

Configuring your site

This tutorial explains how to configure your project by editing the `mkdocs.yml` file. You will learn how to set basic site information, apply the Material for MkDocs theme, and enable some of its key features.

Set basic site information

Let's configure the site by setting these core options in `mkdocs.yml`. Update your file to look like this:

`mkdocs.yml`

```
site_name: My Docs
site_url: https://example.com/
site_description: A short description of my documentation site.
repo_url: https://github.com/your-username/your-repo

nav:
  - Home: index.md
```

- `site_name`: The title of your documentation site.
- `site_url`: The full public URL where your site will be hosted.
- `site_description`: A short summary used for search engine results and metadata.
- `repo_url`: The URL of your source code repository (e.g., GitHub, GitLab).

Apply the Material for MkDocs theme

Now, let's switch from the default theme to Material for MkDocs.

Add the `theme` section to your `mkdocs.yml`:

`mkdocs.yml`

```
site_name: My Docs
# ... (other settings)

theme:
  name: material
```

✓ Expected result

If `mkdocs serve` is running, your site will automatically reload with a new dark look. You are now using the `Material for MkDocs` theme.

Enable theme features

`Material for MkDocs` includes many features that can be enabled under the `theme.features` key. Here we will enable some features.

Update your `theme` configuration:

```
mkdocs.yml

# ... (other settings)

theme:
  name: material
  features:
    - navigation.tabs
    - navigation.footer
    - navigation.top
```

- `navigation.tabs`: Turns the top-level navigation into tabs.
- `navigation.footer`: Adds "Previous" and "Next" page links in the footer.
- `navigation.top`: Adds a "Back to top" button that appears when you scroll down.

Enable and configure search

Search is a built-in plugin that is enabled by default. However, as soon as you add the `plugins` key to your configuration, you must explicitly include `search` to keep it.

Add the `plugins` section to your `mkdocs.yml`:

mkdocs.yml

```
# ... (other settings)

plugins:
  - search:
```

- `plugins`: The list of plugins to enable.

Change the color palette

You can easily change the site's colors using the `palette` option.

Update your `theme` configuration again:

mkdocs.yml

```
# ... (other settings)

theme:
  name: material
  features:
    - navigation.tabs
    - navigation.footer
    - navigation.top
  palette:
    scheme: slate
    primary: blue
```

```
plugins:
  - search:
```

- `scheme: slate`: Switches the site to a dark mode theme.
- `primary: blue`: Sets the primary accent color to blue.

You have now learned the basics of configuring your site, applying a theme, and customizing its features and appearance.