

Create beautiful and localized documentations and websites using MkDocs + Github

Bonjour!



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MkDocs is a **fast, simple** and downright gorgeous **static site generator** that's geared towards building project documentation.

Documentation source files are **written in Markdown**, and configured with a single YAML configuration file.

MkDocs is written in **Python**, its source code is easy to understand and we are open to contributions!

https://mkdocs.org



mkdocs-material is a **Material Design theme for MkDocs** that allows you to create a branded static site from a set of Markdown files to host the documentation of your Open Source or commercial project.

It is customizable, searchable, mobile-friendly and supports 40+ languages.

https://squidfunk.github.io/mkdocs-material/

https://material.io/











Defining i18n vs l10n is controversial so this is the rationale we adopted on MkDocs.

A benevolent debate on i18n vs l10n took place on mkdocs #774 where we settled that internationalization (i18n) will refer to the MkDocs core feature used to allow users to localize (l10n) their documentation.

Therefore **MkDocs use the** i18n term to refer to the fact that it supports theme content localization (just like Jinja).

X mkdocs-static-i18n

The mkdocs-static-i18n plugin allows you to support multiple languages of your documentation by adding static translation files to your existing documentation pages.

It also allows you to **build and serve localized versions of any file extension** and automatically display localized images, medias and assets from your Markdown sources.

Who's using it?

- spaceship-prompt / spaceship-prompt
- aws / copilot-cli
- mastercomfig / mastercomfig
- ManticoreGamesInc / platform-documentation
- index-py / index.py
- ..





Websites for you and your projects **hosted directly from your GitHub repository**. Just edit, push, and your changes are live.

You get one site per GitHub account and organization, and unlimited project sites.

Free **HTTPS** with support for **custom domain names**.

Soft limitations:

- 1GB website
- 100GB traffic bandwidth per month
- 10 builds (deploy) per hour

GitHub Pages is not intended for or allowed to be used as a free web hosting service to run your online business, e-commerce site, or any other website that is primarily directed at either facilitating commercial transactions or providing commercial software as a service (SaaS).





Enough introductions, let's see some code YAML!

What we need:

A fork of https://github.com/ultrabug/ep2021



A Python3 virtual environment



This will stay visible 👸 for those who want to do it live with me

requirements.txt

~/ep2021 \$ python3 -m venv ep2021_venv ~/ep2021 \$ source ep2021_venv/bin/activate (ep2021_venv) ~/ep2021 \$ pip install -r requirements.txt

What's required and why?

mkdocs >= 1.2.2

We will not need mkdocs[i18n] which adds support for theme internationalization since mkdocs-material supports localization on its own.

mkdocs-material >= 7.1.11

We want a modern looking, responsive and highly customizable theme with built-in support for a language switcher.

mkdocs-static-i18n >= 0.18

Allows to localize our content pages by creating a .< language> prefixed version of any file.



Workflow:

1. Initialize our project

mkdocs new .

Build and serve locally, open in browser

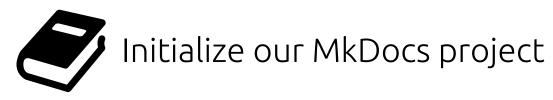
mkdocs serve

- 3. Modify content, add assets and localize (translate) our website
- 4. Local website is auto-refreshed on browser, we preview every modification we make live
- 5. When done, commit and push changes
- 6. Deploy to Github Pages

mkdocs gh-deploy

7. It's online!

```
~/ep2021 $ python3 -m venv ep2021 venv
~/ep2021 $ source ep2021 venv/bin/activate
(ep2021 venv) ~/ep2021 $ pip install -r requirements.txt
(ep2021 venv) ~/ep2021 $ mkdocs --help
Usage: mkdocs [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...
 MkDocs - Project documentation with Markdown.
Options:
  -V, --version Show the version and exit.
  -q, --quiet Silence warnings
  -v, --verbose Enable verbose output
  -h, --help Show this message and exit.
Commands:
 build
            Build the MkDocs documentation
  gh-deploy Deploy your documentation to GitHub Pages
             Create a new MkDocs project
            Run the builtin development server
```



mkdocs new .

