

DOCS OR IT DIDN'T HAPPEN!



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Why are we here?

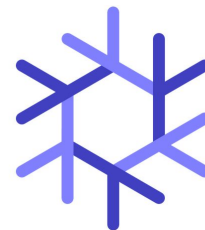
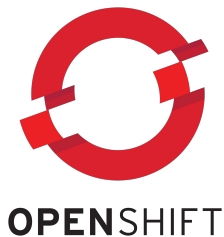
- We want to have more users and contributors
- We believe (or want to believe) that docs can help
- <something> is stopping us from working on docs

We are **not** here to argue whether documentation is important (or to argue about anything, really). Please leave your flamewars at the door, documentation is communication so let's remember how to do that.

This talk will run the full 30 minutes, with no on-stage questions. Personal interaction is recommended (talk to me afterwards!), or you can email, Slack, or tweet @ThatDocsLady with your questions any time.



Who is **That Docs Lady**?



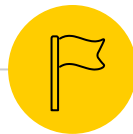
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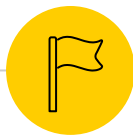
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Community Spirit

We're all in this together





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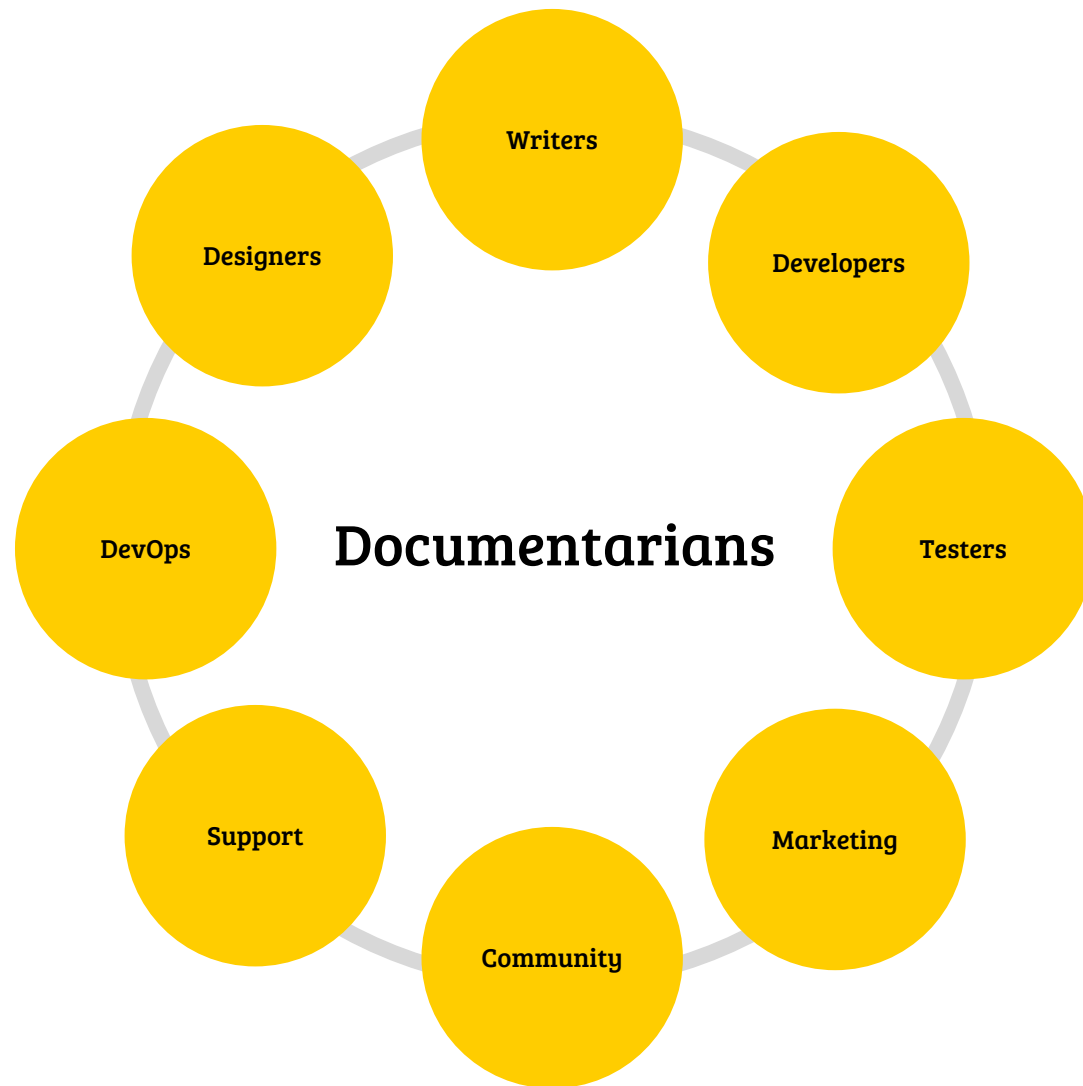
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“A documentarian is someone who cares about documentation and communication in the software industry, regardless of job title.”

