



# Document loaders

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Document loaders expose a "load" method for loading data as documents from a configured source. They optionally implement a "lazy load" as well for lazily loading data into memory.

## Get started

The simplest loader reads in a file as text and places it all into one Document.

```
from langchain.document_loaders import TextLoader

loader = TextLoader("./index.md")
loader.load()
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'../docs/docs_skeleton/docs/modules/data_connection/document_loaders/index.m  
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