

How to Write a Plugin README

A plugin README is like a Reference Guide for a specific plugin. It should describe what the plugin does, how to install and configure it, and how to use it in your site.

Near-perfect example of a plugin README

gatsby-source-filesystem

Description

Include a summary of what this plugin accomplishes. Is there a demo site that shows how this

Themes are considered plugins in the Gatsby ecosystem and should follow this README as well.

Dependencies (optional)

Are there any plugins that must be installed in order to make this plugin work? If so, please

Learning Resources (optional)

If there are other tutorials, docs, and learning resources that are necessary or helpful to

How to install

Please include installation instructions here.

Gatsby documentation uses ``npm`` for installation. This is the recommended approach for plug

If the plugin is a theme that needs to use ``yarn``, please point to [\[the documentation for s](#)

Available options (if any)

When do I use this plugin?

Include stories about when this plugin is helpful and/or necessary.

Examples of usage

This usually shows a code example showing how to include this plugin in a site's `config.js`

code example

See this [\[Markdown Cheatsheet\]](https://github.com/adam-p/markdown-here/wiki/Markdown-Cheatsheet) (<https://github.com/adam-p/markdown-here/wiki/Markdown-Cheatsheet>)

This section could also include before-and-after examples of data when the plugin is enabled

How to query for data (source plugins only)

If this is a source plugin README, source plugins ought to allow people to query for data with

If this is a theme that requires data in a specific format in order to match an existing query

How to run tests

How to develop locally

How to contribute

If you have unanswered questions, would like help with enhancing or debugging the plugin, it