Eleventy Static site generator

CONCEPTS

Eleventy turns every template in the input folder into a file in the output folder; data from the cascade is merged in on the way.

Data cascade
↓ merge
Template md, njk, liquid, html
↓ layout
Layout in _includes
↓ write
_site output folder

RUNNING

npx @11ty/eleventy
Build the site from the current folder

npx @11ty/eleventy --serve
Build, serve and live-reload

npx @11ty/eleventy --input=_<dir>_
Set the input directory

npx @11ty/eleventy --output=_<dir>_
Set the output directory

FRONT MATTER & LAYOUTS

layout: _<file>_
Wrap this page in a layout

title: _<text>_
Set a page variable

permalink: _<path>_
Choose the output path

tags: _<name>_
Add the page to a collection

{{ content | safe }}
Output the page body in a Nunjucks layout

{{ page.url }}
URL of the current page

A file named about.md is written to about/index.html unless a permalink says otherwise.

DATA CASCADE

Priority, highest first

Source	Where
Computed data	eleventyComputed
Template front matter	the page itself
Template data file	<page>.11tydata.json
Directory data file	<dir>.11tydata.json
Layout front matter	layout file
Config global data	config API
Global data file	_data/*.json|js

data/<name>_**.json**
Global data, available as <name>

<dir>**/**_<dir>_**.11tydata.json**
Data shared by templates in a folder

Objects and arrays are deep-merged across the cascade, so tags from a directory file and a page combine.

COLLECTIONS & PAGINATION

collections._<tag>_
All pages carrying that tag

{% for post in collections.post %}
Loop over a collection (Nunjucks)

pagination:
Front matter block to split data into pages

CONFIG FILE

eleventy.config.js
Config file name
(or .eleventy.js, .mjs, .cjs)

export default function (eleventyConfig) {}
Config entry point (ESM)

export const config = { dir: { input, output } }
Set folders in the config

eleventyConfig.addPassthroughCopy("_<path>_**")**
Copy files to output untouched