<http://www.writethedocs.org/documentarians/>



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CONTENT STRATEGY

Asking the right questions in advance can save a lot of time later



NEED-TO-KNOW DOCS

(and no, you don't need to know everything)



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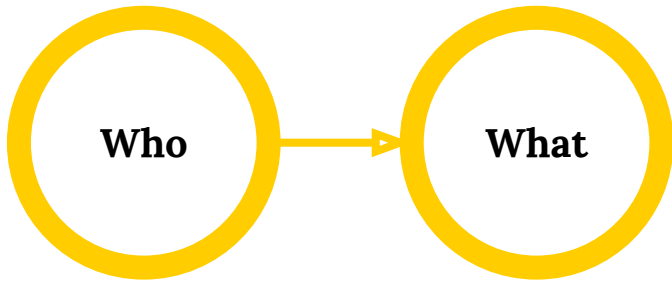


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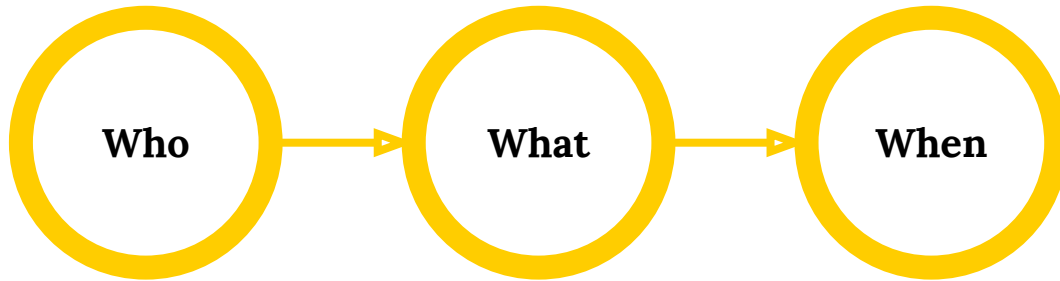


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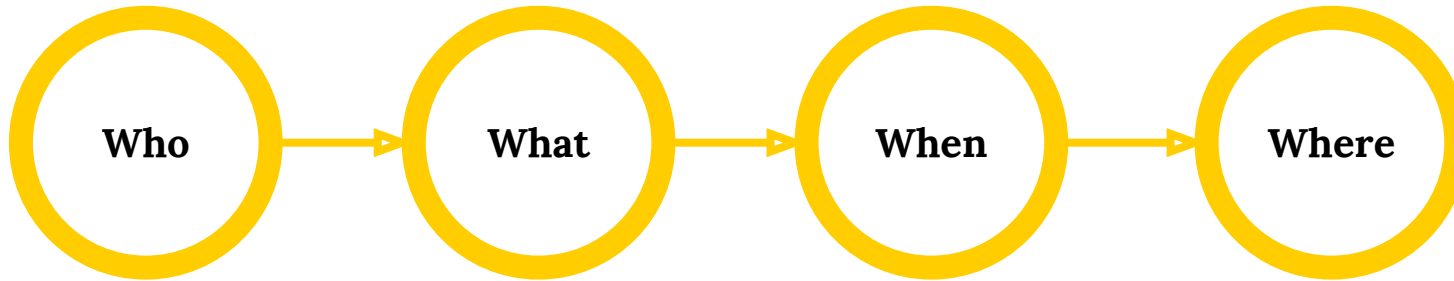


