

Create a Nested Docs Directory

Your documentation should always be located with your source code. This allows your customers to easily find your documentation when searching the monorepo. In most cases, you create a single docset in the same directory as your code. However, if the project you are documenting does not neatly correspond to a single code directory, you should create a nested docs directory instead.

Create a nested docs directory if the project you are documenting has one of the following qualities:

- Owned by multiple teams
- Spans multiple tools or code directories
- Does not have corresponding code
- Requires multiple product docsets

For an example of documentation that uses a nested docs directory, see the [Database documentation](#) source code.

Warning

Do not add documentation to generic doc directories. For example, `~/workspace/docs/`. It is harder for your customers to find relevant documentation when it is located in these directories.

To create a nested docs directory:

1. On the command line, navigate to the `docs/` directory that is most relevant to your project:

```
cd <path_to_directory>/docs/
```

2. Create a nested docs directory and then navigate to it:

```
mkdir <docs_project_name> && cd <docs_project_name>
```

Where `<docs_project_name>` is name of your project.

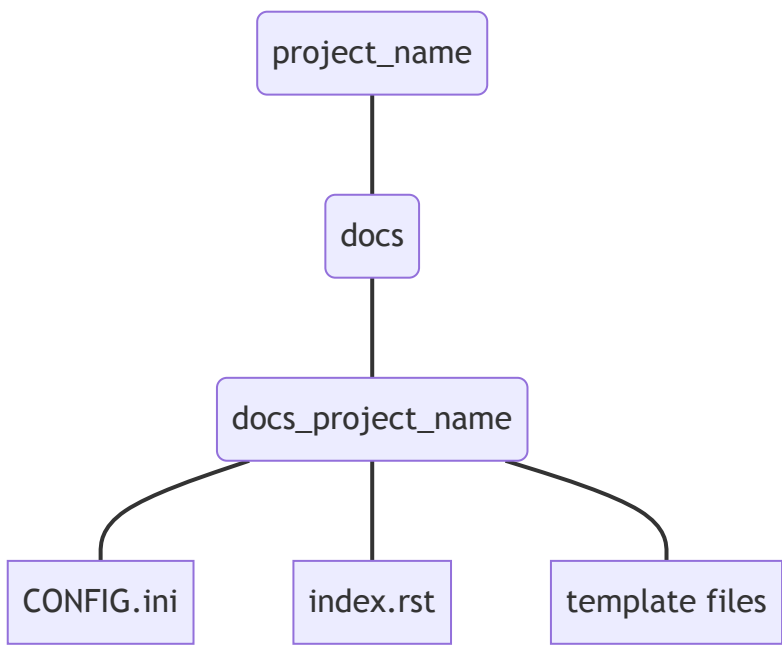
3. Initialize your documentation project by following the procedure in [Set up Docs Project](#).
4. Move the generated template files in `docs/` up one level and then delete the folder:

```
mv docs/* . && rm -rf docs/
```

5. Open `CONFIG.ini` in a text editor and add the following line in the `[docs]` stanza:

```
docs_dir = .
```

After completing the above procedure, your project has a directory structure similar to the following diagram:



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