# Options for MkDocs PDF Generate Plugin Options

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The plugin allows users to pass in both global and local options.



Local options have higher precedence than global options.

## 1. Global Options

Some of these global options are used as default options when local options are not set. The global options are passed to the plugin through <a href="mkdocs.yml">mkdocs.yml</a>:

```
plugins:
 - pdf-generate:
   author: "Randy Duodu"
   author_logo: img/logo.svg
   copyright: "Copyright © 2022 - MkDocs PDF Generate"
   disclaimer: "Disclaimer: Content can change at anytime and best to refer to website for latest
information."
   cover: true
   cover_title: TITLE TEXT
   cover_subtitle: SUBTITLE TEXT
   custom_template_path: TEMPLATES PATH
   toc: false
   toc_level: 3
   toc_title: TOC TITLE TEXT
   toc_numbering: true
   cover_images:
    default: img/default.svg
    type1: img/type1.png
    type2: https://example.com/cover.svg
   enabled_if_env: ENABLE_PDF_EXPORT
```

#### 1.1. for Cover

#### 1.1.1. cover

Set the value to false if you don't need a cover page.

default: true

#### 1.1.2. cover\_title

Set the title text in cover page.



The following rule is applied when setting the value for cover title text in cover page.

Cover Title precedence:

- 1. title (local pdf metadata option)
- 2. H1 heading for page
- 3. cover title (global)
- 4. site\_name variable in your project's mkdocs.yml

**default**: use site\_name in your project's mkdocs.yml

#### 1.1.3. cover\_subtitle

Set the subtitle text in cover page.



#### Note

The following rule is applied when setting the value for cover subtitle text in cover page.

Cover Subtitle precedence:

- 1. subtitle (local pdf metadata option)
- 2. type (local pdf metadata option)
- 3. cover subtitle (global)

default: None

#### 1.1.4. author

Set the author text.

**default**: use site\_author in your project's mkdocs.yml

#### 1.1.5. author\_logo

Provide a logo image which you can use in the cover page.



Using an SVG image as the value for author logo is recommended.

default: use theme.logo in your project's mkdocs.yml

#### 1.1.6. copyright

Set the copyright text.

default: use copyright in your project's mkdocs.yml

#### 1.1.7. disclaimer

Set the disclaimer text.

default: None

#### 1.1.8. cover\_images

Set the cover image for specific document types.

The option takes a key-value pair where the key must be the same value as you specified for the type local pdf metadata option.

The value for a key must be the path to the image.

#### Example:

- pdf-generate: cover\_images:

> default: img/home-banner.svg home: img/manual-banner.svg options: img/project-banner.svg customize: img/tutorial-banner.svg

#### Note

Apart from the default key-value pair under cover\_images, the other key-value pairs can have user-defined values.

Recommended: You must specify an image path for the default key-value pair. We will use the image as the cover image for any document that does not specify the type local pdf metadata option.

default: None

### 1.2. for Heading and TOC

#### 1.2.1. toc

Set the value to false if you don't need a table of content section in the PDF document.

default: true

#### 1.2.2. toc\_title

Set the title text for Table of Contents.

default: Table of Contents

#### 1.2.3. toc\_level

Set the level of Table of Contents. This value is enabled in the range of from 1 to 6.

default: 4

#### 1.2.4. toc\_numbering

Set the value to false if you don't want your table of contents to be numbered in the PDF document.

default: true

#### 1.3. ... and more

#### 1.3.1. custom\_template\_path

A relative path inside your projects' directory. This folder is where you put both the custom cover template and custom plugin CSS file ( cover.html and custom.css ).



#### Info

The custom template's filename can either be cover or the document type with any of these file extensions .html.j2, .html.jinja2, .html, or .htm . Example: cover.html.j2, cover.html.jinja2, cover.html, cover.htm OR Example: if document type is manual then you can create a template file called manual.html or manual.html.j2 or manual.html.jinja2 or manual.htm .

