**Next + Okta**

This instruction is for people who want to build an authentication program based on next and okta. Please follow the steps below.

1. Register an account on the website: <https://www.okta.com/free-trial/>.

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Note: you probably notice that we need to use work email here. Please don’t choose “Customer Identity Cloud” option since it will use auth0 instead of okta to build the authentication process. Okta purchased auth0 in 2021, which means the two produces belong to the same company. However, we plan to use Okta in this demo.

* 1. If you don’t want to use work email, the replacement is as follows:

1. Download "okta for Windows" from <https://github.com/okta/okta-cli/releases>.
2. Unzip the downloaded file to a directory. For instance, F:\nextoktademo.
3. Use the cmd and enter the directory, then execute the command:

Okta register

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1. Follow the instructions to create an account.
2. Login on the website: https://developer.okta.com/login/
3. Login the website. When you first log in, the login page will be like the below:

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* 1. If you don’t login for the first time, you need to enter the organization URL, the first page looks like the below:

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Note: You can get the url after you register the account. It’s the domain name. On my account, it’s dev-85274789.

1. Create an application:

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1. Choose “OIDC” and “Web Application”

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1. Fill out the necessary fields:

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Note: The number 3 is key. If you use another port such as 3001, please modify it accordingly. I am unsure the number 4 is perfect and need to test it later.

1. Check the “Allow everyone in your organization to access” for simplicity.

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Note: we can adjust it accordingly.

1. Add a user for the test.

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Note: When you add a user and set up the password, you will find the password expires. This means you must reset the password when you use this user to log in.

1. Create an api token just in case you want to use the command line.

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Note down the token, please.

**For now, we finished the okta settings on the server.**

Next, let’s set up the demo project(Check step 1 below and start from step 2 for simplicity).

1. We can still use the okta command to create a demo project.

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Note: You need a token to log in. The token is what we created in step 8 above. In addition, the Okta command doesn’t support the nextJs project. There is an outdated nextjs project on GitHub:

<https://github.com/oktadev/okta-nextjs-typescript-example>

We can’t use it directly and need to modify it accordingly.

1. Please download the nextJs project on GitHub(I modified the project mentioned on step 1 above), then open the project with VSCODE editor:

<https://github.com/guardiangel/okta-nextjs-typescript-example>

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1. Add a .env.local file on the root directory of the project and add content like below:

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Note: we can get the client id and secret from the app we created in step 3 above.

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1. Install the dependencies.

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1. Start the project and click the “Log in” button

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You can check the login email and token on the url: <http://localhost:3000/loginbtn>

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