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Quick start

It is recommended to install `docsify-cli` globally, which helps initializing and previewing the website locally.

bash

```
npm i docsify-cli -g
```

Initialize

If you want to write the documentation in the `./docs` subdirectory, you can use the `init` command.

bash

```
docsify init ./docs
```

Writing content

After the `init` is complete, you can see the file list in the `./docs` subdirectory.

- `index.html` as the entry file
- `README.md` as the home page
- `.nojekyll` prevents GitHub Pages from ignoring files that begin with an underscore

You can easily update the documentation in `./docs/README.md`, of course you can add [more pages](#).

Preview your site

Run the local server with `docsify serve`. You can preview your site in your browser on `http://localhost:3000`.

```
bash
```

```
docsify serve docs
```

For more use cases of `docsify-cli`, head over to the [docsify-cli documentation](#).

Manual initialization

If you don't like `npm` or have trouble installing the tool, you can manually create `index.html`:

```
html
```

```
<!-- index.html -->

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible"
  <meta name="viewport" content="wi
  <meta charset="UTF-8">
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="//cd
</head>
<body>
```

```

        window.$docsify = {
            //...
        }
    </script>
    <script src="//cdn.jsdelivr.net/n
</body>
</html>

```



Specifying docsify versions

Note that in both of the examples below, docsify URLs will need to be manually updated when a new major version of docsify is released (e.g. **v4.x.x** => **v5.x.x**). Check the docsify website periodically to see if a new major version has been released.

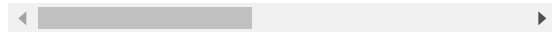
Specifying a major version in the URL (**@4**) will allow your site will receive non-breaking enhancements (i.e. "minor" updates) and bug fixes (i.e. "patch" updates) automatically. This is the recommended way to load docsify resources.

html

```

<link rel="stylesheet" href="//cdn.
<script src="//cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm

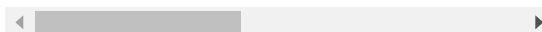
```



If you prefer to lock docsify to a specific version, specify the full version after the **@** symbol in the URL. This is the safest way to ensure your site will look and behave the same way regardless of any changes made to future versions of docsify.

html

```
<link rel="stylesheet" href="//cdn.  
<script src="//cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm
```



Manually preview your site

If you have Python installed on your system, you can easily use it to run a static server to preview your site.

python2

```
cd docs && python -m SimpleHTTPServ
```



python3

```
cd docs && python -m http.server 30
```



Loading dialog

If you want, you can show a loading dialog before docsify starts to render your documentation:

html

```
<!-- index.html -->  
  
<div id="app">Please wait...</div>
```

You should set the `data-app` attribute if you changed `el` :

html

```
<div data-app id="main">Please wait
```

```
<script>
  window.$docsify = {
    el: '#main'
  }
</script>
```



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