# Extensions

Markdown is a very small language with a kind-of reference implementation called John Gruber's Markdown. [Python Markdown] and [Python Markdown Extensions] are two packages that enhance the Markdown writing experience, adding useful syntax extensions for technical writing.

### Supported extensions

The following extensions are all supported by Material for MkDocs and therefore strongly recommended. Click on each extension to learn about its purpose and configuration:

- Abbreviations
- [Admonition]
- [Arithmatex]

## Configuration

Extensions are configured as part of mkdocs.yml – the MkDocs configuration file. The following sections contain two example configurations to bootstrap your documentation project.

#### Minimal configuration

This configuration is a good starting point for when you're using Material for MkDocs for the first time. The best idea is to explore the [reference], and gradually add what you want to use:

```
markdown_extensions:

# Python Markdown
- toc:
    permalink: true

# Python Markdown Extensions
- pymdownx.highlight
- pymdownx.superfences
```

### Recommended configuration

This configuration enables all Markdown-related features of Material for MkDocs and is great for experienced users bootstrapping a new documentation project:

```
markdown_extensions:
# Python Markdown
- abbr
- admonition
- attr_list
- def_list
- footnotes
- md in html
- toc:
  permalink: true
# Python Markdown Extensions
- pymdownx.arithmatex:
  generic: true
- pymdownx.betterem:
  smart_enable: all
- pymdownx.caret
- pymdownx.details
- pymdownx.emoji:
  emoji\_index: !!python/name:materialx.emoji.twemoji
  emoji_generator: !!python/name:materialx.emoji.to_svg
- pymdownx.highlight
- pymdownx.inlinehilite
- pymdownx.keys
- pymdownx.mark
- pymdownx.smartsymbols
- pymdownx.superfences
- pymdownx.tabbed:
  alternate_style: true
- pymdownx.tasklist:
  custom_checkbox: true
- pymdownx.tilde
```

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