Jekyll Static site generator

CONCEPTS

Run Jekyll through bundle exec so the gem versions from your Gemfile are used.

Source Markdown, layouts, _config.yml

↓ `jekyll build`

_site static HTML

↓ `deploy`

Web server any static host

Edits to _config.yml are only read at startup: restart jekyll serve after changing it.

Folders and files starting with _ or . are not copied to _site unless listed under include.

CREATE AND RUN

`jekyll new <path>`
Create a site with the default theme

`jekyll new <path> --blank`
Create a minimal scaffold

`jekyll build`
Build the site once

`jekyll serve`
Build, watch and serve locally

`jekyll clean`
Delete _site and caches

`jekyll doctor`
Report deprecations and config issues

`jekyll help <command>`
Show help for a command

`jekyll --version`
Print the installed version

SERVE OPTIONS

`jekyll serve --livereload`
Reload the browser on changes

`jekyll serve -P <port>`
Listen on another port

`jekyll serve -H <host>`
Bind to another host

`jekyll serve --open-url`
Open the site in a browser

BUILD OPTIONS

`jekyll build --watch`
Rebuild when files change

BUILD OPTIONS (cont.)

`jekyll build -d <dir>`
Write output to another folder

`jekyll build -s <dir>`
Read the site from another folder

`jekyll build --baseurl <path>`
Override the base URL path

`jekyll build --drafts`
Include posts from _drafts

`jekyll build --future`
Include posts dated in the future

`jekyll build --unpublished`
Include posts with published: false

`jekyll build --incremental`
Rebuild only changed files

`jekyll build --config <a.yml,b.yml>`
Use several config files

`jekyll build --limit_posts <n>`
Build only the newest n posts

`jekyll build --trace`
Show full error backtraces

`JEKYLL_ENV=production jekyll build`
Build for production

SITE LAYOUT

`_config.yml`
Site settings

`_posts/YYYY-MM-DD-title.md`
A blog post

`_drafts/title.md`
An unpublished post, no date

`_layouts/<name>.html`
Page template

`_includes/<file>`
Reusable snippet

`_data/<name>.yml`
Data as site.data.<name>

`_site/`
Generated output; git-ignore it

`Gemfile`
Gems and the jekyll version

CONFIG KEYS

`url: https://example.com`
Site address, no trailing slash

CONFIG KEYS (cont.)

`baseurl: /blog`
Subpath the site lives under

`title: <name>`
Site title

`exclude: [<path>, ...]`
Skip files, added to the defaults

`include: [<path>, ...]`
Copy files that would be skipped

`permalink: pretty`
URL style for posts

`plugins: [<gem>, ...]`
Load plugin gems

`defaults:`
Front matter set by path or type

`theme: <gem>`
Use a gem-based theme

FRONT MATTER

`layout: <name>`
Wrap the page in a layout

`title: <text>`
Page or post title

`date: YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS +0000`
Override the date from the filename

`permalink: /<path>/`
Set this page's URL

`published: false`
Leave the page out of the build

`categories: [<a>, <b>]`
Categorise a post

`tags: [<a>, <b>]`
Tag a post

RECIPES

New site, local preview

```
jekyll new mysite
cd mysite
bundle exec jekyll serve --
livereload
```

Preview drafts and future posts

```
bundle exec jekyll serve --drafts
--future
# add --unpublished for
published: false pages
```

Production build into a custom folder

```
JEKYLL_ENV=production bundle exec
jekyll build -d public
```