Will create:

- an initial mkdocs.yml configuration file
- a docs/index.md documentation home page

```
-/ep2021 $ python3 -m venv ep2021_venv
-/ep2021 $ source ep2021_venv/bin/activate
(ep2021_venv) ~/ep2021 $ pip install -r requirements.txt

(ep2021_venv) ~/ep2021 $ mkdocs new .

INFO - Writing config file: ./mkdocs.yml
INFO - Writing initial docs: ./docs/index.md

(ep2021_venv) ~/ep2021 $ tree -I ep2021_venv .

- docs
| __ index.md
|- mkdocs.yml
|- README.md
|- requirements.txt
```



mkdocs serve

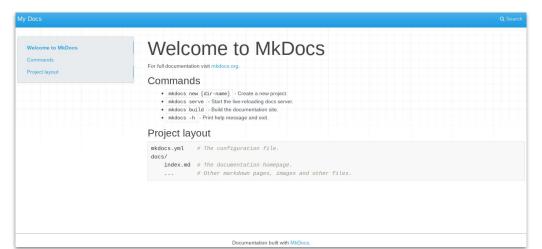
Will build our website and run a local web server locally so we can preview it.

```
~/ep2021 $ python3 -m venv ep2021_venv
~/ep2021 $ source ep2021_venv/bin/activate
(ep2021_venv) ~/ep2021 $ pip install -r requirements.txt

(ep2021_venv) ~/ep2021 $ git checkout new
Switched to branch 'new'

(ep2021_venv) ~/ep2021 $ mkdocs serve
INFO - Building documentation...
INFO - Cleaning site directory
INFO - Documentation built in 0.06 seconds
INFO - [14:45:28] Serving on http://127.0.0.1:8000/
INFO - [14:45:29] Browser connected: http://127.0.0.1:8000/
```

