My Experience with HUGO: Open-source static site generator

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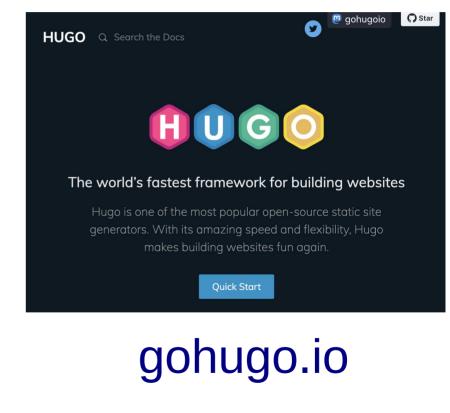
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Motivation: Why ?

- My first Web sites (Master Courses), ~ 2005, were based based on HTML & CSS sheets (copied from my colleagues)
- Content Management System (CMS) tools:
 - Drupal (in the context of large projects: ROOT, ALICE): since ~ 2008
 - Wordpress (in the context of local projects Geant4 course for Doctoral School): since ~2013
 - Issues with CMS
 - Using of wysiwyg editor is resulting in a complex HTML output with mixed content and formatting; differences in the editor and final output
 - Drupal upgrades requiring site content adjustment
 - Making site copies (for previous years courses) not straightforward dangling links
- Static site generators:
 - Jekyll created in 2008 (used by ROOT since 2020, Geant4 since 2022)
 - HUGO created in 2013 (my choice in 2019)

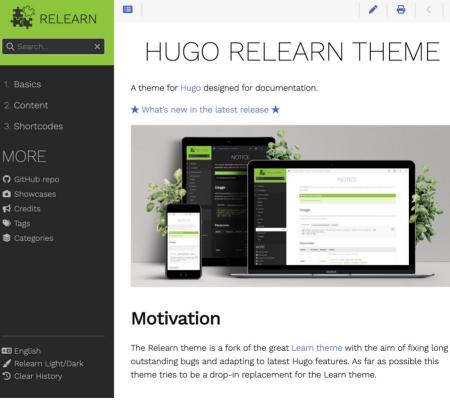
My Choice: HUGO

- A fast and flexible static site generator
- Developed in Go, since 2013
- By Bjørn Erik Pedersen (bep), Steve Francia (spf13)
- Easy to install & use
- Content of the Web site in text files in the 'content' directory
 - Markdown, [Mark, HTML, ...]
- Large number of themes
 - Classified according to type (blog, docs, ...)
- Web site generation is almost instantaneous
- Multitude of features integrated by default
 - Menus, sitemap, multilingual management



My HUGO Knowhow

- Installation macOS via brew •
- Choosing a Theme: •
 - Started with **Learn**, which support has stopped in favor of Relearn
- Following the Relearn theme • documentation step by step to define a site
- Manual import of site content •
 - Copy/paste of web pages content
- Github/Gitlab deploiement •
 - Following the HUGO documentation pages "Host on GitHub/GitLab Pages"

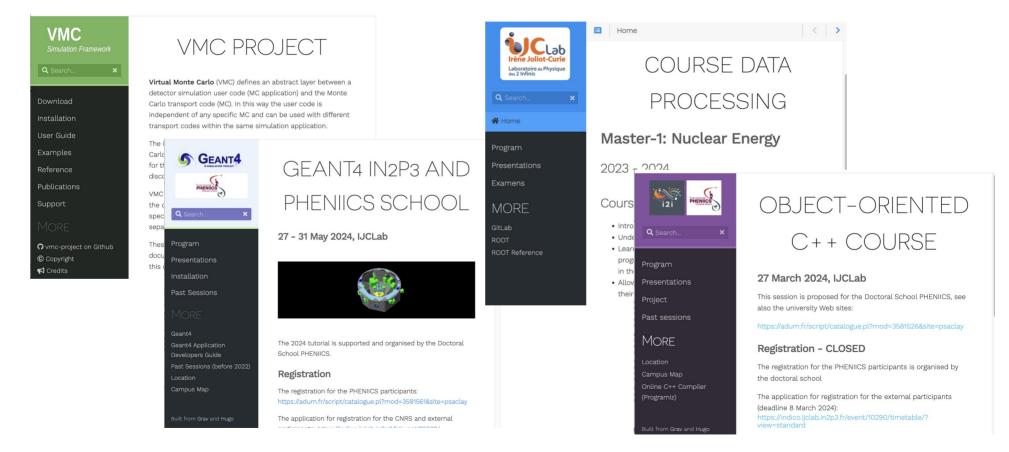


mcshelby.github.io/hugo-theme-relearn

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My HUGO Projects



BACKUP SLIDE

HUGO VS.

- gohugo.io •
- Developed in Go (compiled language) .
 - Prebuilt binary distributions or system installer
- Content: Markdown, Html ٠
 - Extra directory 'content' ٠
- Front Matter: TOML, YAML, et JSON ٠
- Large number of themes (~1000) ٠
 - Classified according to "tags" (Blog, ٠ Docs, Minimal, ...) on the Hugo site
- Server updates the site automatically with the ٠ local changes

Jekyll

- https://jekyllrb.com/
- Developed in Ruby (interpreted language)
 - Requires recent installation of Ruby
- Content: Markdown, [Html?]
 - Content pages in the top directory
- Front Matter: YAML
- Large number of themes (1,868 public repositories in GitHub)
 - No classification on the Jekyll site
- Server launched after local changes
- Both: Integration with GitHub/GitLab pages ٠
- Faster than Jekyll, but this counts mainly when building sites with ٠ hundreds/thousands pages (see eg. these benchmarking results 2024)