

 Project Directory



my-docs/

- >  **src/**
- >  **content/** Documentation c...
- >  **docs/** Maps to sidebar
-  index.mdx Welcome page
- >  **getting-started/**
-  installation.mdx
-  configuration.mdx
- >  **guides/**
-  authoring.mdx
-  components.mdx
- >  **reference/**
-  api.mdx
-  config.mdx
-  config.ts Collection conf...
- >  **components/** Custom overrides
-  Card.astro
- >  **assets/**
-  logo.svg
- >  **public/**
-  favicon.svg
-  astro.config.mjs Starlight plugi...
-  package.json
-  tsconfig.json
-  .gitignore

 Why This Structure?

Starlight is Astro's official documentation theme. It provides sidebar navigation, full-text search (Pagefind), dark mode, and i18n out of the box. Content in `src/content/docs/` auto-generates the sidebar structure. Minimal config, maximum features.

 Key Directories

- src/content/docs/** - Markdown/MDX docs—folders become sidebar groups
- src/components/** - Override built-in Starlight components
- src/assets/** - Logo, images processed by Astro
- astro.config.mjs** - Starlight plugin with sidebar config

 Sidebar Options

- autogenerate** - Auto sidebar from folder structure
- items** - Manual sidebar with custom labels
- collapsed** - Collapsible sidebar groups
- badge** - Add badges like 'New' or 'Deprecated'

 Getting Started

```
npm create astro@latest -- --template starlight
cd my-docs
npm run dev
# Open http://localhost:4321
```

 When To Use This

- API and library documentation
- Product documentation sites
- Internal knowledge bases
- Open source project docs

 Trade-offs

- Opinionated design** - Limited layout customization
- Docs-only** - Not for blogs or marketing sites
- Static only** - No SSR or dynamic content