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Dynamic Static Sites with Django and Sphinx

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Dynamic Static Sites

With Django and Sphinx

Sphinx?

The documentation builder?

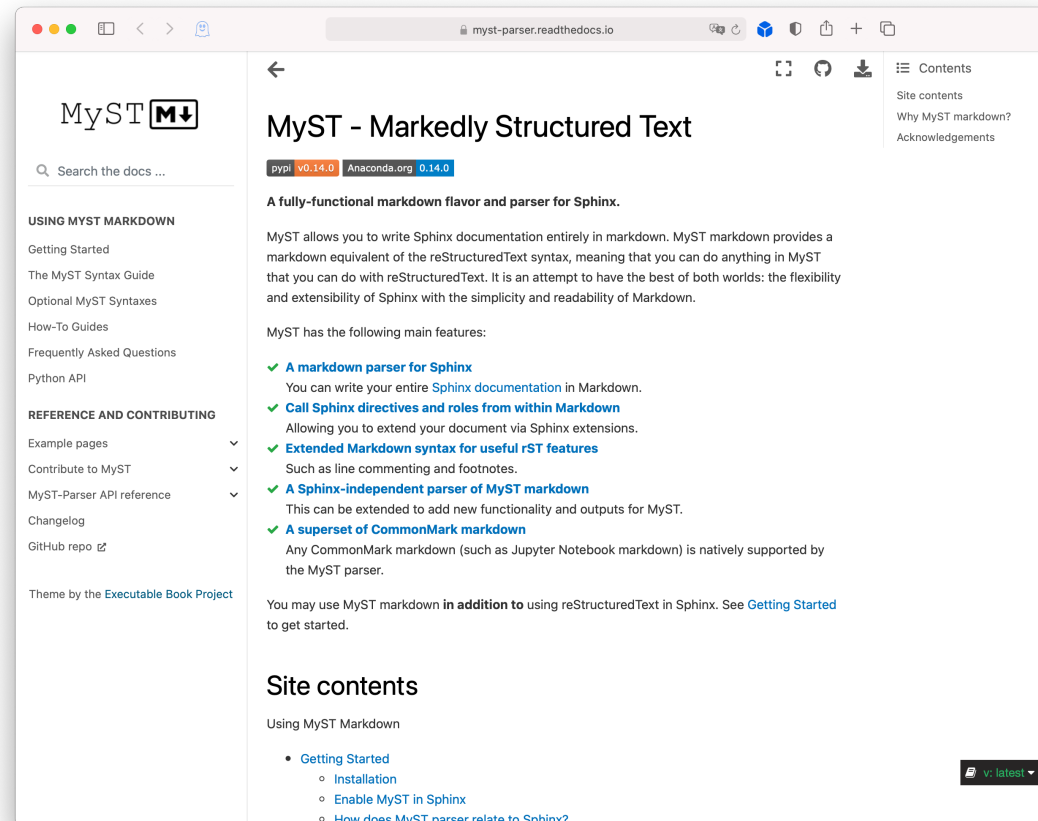
Sphinx builds great
static sites too

“Static Sites with Sphinx and Markdown” by Paul Everitt (JetBrains)


- Talks
 - PyCon APAC 2020.
 - PyCon US 2021
- Tutorial
 - https://www.jetbrains.com/pycharm/guide/tutorials/sphinx_sites/

Markdown

MyST: a Markdown parser for Sphinx



The screenshot displays the MyST documentation website. The browser address bar shows `myst-parser.readthedocs.io`. The page title is "MyST - Markedly Structured Text". The left sidebar contains navigation links under "USING MYST MARKDOWN" (Getting Started, The MyST Syntax Guide, Optional MyST Syntaxes, How-To Guides, Frequently Asked Questions, Python API) and "REFERENCE AND CONTRIBUTING" (Example pages, Contribute to MyST, MyST-Parser API reference, Changelog, GitHub repo). The main content area features the MyST logo, a search bar, and a list of versions (pypi v0.14.0, Anaconda.org 0.14.0). The main heading is "MyST - Markedly Structured Text", followed by the subtitle "A fully-functional markdown flavor and parser for Sphinx." The text explains that MyST allows writing Sphinx documentation in markdown and lists four main features: a markdown parser for Sphinx, call Sphinx directives and roles from within Markdown, extended markdown syntax for useful rST features, and a Sphinx-independent parser of MyST markdown. A "Site contents" section is also visible at the bottom.