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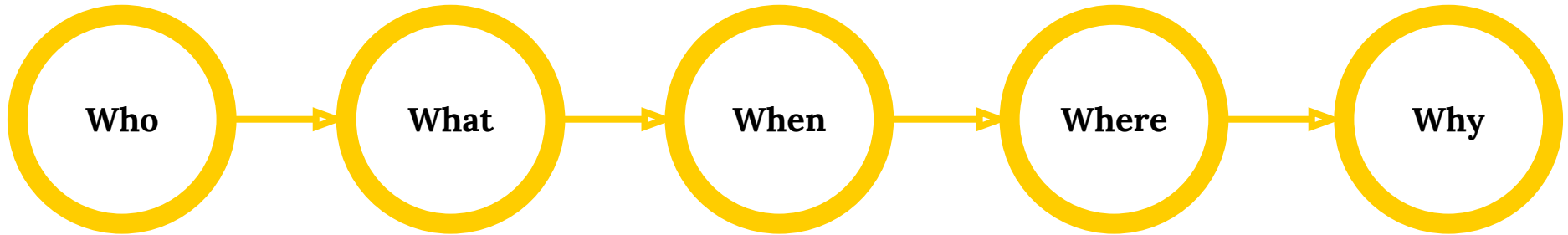


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EXAMPLES

(because screenshots are awesome)





GNOME Help

The screenshot shows the GNOME Help website. At the top left is the GNOME logo (a paw print) and the text "GNOME HELP". To the right is a dark navigation bar with links: "About", "Users", "Administrators", and "Developers". Further right is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the text "Search". Below the navigation bar, the "Users" section is highlighted in blue. It contains a paragraph: "Even though it's extremely user-friendly, GNOME is a large and complex system, and thus, requires some learning to use to the fullest. To make that easier, we've provided some very useful documentation." Below this is the "Administrators" section, also in blue, with a paragraph: "Across the world, there are many large to small deployments of GNOME, with their specific needs, and system administrators to manage them. Here you will find information on tools and methods to work with many GNOME desktops." Below that is the "Developers" section, in blue, with a paragraph: "For those who develop, or are interested in developing GNOME and applications for GNOME. You will find developer documentation and information on how to get involved, and much more, in the GNOME Developer Center."

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 **GNOME Help**

Getting Started with GNOME

New to GNOME? Learn how to get around.

Introduction to GNOME

A visual introduction to your desktop, the top bar, and the Activities overview.

Log out, power off or switch users

Learn how to leave your user account, by logging out, switching users, and so on.

Start applications

Launch apps from the Activities overview.

Your desktop <p>Calendar, notifications, keyboard shortcuts, windows and workspaces...</p>	Networking, web & email <p>Wireless, wired, connection problems, web browsing, email accounts...</p>	Sound, video & pictures <p>Digital cameras, iPods, editing photos, playing videos...</p>
Files, folders & search <p>Searching, delete files, backups, removable drives...</p>	User & system settings <p>Keyboard, mouse, display, languages, user accounts...</p>	Hardware & drivers <p>Hardware problems, printers, power settings, color management, Bluetooth, disks...</p>
Universal access <p>Seeing, hearing, mobility, braille, screen magnifier...</p>	Tips & tricks <p>Special characters, middle click shortcuts...</p>	Get more help <p>Tips on using this guide, help improve this guide, mailing list, IRC</p>

help.gnome.org



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Guides

GNOME System Administration Guide

A guide for GNOME 3 system administrators

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Manuals

GNOME Display Manager Reference Manual


GDM is the GNOME Display Manager, a graphical login program.

[Previous Versions](#)

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GNOME Developer Center


Welcome to the GNOME developer center! Here you will find all the information that you need to create fantastic software using GNOME technologies.






Application development overview

Guide to the GNOME platform and libraries for developers.




Human Interface Guidelines

Advice and guidelines on designing effective interfaces with GTK+.



Guides

A growing selection of development guides on common topics.




API Reference

Comprehensive API reference documentation for GNOME libraries, including GTK+.


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Arch Linux Wiki



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Summarizes the similarities and differences between Arch and other distributions.

Arch Linux press coverage
What they say about us.

Beginners' guide
Detailed guide through the whole process of installing and configuring Arch Linux.

Installation guide
Concise installation guide aimed at experienced Arch users.

General recommendations
Annotated index of post-installation tutorials and other popular articles.