Open this URL on your browser: http://127.0.0.1:8000/





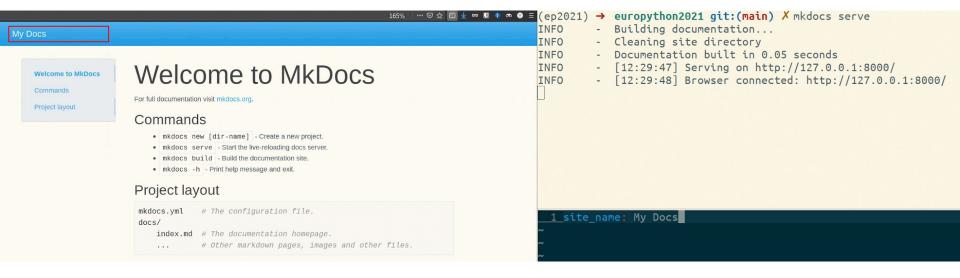
mkdocs serve

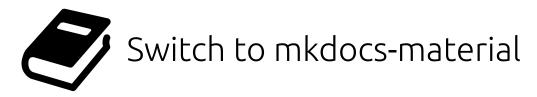
Any change we make will trigger a rebuild and refresh our page in our browser!

```
~/ep2021 $ python3 -m venv ep2021_venv
~/ep2021 $ source ep2021_venv/bin/activate
(ep2021_venv) ~/ep2021 $ pip install -r requirements.txt

(ep2021_venv) ~/ep2021 $ git checkout change
Switched to branch 'change'

(ep2021_venv) ~/ep2021 $ mkdocs serve
INFO - Building documentation...
INFO - Cleaning site directory
INFO - Documentation built in 0.06 seconds
INFO - [14:45:28] Serving on http://127.0.0.1:8000/
INFO - [14:45:29] Browser connected: http://127.0.0.1:8000/
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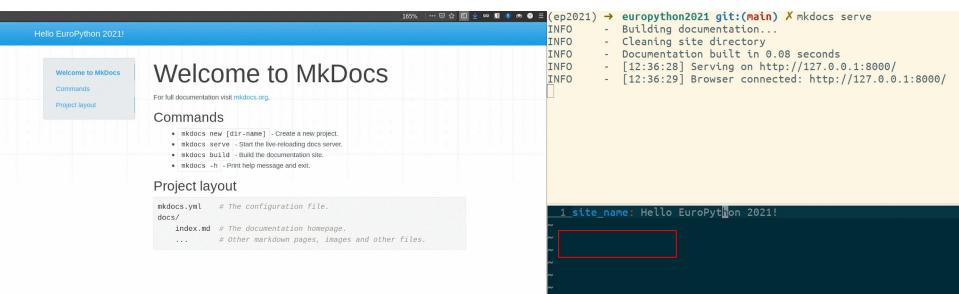
theme.name = material

Instantaneous switch from the default mkdocs theme to the beautiful and feature rich material theme.

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-/ep2021 \$ source ep2021_venv/bin/activate
(ep2021_venv) -/ep2021 \$ pip install -r requirements.txt

(ep2021_venv) -/ep2021 \$ git checkout material
Switched to branch 'material'

(ep2021_venv) -/ep2021 \$ mkdocs serve
INFO - Building documentation...
INFO - Cleaning site directory
INFO - Documentation built in 0.06 seconds
INFO - [14:45:28] Serving on http://127.0.0.1:8000/
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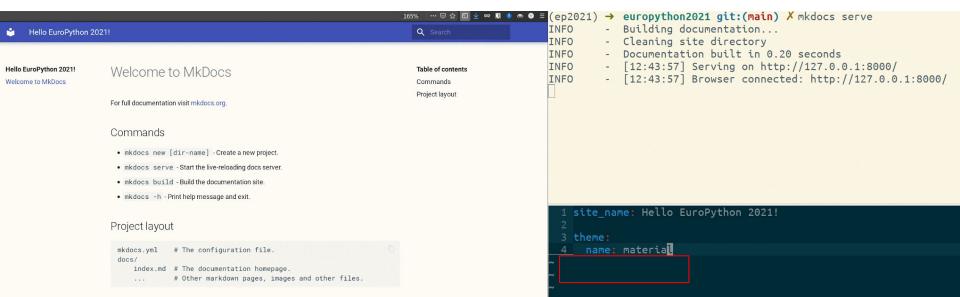
theme.palette.primary = green

The material theme is **highly customizable**, let's use EuroPython's green color palette.

```
~/ep2021 $ python3 -m venv ep2021_venv
~/ep2021 $ source ep2021_venv/bin/activate
(ep2021_venv) ~/ep2021 $ pip install -r requirements.txt

(ep2021_venv) ~/ep2021 $ git checkout palette
Switched to branch 'palette'

(ep2021_venv) ~/ep2021 $ mkdocs serve
INFO - Building documentation...
INFO - Cleaning site directory
INFO - Documentation built in 0.06 seconds
INFO - [14:45:28] Serving on http://127.0.0.1:8000/
INFO - [14:45:29] Browser connected: http://127.0.0.1:8000/
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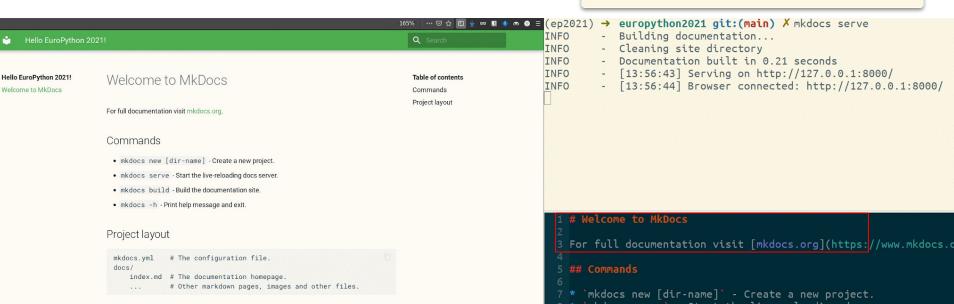




The docs/ folder is where we organize our content pages and assets.

Let's modify the home page and add the EuroPython logo.





X mkdocs-static-i18n

Will create /<language>/ versions of our website!