MyST 

Search the docs ...

USING MYST MARKDOWN

- Getting Started
- The MyST Syntax Guide
- Optional MyST Syntaxes
- How-To Guides
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Python API

REFERENCE AND CONTRIBUTING

- Example pages
- Contribute to MyST
- MyST-Parser API reference
- Changelog
- GitHub repo

Theme by the [Executable Book Project](#)

MyST - Markedly Structured Text

[pypi v0.14.0](#) [Anaconda.org 0.14.0](#)

A fully-functional markdown flavor and parser for Sphinx.

MyST allows you to write Sphinx documentation entirely in markdown. MyST markdown provides a markdown equivalent of the reStructuredText syntax, meaning that you can do anything in MyST that you can do with reStructuredText. It is an attempt to have the best of both worlds: the flexibility and extensibility of Sphinx with the simplicity and readability of Markdown.

MyST has the following main features:

- ✓ **A markdown parser for Sphinx**
You can write your entire [Sphinx documentation](#) in Markdown.
- ✓ **Call Sphinx directives and roles from within Markdown**
Allowing you to extend your document via Sphinx extensions.
- ✓ **Extended Markdown syntax for useful rST features**
Such as line commenting and footnotes.
- ✓ **A Sphinx-independent parser of MyST markdown**
This can be extended to add new functionality and outputs for MyST.
- ✓ **A superset of CommonMark markdown**
Any CommonMark markdown (such as [Jupyter Notebook markdown](#)) is natively supported by the MyST parser.

You may use MyST markdown **in addition to** using reStructuredText in Sphinx. See [Getting Started](#) to get started.

Site contents

Using MyST Markdown

- [Getting Started](#)
 - [Installation](#)
 - [Enable MyST in Sphinx](#)
 - [How does MyST parser relate to Sphinx?](#)

[v. latest](#)

Using the MyST Parser

```
# Install from PyPI
$ pip install myst-parser

# Enable in Sphinx's conf.py
extensions = [
    "myst_parser",
]
```

<https://myst-parser.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

Markdown

But what about dynamic?

We want to use Django

A CMS?

But what about my editor?

But what about git?

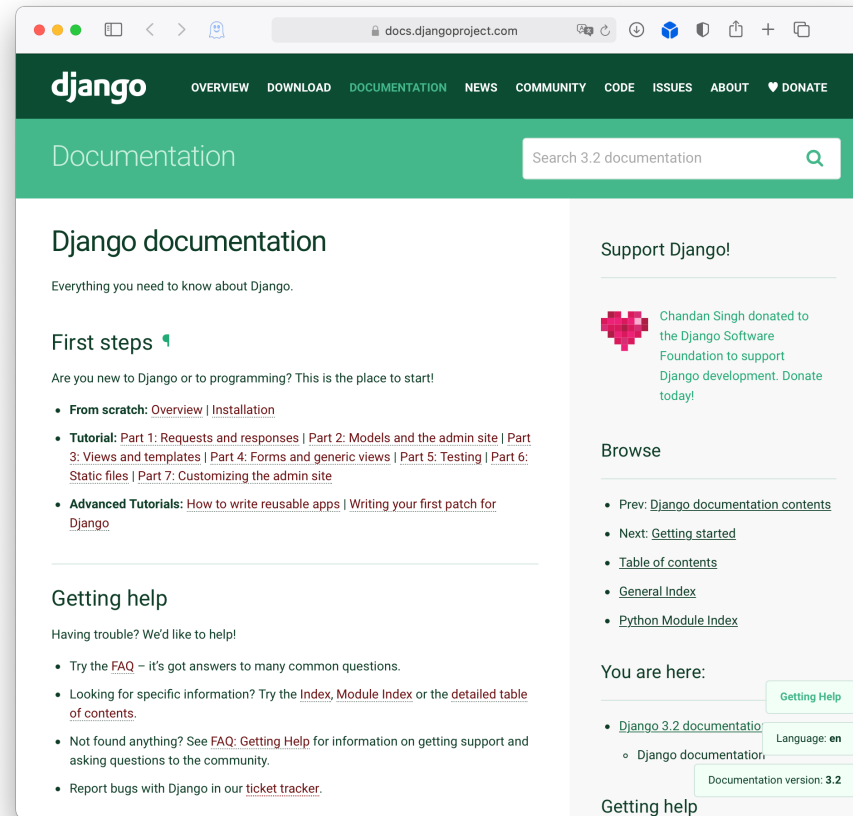
But what about Sphinx?