FAQ
List of common and frequently asked questions.

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International communities
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Minishift README

Minishift

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Welcome to Minishift!

Minishift is a tool that helps you run OpenShift locally by running a single-node OpenShift cluster inside a VM. You can try out OpenShift or develop with it, day-to-day, on your local host.

Minishift uses [libmachine](#) for provisioning VMs, and [OpenShift Origin](#) for running the cluster.

```
Build: passing | Build: passing | Release: build: passing
```

Getting started

To download the latest binary and review release notes, see the [Minishift releases](#) page.

Minishift requires a hypervisor to start the virtual machine on which the OpenShift cluster is provisioned. Make sure that the hypervisor of your choice is installed and enabled on your system before you start Minishift.

For detailed installation instructions for Minishift and the required dependencies, see the [Getting started](#) documentation.

Documentation

Minishift documentation is published as a part of the OpenShift Origin [documentation library](#). Check out the latest official Minishift documentation for information about getting started, using, and contributing to Minishift:

- [Getting started with Minishift](#)
- [Using Minishift](#)
- [Contributing to Minishift](#)
- [Command Reference](#)

In addition, you can review the release notes and project roadmap here on GitHub:

- [Release Notes](#)
- [Roadmap](#)

Community

Minishift is an open-source project dedicated to developing and supporting Minishift. The code base is forked from the [Minikube](#) project.

Contributions, questions, and comments are all welcomed and encouraged!

You can reach the Minishift community by:

- Signing up to our [mailing list](#)
- Joining the #minishift channel on [Freenode IRC](#)

For information about contributing, building, and releasing Minishift, as well as guidelines for writing documentation, see the [Contributing to Minishift](#) topics.

If you want to contribute, make sure to follow the [contribution guidelines](#) when you open issues or submit pull requests.

github.com/minishift/minishift



Minishift Troubleshooting



gbraad commented on Jul 20 • edited

Owner



I had the same idea of including it in the troubleshooting guide... as long as the can directly link to an anchor within that document as part of the URL in the banner:

```
-----  
Installing additional packages is not supported. For more information, see:  
  
https://docs.openshift.org/latest/minishift/using/troubleshooting.html#install-additiona  
-----  
Continue [y/N]
```

Note: will modify the script a little to move the `Continue [y/N]` into the else, so it will not be shown when people install a package with `yum install -y [packagename]`, but they will still see the banner.



gbraad commented on Jul 20 • edited

Owner



The documentation/troubleshooting entry will need to contain:

- why this is unsupported
 - it exhausts the `/` root filesystem of the LiveCD and can lock up the system
 - information provided by tools like `df` are unreliable and misleading about available space
- what are the alternatives
 - use the persistent disk instead (`/mnt/sda1`)
task: maybe at a relocation of `/opt` -> `/mnt/sda1/opt` (See [#1156](#))
 - use containers to perform development tasks
refer: to [re-using the Docker environment](#) (as this is an actual use-case why we described it)



Minishift Troubleshooting

```
#!/bin/sh
function hr() {
  printf '%*s\n' "${COLUMNS:-$(tput cols)}" '' | tr ' ' -
}
```

```
function banner() {
  hr
  echo -e "Installing additional packages on the root
filesystem might exceed the allocated overlay size and
lock the Minishift VM. Proceed with the installation at
your own risk."
  echo -e "For more information, see
https://docs.openshift.org/latest/minishift/using/troubleshooting.html#root-file-system-exceeds-overlay-size"
  hr
}
```

```
banner
if echo "$@" | grep -iq " -y" ; then
  answer="y"
else
  echo "Are you sure you want to continue? [y/N]"
  read answer
fi
if echo "$answer" | grep -iq "^y" ; then
  yum-unsupported $@
fi
```



Minishift Troubleshooting

The root filesystem of the Minishift VM exceeds overlay size

Installing additional packages or copying large files to the root filesystem of the Minishift VM might exceed the allocated overlay size and lock the Minishift VM.

Cause: The Minishift VM root filesystem contains core packages that are configured to optimize running the Minishift VM and containers. The available storage on the root filesystem is determined by the overlay size, which is smaller than the total available storage.

Workaround: Avoid installing packages or storing large files in the root filesystem of the Minishift VM. Instead, you can create a sub-directory in the ***mnt/sda1/*** persistent storage volume or define and mount **host folders** that can share storage space between the host and the Minishift VM.

