[**Fastify** is a **highly performant web framework for Node.js** that aims to minimize overhead while providing robust features1](https://awsaf.dev/blog/what-is-fastify). It’s designed for building efficient and scalable applications. Here’s a brief introduction and five free reference links to get you started:

1. [**Getting Started with Fastify**](https://fastify.dev/docs/latest/Guides/Getting-Started/): This guide provides a gentle introduction to Fastify, including installation, writing your first server, and handling more complex applications[2](https://fastify.dev/docs/latest/Guides/Getting-Started/).
2. [**Technical Principles**](https://fastify.dev/docs/latest/Reference/Principles/): Learn about Fastify’s approach to minimal overhead, fast algorithms, data structures, and JavaScript-specific features[3](https://fastify.dev/docs/latest/Reference/Principles/).
3. [**Introduction**](https://fastify.dev/docs/latest/): Explore both reference documentation and guides to understand core and advanced Fastify concepts[4](https://fastify.dev/docs/latest/).
4. [**Getting Started with Fastify for Node.js**](https://dev.to/appsignal/getting-started-with-fastify-for-nodejs-47cn): A practical article covering Fastify basics, advanced topics like hooks and middleware, and migrating from Express[5](https://dev.to/appsignal/getting-started-with-fastify-for-nodejs-47cn).
5. [**What Is Fastify? And Why You Should Be Using It**](https://awsaf.dev/blog/what-is-fastify): Discover why Fastify stands out, its impressive benchmark results, and why it’s up to 100 times faster than some competitors[1](https://awsaf.dev/blog/what-is-fastify).

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