

Your first site

This tutorial guides you through creating a new documentation site, starting the local development server, editing a page, and building the static output.

Create a new project

The `mkdocs new` command creates a new project directory with a default `mkdocs.yml` file and a single `index.md` page.

```
mkdocs new my-project
cd my-project
```

Your folder now contains:

```
my-project/
├── docs/
│   └── index.md
└── mkdocs.yml
```

- `mkdocs.yml` : This is your main configuration file. You'll use it to set your site's title, choose a theme, and configure navigation.
- `docs/` : This directory contains all of your documentation content, written as Markdown files. `index.md` is the default home page.

Start the local server

The `mkdocs serve` command starts a local development server that watches for file changes and automatically rebuilds your site.

```
mkdocs serve
```

Open `http://127.0.0.1:8000` in your browser.

✓ Expected result

You should see a simple documentation site with a single home page.

Edit your first page

Open `docs/index.md` in your editor and replace the default content:

docs/index.md

```
# Hello, world!  
  
This is my first MkDocs site.
```

When you save the file, the browser will automatically reload to show the new content.

💧 What to notice

The page updates immediately because the development server watches your files for changes.

Build the static site

When you are ready to publish, use the `mkdocs build` command to generate the static HTML, CSS, and JavaScript files.

```
mkdocs build
```

This creates a `site/` directory containing the complete, self-contained website.

You have now created, previewed, and built your first documentation site.