If you want to perform development tasks inside the Minishift VM, it is recommended that you use containers, which are stored in persistent storage volumes, and reuse the **Minishift Docker daemon**.

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DEVOPS FOR DOCS

Let's geek out about processes, tools, and workflows, oh my!



INTEGRATION

(if you can't beat them, join them)

UNIFIED TOOLING

If it ain't baroque, don't fix it!





Docs-as-Code

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Run OpenShift locally

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anjannath Issue #1397 preflight check for iso url Latest commit 26dae4f 13 days ago


.github	Issue #1323 Enabling and configuring the stale probot integration	11 days ago
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LICENSE	Issue #472 Restore Kubernetes copyright notices	8 months ago
Makefile	Issue #1559 Adding a commit message validation target	14 hours ago
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History

 **robin-owen** committed with **hferentschik** Issue #1547 Using adoc attributes for project name ... Latest commit a9925e4 12 days ago

..

 images	Issue #1042 Making sure images can be used in dev mode as well as doc...	4 months ago
 index.adoc	Issue #1547 Using adoc attributes for project name	11 days ago
 installing.adoc	Issue #1547 Using adoc attributes for project name	11 days ago
 quickstart.adoc	Issue #1547 Using adoc attributes for project name	11 days ago
 setting-up-driver-plugin.adoc	Issue #1547 Using adoc attributes for project name	11 days ago
 uninstalling.adoc	Issue #1547 Using adoc attributes for project name	11 days ago
 updating.adoc	Issue #1057 Fixing invalid links and removing top level anchors	4 months ago

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component/build	13 open issues	Edit	Delete
component/documentation	23 open issues	Edit	Delete
component/hostfolder	2 open issues	Edit	Delete
component/integration-test	12 open issues	Edit	Delete
component/profile	7 open issues	Edit	Delete
component/test	3 open issues	Edit	Delete
easyfix	7 open issues	Edit	Delete
kind/bug	40 open issues	Edit	Delete

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CONTINUOUS PUBLICATION

No need to stop the press anymore!





Publication Tools

Asciidoctor

A fast text processor & publishing toolchain for converting AsciiDoc to HTML5, DocBook & more.



Download gem
from RubyGems



Checkout source
from GitHub

[Asciidoctor](#) is a fast text processor and publishing toolchain for converting [AsciiDoc](#) content to HTML5, DocBook 5 (or 4.5) and other formats. Asciidoctor is written in Ruby, packaged as a RubyGem and published to [RubyGems.org](#). The gem is also included in Fedora, Debian and Ubuntu. It is hosted on [GitHub](#) and released under the MIT

MkDocs

Project documentation with Markdown.

Overview

MkDocs is a **fast, simple** and **downright gorgeous** static site generator that's geared towards building project documentation. Documentation source files are written in Markdown, and configured with a single YAML configuration file.

MkDocs is currently still in development.

We're progressing quickly, but the documentation still needs filling in, and there are a few rough edges. The 1.0 release is planned to arrive in the next few months.

Host anywhere.

Builds completely static HTML sites that you can host on GitHub pages, Amazon S3, or anywhere else you choose.

Great themes available.

There's a stack of good looking themes included by default. Choose from bootstrap, readthedocs, or any of the 12 bootswatch themes.



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ABOUT THIS BOOK

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DETAILS

If you are reading this, it means you are interested in organizing your own Django Girls event. That's awesome!

In this manual we are going to explain to you how Django Girls started. So... let's get into details:



SPHINX
Python Documentation Generator

Welcome


Sphinx is a tool that makes it easy to create intelligent and beautiful documentation, written by Georg Brandl and licensed under the BSD license.

