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## SEE ALSO

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```
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author: Jane Doe
description: How to configure the plugin.
tags:
  - configuration
exporter:
  pdf:
    enabled: true
    covers:
      front: covers/release-notes.html.j2
    toc:
      enabled: false
---

# Configuration
```

| Option | Effect | See |
| --- | --- | --- |
| `exporter.pdf.enabled` | `false` leaves the page without a document; `true` gives it one in explicit mode (`formats.pdf.explicit`) | Choosing pages |
| `exporter.pdf.covers.enabled` | `false` leaves the page's document without cover pages | Hiding cover pages |
| `exporter.pdf.covers.front`, `exporter.pdf.covers.back` | Templates replacing the cover pages of the page, relative to `mkdocs.yml` | Per-page cover pages |
| `exporter.pdf.toc.enabled` | `false` leaves out the table of contents of the page's document, `true` gives it one (instead of `formats.pdf.toc.enabled`) | Table of contents |
| `exporter.buttons` | Buttons added to the page, besides those of `buttons` | Adding buttons to a specific page |

Options are checked: a misspelled option, or a value of the wrong type (e.g. `enabled: "no"` instead of `enabled: false`), fails the build with the page's path. With the `meta` plugin of Material for MkDocs, the

options of every page of a directory can be set in its `.meta.yml` file.

The information of documents comes from keys shared with themes and other plugins, outside of `exporter`:

| Key | Effect | See |
| --- | --- | --- |
| `author` | The author of the document (`site_author` by default) | Document information |
| `description` | The subject of the document (`site_description` by default) | Document information |
| `keywords`, `tags` | The keywords of the document | Document information |

Cover templates also receive every key of the front matter, as variables and in `page.meta` (e.g. `page.meta.description`).

## Deprecated keys

Earlier versions read options from top-level keys, which other plugins may use too. They still work, but log a warning (which fails builds run with `--strict`):

| Deprecated key | Replacement |
| --- | --- |
| `pdf` | `exporter.pdf.enabled` |
| `covers` | `exporter.pdf.covers.front` and `exporter.pdf.covers.back` |
| `hide: [covers]` | `exporter.pdf.covers.enabled: false` |
| `toc` | `exporter.pdf.toc.enabled` |
| `buttons` | `exporter.buttons` |
| `pdf-icon` | The `icon` of the download button in `buttons` (the same for every page) |

When a page has both, the options of `exporter` take precedence.

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