But can we use Sphinx?

Sphinx Builders

HTML • PDF • EPUB • Man pages • JSON

The Django Docs



django-sphinx-view

noumenal.es/django-sphinx-view/

Setup

```
# Install from PyPI
```

```
$ pip install django-sphinx-view
```

```
INSTALLED_APPS = [  
    ...  
    "sphinx_view",  
    ...  
]
```

Basic Usage

```
from pathlib import Path
```

```
from django.urls import path
```

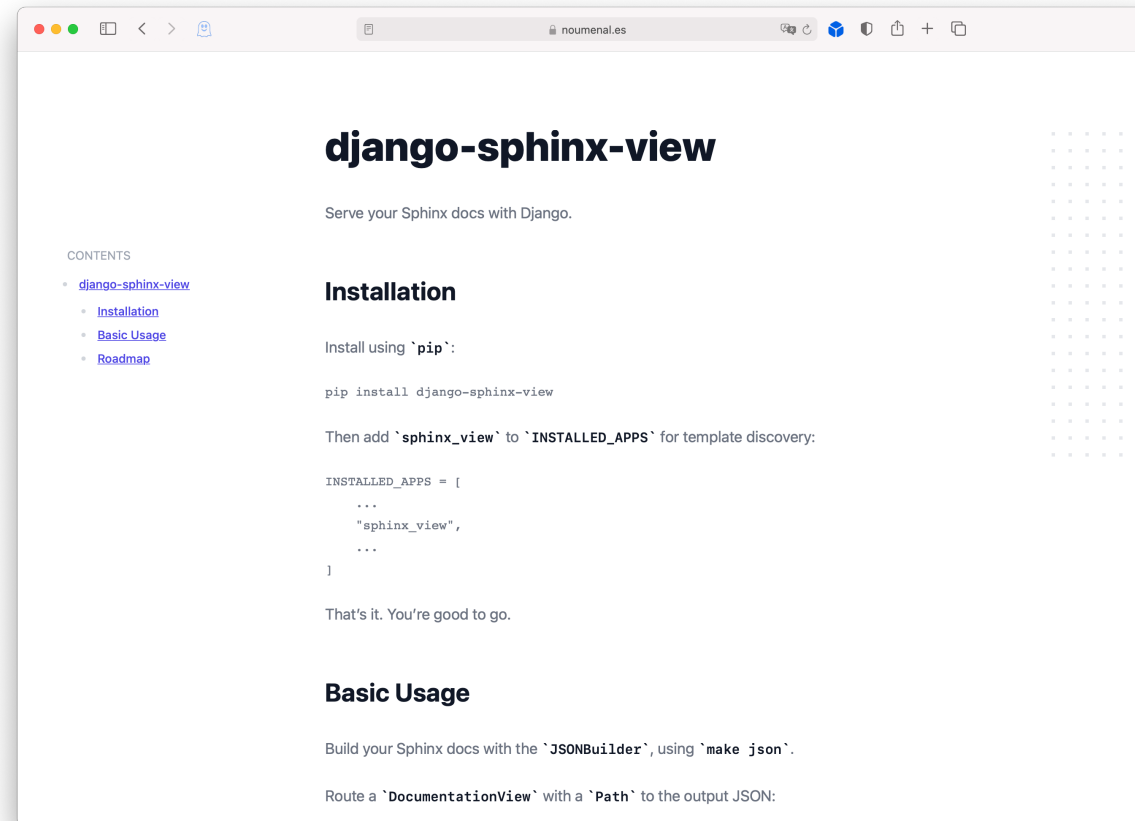
```
from sphinx_view import DocumentationView
```

```
urlpatterns = [  
    # ...  
    path(  
        "docs<path:path>",  
        DocumentationView.as_view(  
            json_build_dir=Path('/path/to/output/json'),  
            base_template_name="docs_base.html",  
        ),  
        name="documentation",  
    ),  
    # ...  
]
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The django-sphinx-view's docs



Customising

Continuous Deployment

Continuous Deployment

```
# From .github/workflows/main.yml
- name: Install dependencies
  run: |
    python -m pip install --upgrade pip
    pip install Sphinx myst-parser
- name: Build docs
  run: make json
  working-directory: ./docs
```

Continuous Deployment

```
# From .github/workflows/main.yml  
- name: rsync files  
  working-directory: ./docs  
  run: rsync ... ./build/json/ ...
```


Roadmap

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