

FAQ

- Q: Can I open `mdwiki.html` in my browser from the menu or by specifying via a `file://` URL?

- A: Yes, at least for most browsers. There are some gimmicks that won't work on some browsers. List of browser that support opening MDwiki via `file://` urls:
 - Firefox (v23): Works good, no issues known.
 - Internet Explorer (v10): Works good, no issues known.
 - Google Chrome: Works only when started with the commandline parameter `--allow-file-access-from-files` . Even then, Chrome has minor issues. I.e. the math gimmick will not render correctly.
 - Safari: Does not work. Maybe cmdline flag needed as in Chrome?

Note: It is usually best to use a webserver when running locally and not to use `file://` URLs as those are not yet 100% supported by every gimmick or third-party script.

Gimmicks that won't work when using `file://` urls:

- Facebook Likebutton (problem with their Cross-Origin setting?)
- Disqus (hardcoded `//` -prefixed urls in their scripts)

- Q: I don't want to install nginx or apache locally. What is the fastest/easiest way to setup a local HTTP server to get started with MDwiki ?

- A: If you are on OS X or Linux, just use the `SimpleHTTPServer` that comes with python. To start a server on port 8080, run this command from within the folder where your `mdwiki.html` is located:

```
python -m SimpleHTTPServer 8080
```

Another good choices is node.js `http-server` server:

```
npm install -g http-server
http-server
```

Both will then listen on port 8080 on your local machine.

- Q: Can sites generated from MDwiki be crawled and indexed by search engines like Google?

- A: Yes, with some additional work. There is no user-friendly, easy solution yet, but we are working on it. Take for example [www.notesync.org] which is running MDwiki and fully indexed by google. We are still evaluating best solutions to make the same techniques easily accesible for everyone.

[issues]: <https://github.com/Dynalon/mdwiki/issues>

[www.notesync.org]: <http://www.notesync.org/>