Automatically configures:

- search plugin language and localized content indexation
- material theme language
- material theme language switcher in the header

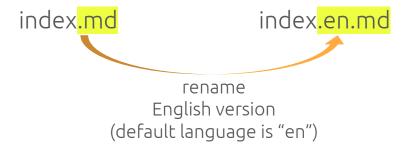


Localizing our content

Let's translate and localize our website!

We localize the versions of our pages and assets by suffixing them with .<language>.<extension>

```
~/ep2021 $ python3 -m venv ep2021 venv
~/ep2021 $ source ep2021 venv/bin/activate
(ep2021_venv) ~/ep2021 $ pip install -r requirements.txt
(ep2021_venv) ~/ep2021 $ git checkout translation
Switched to branch 'translation'
(ep2021_venv) ~/ep2021 $ tree -I ep2021_venv
├─ docs
    - assets
       — ep2021-logo.png
   mkdocs.vml
(ep2021 venv) ~/ep2021 $ mkdocs serve
        - Building documentation...
        - Adding 'fr' to the 'plugins.search.lang' option
        - Cleaning site directory
        - Building en documentation
        - Building fr documentation
```





create French version



Localizing our content

index.en.md

```
# EuroPython 2021 Home Page
![europython 2021 logo](assets/ep2021-logo.png)

## Commands

* `mkdocs new [dir-name]` - Create a new project.

* `mkdocs serve` - Start the live-reloading docs server.

* `mkdocs build` - Build the documentation site.

* `mkdocs -h` - Print help message and exit.

## Project layout

mkdocs.yml  # The configuration file.
docs/
   index.en.md  # The documentation homepage in English.
   index.fr.md  # The documentation homepage in French.
   ...  # Other markdown pages, images and other files.
```

index.fr.md

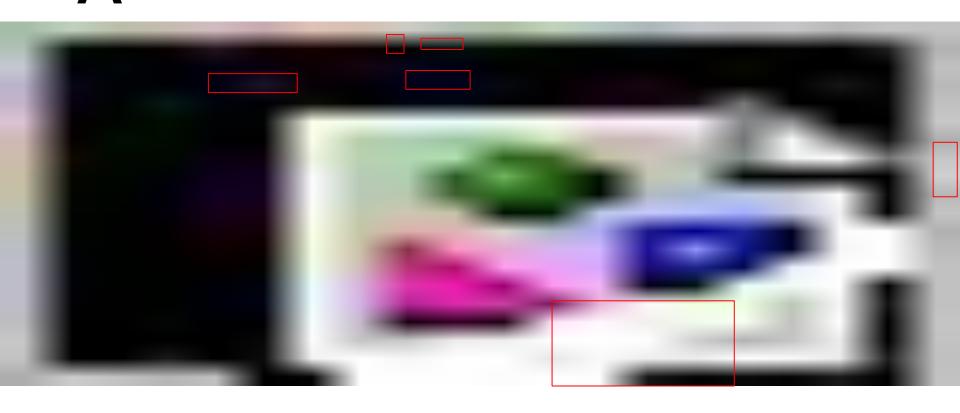
```
# EuroPython 2021 Page d'accueil
![europython 2021 logo](assets/ep2021-logo.png)
## Commandes

* 'mkdocs new [dir-name]' - Créer un nouveau projet.
* 'mkdocs serve' - Démarrer un serveur avec rafraîchissement automatique.
* 'mkdocs build' - Générer le site de documentation.
* 'mkdocs -h' - Afficher l'aide et s'arrêter.

## Arborescence du projet

mkdocs.yml # Le fichier de configuration.
docs/
    index.en.md # La page d'accueil en Anglais.
    index.fr.md # La page d'accueil en Français.
    ... # Other markdown pages, images and other files.
```

mkdocs-static-i18n demo





Automatic MD localization

Focus on translating, not referencing localized versions of your pages and assets!

