

# Welcome to the POD Output Plugin

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## 1. Apache Forrest - POD Output Plugin

This plugin allows Forrest files to be output in the Perl Plain Old Documentation (POD) format, text with minimal formatting directives. If on a \*nix system with perl installed, see "man perlpod".

## 2. How to Use the POD Plugin

The plugin needs to be incorporated into your existing build of Forrest. To do this,

1. `cd $FORREST_HOME/plugin/`
2. `$FORREST_HOME/tools/ant/bin/ant local-deploy`

Once you have the text plugin installed, it is simply a case of requesting a file with a pod extension. For example, [this page as pod](#).

To have a POD link created in your project documentation, there are two things you will need to do:

- Edit your `forrest.properties` file and add `org.apache.forrest.plugin.pod-output` to the `project.required.plugin` property.
- Edit your `skinconf.xml` and set the `<disable-pod-link>` element to `false`.