

# FAQ

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## • 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)

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## • 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 choice is `node.js http-server` server:

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

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

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## • 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](http://www.notesync.org)] which is running MDwiki and fully indexed by google. We are still evaluating best solutions to make the same techniques easily accessible for everyone.

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

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