Both index.en.md and index.fr.md refer to ep2021-logo.png in their Markdown source:

![europython 2021 logo](assets/ep2021-logo.png)

ep2021-logo.en.png

rename

English version

(default language is "en")



~/ep2021 \$ python3 -m venv ep2021 venv ~/ep2021 \$ source ep2021 venv/bin/activate (ep2021_venv) ~/ep2021 \$ pip install -r requirements.txt (ep2021 venv) ~/ep2021 \$ git checkout localized Switched to branch 'localized' (ep2021_venv) ~/ep2021 \$ tree -I ep2021_venv ep2021-logo.en.png - ep2021-logo.fr.png index.fr.md - mkdocs.vml (ep2021 venv) ~/ep2021 \$ mkdocs serve - Building documentation... - Adding 'fr' to the 'plugins.search.lang' option - Cleaning site directory - Building en documentation - Building fr documentation

ep2021-logo.fr.md

create French version



Automatic MD localization

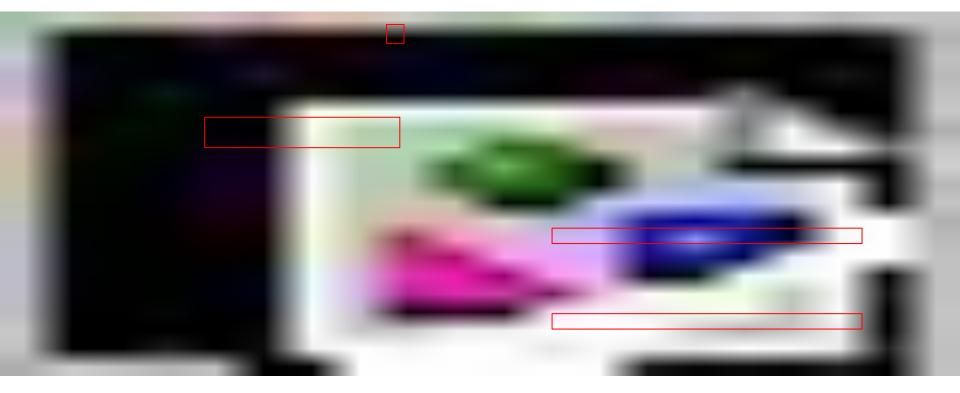
index.en.md

index.fr.md

```
# EuroPython 2021 Page d'accueil
# EuroPython 2021 Home Page
                                                       Will be localized automatically!
                                                                                                  ![europython 2021 logo](assets/ep2021-logo.png)
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    docs/
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        index.fr.md # The documentation homepage in French.
                                                                                                                    # Other markdown pages, images and other files.
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```



mkdocs-static-i18n automatic MD localization demo





git add git commit git push

We're done, let's commit and push our content to our Github repository.

