

Getting started

This guide explains how to install Material for MkDocs. You will set up a Python environment, install the required packages, and verify that the `mkdocs` command is ready to use.

Prerequisites

- Python 3.8+
- `pip`

Create a virtual environment first

Using a virtual environment is highly recommended to isolate project dependencies.

Linux / macOS

```
python3 -m venv .venv
source .venv/bin/activate
```

Windows

```
python.exe -m venv .venv
.venv\Scripts\activate
```

Install Material for MkDocs

The `mkdocs-material` package includes MkDocs, Material for MkDocs, and all of their dependencies. Install it from PyPI using `pip`:

```
pip install mkdocs-material
```

Verify the installation

Check that the `mkdocs` command is available and see which version you installed:

```
mkdocs --version
```



Fixing live reload

A recent dependency update in MkDocs can prevent the live-reloading from working. This is a known issue (see [#4032](#)). If you run `mkdocs serve` and your browser does not automatically refresh after you change a file, you most likely need to downgrade the `click` package:

```
pip install "click==8.2.1"
```

You are now ready to create your first site.



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