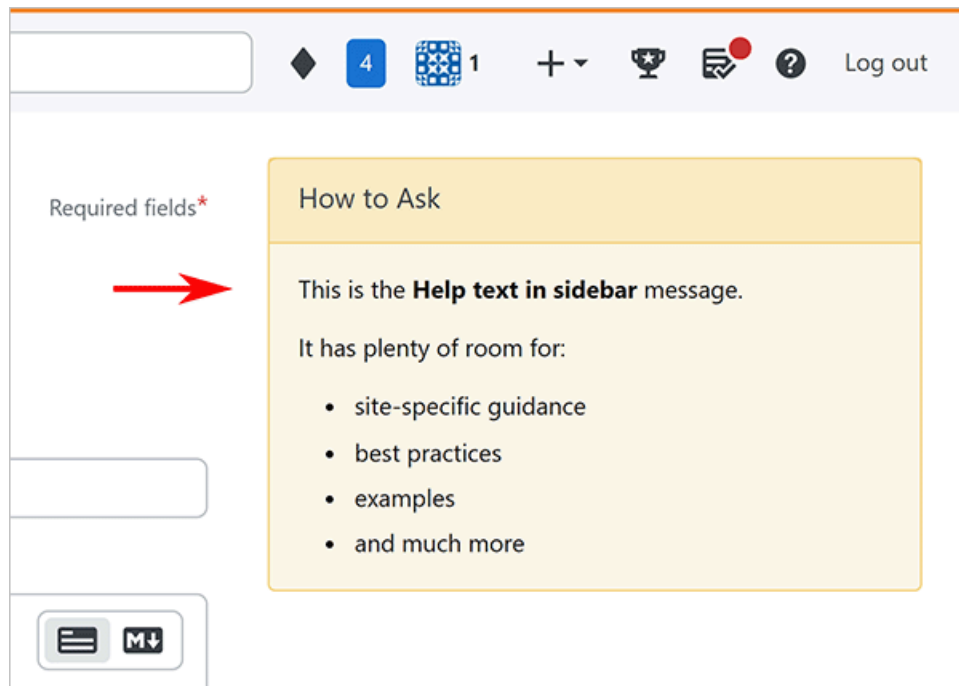
- This is the **How to format markdown** message.
- create code fences with backticks ` or tildes ~  

```
```\nlike so\n```
```
- add language identifier to highlight code  

```
```python\ndef function(foo):
```

## Help text in sidebar

Use this message to add site-specific guidance for your users to craft better questions. The How to Ask sidebar sits on the new question page and has lots of room, so you can be generous with advice for your users.



## Tour

Click **Tour** to customize aspects of your site's Tour page. This page appears to new users, and is also available by clicking the (?) button at the top of your site.

You can choose which example question to show on the tour page. As described in the right-hand column, the question featured on the tour page must meet specific criteria. Click **Browse all eligible questions** to locate an eligible question for the tour page.

When you find a suitable question, click **Choose** to see a preview of how the question will look on the tour page. To confirm, click **Use this question for the tour page**.

### Choose question for Tour page

[return to Tour page](#)

15 votes

✓ 2 answers

48 views

#### What are the best python libraries for 3D visualization?

I'm generating 3D charts and graphics, and want to know which python libraries are stable and well supported.

python graphics

 **Jim Dandy** ♦ 236 asked Nov 26 at 15:07

Choose...

### ID of example question

Once you browse and locate a suitable question for your tour page, the question ID will appear in this box. You can also enter a question ID directly if you know it's eligible for display on the tour page..

### Max # of characters in the question and answer

Enter a character count limit to define the maximum size of the featured question and answer.



### Allow block elements in the question/answer body

Check this box to disallow questions or answers with block elements (for example: lists, images, code blocks). Allowing these elements in the feature question or answer can affect the page layout.

If in the future the chosen example question no longer meets the requirements and any additional rules (such as character limit or block element), it will no longer show on the tour page. The tour page will revert to showing the default unicorns example question.

This site is all about **getting answers**. It's not a discussion forum. There's no chit-chat.

 Just questions...

 ...and answers.

 Good answers are voted up and **rise to the top**.

*The best answers show up first so that they are always easy to find.*

 The person who asked can mark one answer as "accepted".

*Accepting doesn't mean it's the best answer, it just means that it worked for the person who asked.*

Edit question

## How to prevent unicorns from eating



14



unicorns

daisies



asked



### 2 Answers



4



answered





3



answered



### Caching of tour example question

- Your site caches eligible questions for 24 hours. If a question becomes newly eligible, it will take 24 hours to appear in the **Browse Eligible Questions** list.
- If you change the example question, the tour page may not show the updated question for up to 24 hours.