



# Building applications with Astro

[Astro](#) provides an interesting take on using frameworks to create web content. It provides all the functionality of frameworks but the result is a static site that can be deployed to any web server.

What I like the most about Astro is that it will components from any framework (Preact, React, Svelte and Vue are the ones I'm familiar with) along with an `.astro` format that is exclusive to the Astro build system and that we will discuss later in the post.

To create a new Astro application follow these steps:

```
npm init astro
npm install
npm start
```

This will create a new Astro application, install dependencies and start the development server.



Figure 1:  
Astro  
introductory  
screen

Once the application is running we can make changes and they will be reflected on the page automatically.