You can refer to this example about how to use a custom cover template and custom CSS.

default: use default plugin template

#### 1.3.2. enabled\_if\_env

Setting this option will generate PDF files only if there is an environment variable set to 1. The environment variable must match the value of enabled\_if\_env .

This is useful to disable building the PDF files during development, since it can take a long time to export all files.

#### default: None

PDF generation can take significantly longer than HTML generation which can slow down MkDocs built-in dev-server.

Adding enabled\_if\_env: ENABLE\_PDF\_EXPORT disables PDF generation during development and runs the dev-server normally:

```
$ mkdocs serve
INFO - Building documentation...
INFO - PDF export is disabled (set environment variable ENABLE_PDF_EXPORT to 1 to enable)
INFO - Cleaning site directory
INFO - Documentation built in 0.54 seconds
INFO - [08:51:24] Watching paths for changes: 'docs', 'mkdocs.yml'
INFO - [08:51:24] Serving on http://127.0.0.1:8000/
```

and to build PDF files, set the ENABLE\_PDF\_EXPORT=1 environment variable:

```
$ ENABLE_PDF_EXPORT=1 mkdocs build
INFO - Converting 2 files to PDF took 1.82s
INFO - Documentation built in 2.29 seconds
```

#### 1.3.3. verbose

Setting this to true will show all WeasyPrint debug messages during the build.

default: false

#### 1.3.4. debug (for development purposes only)

Setting this to true enables the debug mode which saves the HTML content used in generating the PDF files into a folder called <code>pdf\_html\_debug</code>. The <code>pdf\_html\_debug</code> folder is relative to the documentation source directory.

This option is intended to help users in writing appropriate CSS styles for the HTML content used to generate the PDF documents.

default: false



- The debug option only works with the mkdocs build command.
- It is recommended to add the **pdf\_html\_debug** folder to your ignored files when using a version control system.

#### 1.3.5. debug\_target (for development purposes only)

This option helps you to generate a PDF file for a single target document. The value for debug\_target should be the relative path to the target document. Example: debug\_target: customise/customisation.md.

This option is intended to help reduce the time spent by users in debugging a single document used to generate a PDF file.

default: null

Note

- The debug\_target option only works with the mkdocs build command.
- You must set the debug option to true , if you want to use the debug\_target option.

#### 1.3.6. media\_type

Allows you to use a different CSS media type (or a custom one like pdf-generate ) for the PDF export.

default: print

#### 1.3.7. theme\_handler\_path

Allows you to specify a custom theme handler module. This path must be *relative to your project root* (See example below).

default: None

#### mkdocs.yml:

```
plugins:
- pdf-generate:
theme_handler_path: theme-handler

project-root

— theme-handler.py

— docs

— mkdocs.yml

— site
```

## 2. Local Options

The plugin allows you to set document specific options using the Markdown page metadata. If a page metadata is specified, it has higher precedence than the global options.

The local options are specified in the specific Markdown document you want to use:

```
pdf:
-build: false
- filename: Plugin Options
- title: Options for MkDocs PDF Generate Plugin
- type: Manual
- revision: 0.2
```

The following options are available:

- build
- title
- subtitle
- type
- filename
- revision

#### 2.1. build

Allows you to specify whether to generate a PDF file for a Markdown file. Value is true or false.



The function of the build option is different from that of the enabled\_if\_env. The build option disables PDF generation for a single Markdown file while enabled\_if\_env disables PDF generation for the entire project.

default: true

#### 2.2. title

Set the title text in cover page.

#### 2.3. subtitle

Set the subtitle text in cover page.

#### 2.4. type

Set the document type.



- We use the value, of this option, in selecting the document's cover image from the cover\_images option.
- Also, we use the value, of this option, in selecting the custom cover template.

#### 2.5. filename

Set the filename to use for a specific page when downloading the PDF document.

#### Note

#### Filename precedence:

- 1. filename (local pdf metadata) formatted such that all are valid characters
- 2. title (local pdf metadata) formatted such that all are valid characters
- 3. title (local metadata) formatted such that all are valid characters
- 4. H1 formatted such that all are valid characters

#### 2.6. revision

Set the revision text in cover page.