It was originally created for [the new Python documentation](#), and it has excellent facilities for the documentation of Python projects, but C/C++ is already supported as well, and it is planned to add special support for other languages as well. Of course, this site is also created from reStructuredText so features should be highlighted:

- **Output formats:** HTML (including Windows HTML Help), LaTeX (for print pages, plain text)
- **Extensive cross-references:** semantic markup and automatic links for full and similar pieces of information
- **Hierarchical structure:** easy definition of a document tree, with automatic linking
- **Automatic indices:** general index as well as a language-specific module index
- **Code handling:** automatic highlighting using the [Pygments](#) highlighter
- **Extensions:** automatic testing of code snippets, inclusion of docstrings from modules, [more](#)
- **Contributed extensions:** more than 50 extensions [contributed by users](#) installable from PyPI



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Build #3352396

latest (*da98a715ab07c8c2c4b68fe12df16d6993723507*)

Completed Sept. 25, 2015. 10:26 a.m.
Build took 17 seconds

Build completed

```
python -mvirtualenv --no-site-packages /home/docs/checkouts/readthedocs.org/user_builds/writethedocs-www/
python /home/docs/checkouts/readthedocs.org/user_builds/writethedocs-www/envs/latest/bin/pip inst
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```

readthedocs.org/projects/writethedocs-www/builds




Live-Preview Staging

✓

All checks have passed
2 successful checks


Hide all checks

✓

 **continuous-integration/travis-ci/pr** — The Travis CI build passed

Details

✓

 **deploy/netlify** — Deploy preview ready!

Details

✓

This branch has no conflicts with the base branch
Merging can be performed automatically.

Merge pull request

▼

or view [command line instructions](#).

github.com/writethedocs/www/pulls/<YOUR-PR-HERE>

TESTING AUTOMATION

More than a just a spell-checker!





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 [jhradilek](#) on Jan 12 Updated the README file.

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In many respects, typical product documentation is similar to computer software: it has source code, follows a certain life cycle, and has high quality requirements. And just like modern software, it is often quite complex and difficult to maintain. Fortunately, the fact that this documentation is typically written in a semantic markup language makes it possible to parse the documents and automate some tasks authors would otherwise have to perform manually.

emend verb [T] — to revise and correct a piece of writing before it is printed

emender noun [C] — one who emends

Emender is a test automation framework tailored specifically for product documentation. It not only makes it easy for individual authors to develop custom tests for their documentation, but is also distributed with a standard set of universally applicable tests.

github.com/emender/emender

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COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Let's help our contributors help us and help each other

Docs or it didn't happen!

- Me, at the beginning of this presentation



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Documentation as a Deliverable

Django Project

- If the code associated with a patch adds a new feature, or modifies behavior of an existing feature, the patch should also contain documentation.

Linux Kernel

```
11: Include kernel-doc to document global kernel APIs. (Not required for
static functions, but OK there also.) Use 'make htmldocs' or 'make
mandocs' to check the kernel-doc and fix any issues.
```

OpenStack

For example, if there is a patch submitted which a reviewer cannot fully understand because there are changes that aren't documented in the commit message or code documentation, this is a good time to issue a negative score. Patches need to be clear in their commit message and documentation.



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Where do I find the docs? [edit]

The Nix documentation is on GitHub in the following repositories:

- [Nix package manager](#)
- [NixOS](#)
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How do I create a topic? [edit]

Nix documentation uses DocBook 5, an XML markup language. For general information on how to work in DocBook, see [DocBook the Definitive Guide](#).

You can use an existing topic as a basis for the new topic or create a topic from scratch.

Keep the following guidelines in mind when you create and add a topic:

- Make sure to store the topic file in the same directory as the book file to which you want to add the topic. The book file is an XML file normally named `manual.xml`.
- If you include multiple words in the file name, separate the words with a dash. For example: `installing-cli.xml`
- Make sure that the `xml:id` value is unique. You can use abbreviations the ID is too long. For example: `nixos-config`
- Determine whether your topic is a chapter or a section. If you are unsure, open an existing topic file and check whether the main element is `chapter` or `section`.

nixos.wiki/wiki/Contributing_to_Nix_documentation



Templates

TEMPLATE

A simple template for you to start with, for your README. Name the file README.md if you want to use markdown, or README.rst if you want to use reStructuredText. More information about these can be found in the [sidebar on markup](#).

```
$project
=====

$project will solve your problem of where to start with document
by providing a basic explanation of how to do it easily.

Look how easy it is to use:

    import project
    # Get your stuff done
    project.do_stuff()

Features
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- Be awesome
- Make things faster

Installation
-----

Install $project by running:

    install project

Contribute
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- Issue Tracker: github.com/\$project/\$project/issues
```




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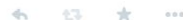
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Documentation Help Desk on Sunday!

(I have stickers)



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