```
~/ep2021 (ep2021) $ git add .
~/ep2021 (ep2021) $ git commit -m "mkdocs localized content"
~/ep2021 (ep2021) $ git push --set-upstream origin main
```

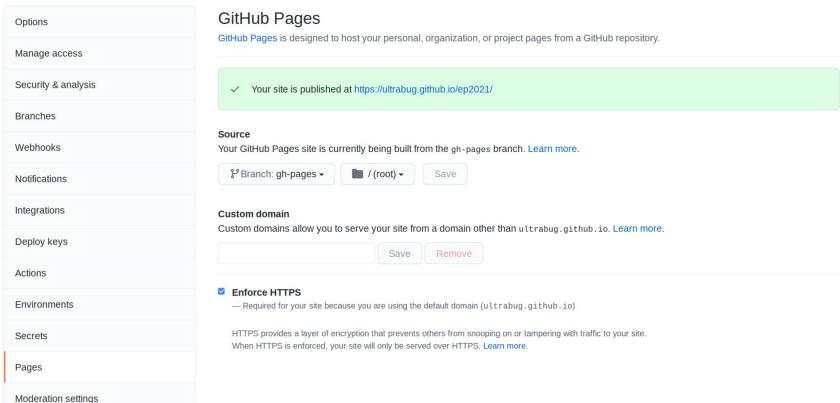


Build and deploy to Github

mkdocs gh-deploy	<pre>~/ep2021 \$ python3 -m venv ep2021_venv ~/ep2021 \$ source ep2021_venv/bin/activate (ep2021_venv) ~/ep2021 \$ pip install -r requirements.txt (ep2021_venv) ~/ep2021 \$ git checkout localized Switched to branch 'localized' (ep2021_venv) ~/ep2021 \$ mkdocs gh-deploy</pre>
Build our multi-language website	INFO - Adding 'fr' to the 'plugins.search.lang' option INFO - Cleaning site directory INFO - Building documentation to directory: /home/alexys/github
Copy site/dir to the gh-pages branch Push the gh-pages branch to Github	/ep2021/site INFO - Building en documentation INFO - Building fr documentation INFO - Documentation built in 0.76 seconds INFO - Copying '/home/alexys/github/ep2021/site' to 'gh-pages' branch and pushing to GitHub To github.com:ultrabug/ep2021.git * [new branch] gh-pages -> gh-pages
	INFO - Your documentation should shortly be available at: https://ultrabug.github.io/ep2021/



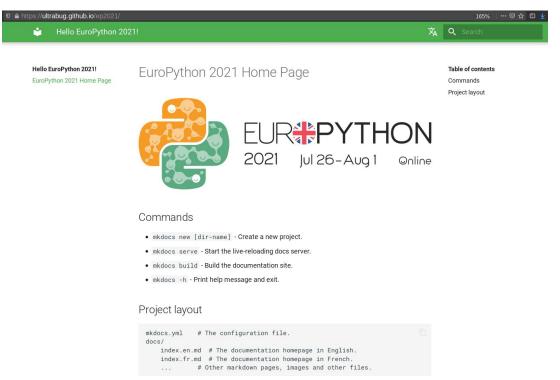
Github Pages is automatically configured





WoW our multi-language MkDocs website is online!

https://ultrabug.github.io/ep2021/





Some useful and awesome MkDocs plugins

MkDocs Wiki Plugins list (community based)

https://github.com/mkdocs/mkdocs/wiki/MkDocs-Plugins

Plugin to handle **URL redirections**

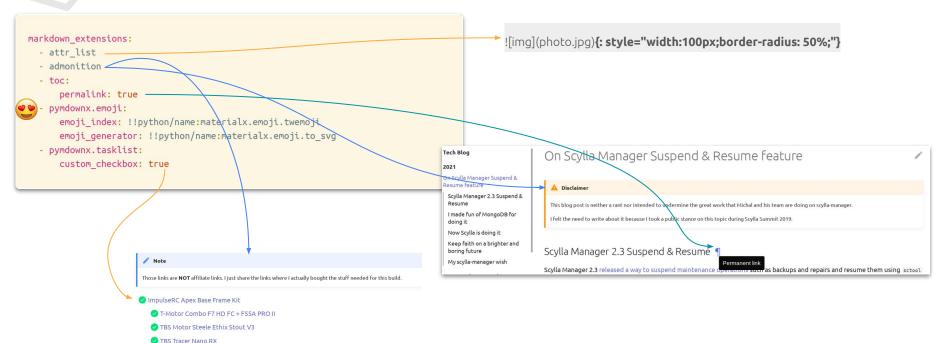
https://github.com/datarobot/mkdocs-redirects

Plugin to handle navigation pages ordering in a very flexible way

https://github.com/lukasgeiter/mkdocs-awesome-pages-plugin



Some useful and awesome Markdown extensions





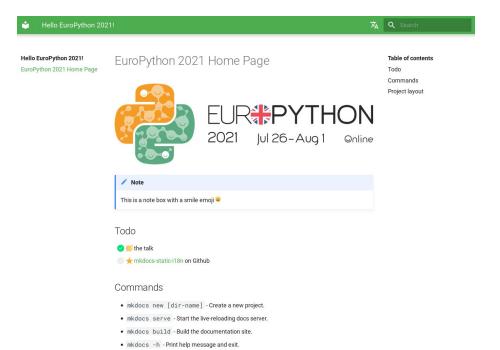
Markdown extensions demo

Sample mkdocs.yml available on the extensions branch, check it out!

~/ep2021 \$ python3 -m venv ep2021_venv
~/ep2021 \$ source ep2021_venv/bin/activate
(ep2021_venv) ~/ep2021 \$ pip install -r requirements.txt

(ep2021_venv) ~/ep2021 \$ git checkout extensions
Switched to branch 'extensions'

(ep2021_venv) ~/ep2021 \$ mkdocs serve







Thank you for attending!

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https://github.com/ultrabug/ep2021

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