

# 1. The Typst Playground

Welcome to the Typst Playground! This is a sandbox where you can experiment with Typst. You can type anywhere in the editor panel on the left. The preview panel to the right will update live.

## 2. Basics

Typst is a *markup* language. You use it to express not just the content, but also the structure and formatting of your document. For example, surrounding a word with underscores *emphasizes* it with italics and starting a line with an equals sign creates a section heading.

Typst has lightweight syntax like this for the most common formatting needs. Among other things, you can use it to:

- **Strongly emphasize** some text
- Refer to Section 2
- Typeset math:  $a, b \in \left\{\frac{1}{2}, \sqrt{4 * a * b}\right\} O\left(\log \sqrt{\log(n) * \log n}\right)$

That's just the surface though! Typst has powerful systems for scripting, styling, introspection, and more. In the realm of a Typst document, there is nothing you can't automate.

## 3. Next steps

To learn more about Typst, we recommend you to check out our tutorial at <https://typst.app/docs/tutorial>.

Once you've explored Typst a bit, why not set yourself up a proper editing environment?



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