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1. Prerequisites

Required Software

Node.js and Yarn

- **Node.js:** Version 18.x or higher
- **Yarn:** Version 1.22.x or higher

Installation:

```
# Check if Node.js is installed
node --version

# Check if Yarn is installed
yarn --version

# Install Node.js (if not installed)
# Ubuntu/Debian:
sudo apt update
sudo apt install nodejs npm

# macOS (with Homebrew):
brew install node

# Windows:
# Download from https://nodejs.org/

# Install Yarn globally
npm install -g yarn
```

PostgreSQL Database

- **Version:** 12.x or higher

Installation:

```
# Ubuntu/Debian:
sudo apt update
sudo apt install postgresql postgresql-contrib

# macOS (with Homebrew):
brew install postgresql
brew services start postgresql

# Windows:
# Download from https://www.postgresql.org/download/windows/
```

Git (Optional but Recommended)

```
# Ubuntu/Debian:
sudo apt install git
```

```
# macOS:
brew install git

# Windows:
# Download from https://git-scm.com/
```

2. Local Development Setup

Step 1: Get the Project Files

If you have the project directory:

```
# Navigate to the project
cd /path/to/greek_tax_calculator
```

If you have it in a Git repository:

```
# Clone the repository
git clone <repository-url>
cd greek_tax_calculator
```

Step 2: Install Dependencies

```
# Navigate to the Next.js workspace
cd nextjs_space
```

```
# Install all dependencies
yarn install
```

This will install all required packages listed in `package.json` (~100 dependencies).

Expected output:

```
Done in XX.XXs
```

Step 3: Create Environment File

```
# Create .env file in the nextjs_space directory
touch .env
```

See Environment Variables section for configuration.

3. Environment Variables

Required Variables

Create a `.env` file in the `nextjs_space` directory with the following variables:

```
# =====
# DATABASE CONNECTION
# =====
DATABASE_URL="postgresql://username:password@localhost:5432/database_name"
# =====
```

```
# NEXTAUTH CONFIGURATION
# =====
NEXTAUTH_SECRET="your-secret-key-here-min-32-chars"
NEXTAUTH_URL="http://localhost:3000"

# =====
# OPTIONAL: NODE ENVIRONMENT
# =====
NODE_ENV="development"
```

Detailed Configuration

1. DATABASE_URL Format: postgresql://USER:PASSWORD@HOST:PORT/DATABASE

Example for local PostgreSQL:

```
DATABASE_URL="postgresql://postgres:mypassword@localhost:5432/greek_tax_db"
```

Components: - USER: PostgreSQL username (default: postgres) - PASSWORD: Your PostgreSQL password - HOST: Database host (default: localhost) - PORT: PostgreSQL port (default: 5432) - DATABASE: Database name (e.g., greek_tax_db)

2. NEXTAUTH_SECRET Purpose: Encrypts JWT tokens for session management

Generation:

```
# Generate a random secret (32+ characters)
openssl rand -base64 32
```

Example:

```
NEXTAUTH_SECRET="A1b2C3d4E5f6G7h8I9j0K1l2M3n405p6Q7r8S9t0U1v2"
```

⚠ **IMPORTANT:** Use a different secret for production!

3. NEXTAUTH_URL Development: http://localhost:3000

Production: Your deployed URL (e.g., https://yourdomain.com)

Sample .env File

```
# Greek Tax Calculator - Environment Variables
# Created: 2025-12-19

# Database
DATABASE_URL="postgresql://postgres:admin123@localhost:5432/greek_tax_calculator"

# Authentication
NEXTAUTH_SECRET="K9xY3mQ8vT2pL5nH7jW1bF4sR6dG0zC8vB2xM5qA3tE9"
NEXTAUTH_URL="http://localhost:3000"

# Environment
NODE_ENV="development"
```

4. Database Setup

Step 1: Create PostgreSQL Database

Connect to PostgreSQL

```
sudo -u postgres psql
```

Or on macOS/Windows:

```
psql -U postgres
```

In PostgreSQL prompt:

-- Create database

```
CREATE DATABASE greek_tax_calculator;
```

-- Create user (optional, if not using default postgres user)

```
CREATE USER taxcalc_user WITH ENCRYPTED PASSWORD 'secure_password_here';
```

-- Grant privileges

```
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON DATABASE greek_tax_calculator TO taxcalc_user;
```

-- Exit

```
\q
```

Step 2: Run Prisma Migrations

Make sure you're in nextjs_space directory

```
cd nextjs_space
```

Generate Prisma Client

```
yarn prisma generate
```

Push schema to database (for development)

```
yarn prisma db push
```

OR for production, use migrations:

```
yarn prisma migrate deploy
```

Expected output:

Generated Prisma Client

Your database is now in sync with your Prisma schema

Step 3: Seed the Database

Run the seed script

```
yarn prisma db seed
```

This creates: - Test user: john@doe.com / johndoe123 - Sample business: ΛΙΧΑΣ ΠΑΝΑΓΙΩΤΗΣ - Sample calculations for 2024 and 2025

Expected output:

Seed user created: john@doe.com

Sample business created: ΛΙΧΑΣ ΠΑΝΑΓΙΩΤΗΣ

Sample calculations created for 2024 and 2025

Database seeded successfully!

Verify Database Setup

```
# Open Prisma Studio (visual database browser)  
yarn prisma studio
```

This opens <http://localhost:5555> where you can browse your database tables.

5. Running the Application

Development Server

```
# Make sure you're in nextjs_space directory  
cd nextjs_space
```

```
# Start the development server  
yarn dev
```

Output:

```
Next.js 14.2.28  
- Local:      http://localhost:3000  
- Network:    http://192.168.1.100:3000
```

```
Ready in 2.5s
```

Open your browser: <http://localhost:3000>

Production Build (Local)

```
# Build the application  
yarn build
```

```
# Start production server  
yarn start
```

Available Scripts

```
# Development mode with hot reload  
yarn dev
```

```
# Production build  
yarn build
```

```
# Start production server  
yarn start
```

```
# Lint code  
yarn lint
```

```
# Prisma commands  
yarn prisma generate      # Generate Prisma Client  
yarn prisma db push       # Push schema to DB (dev)  
yarn prisma db seed       # Seed database  
yarn prisma studio        # Open Prisma Studio  
yarn prisma migrate dev   # Create migration
```

6. Cloud Deployment

Option A: Vercel (Recommended for Next.js)

Prerequisites

- Vercel account (free tier available)
- Git repository (GitHub, GitLab, or Bitbucket)
- PostgreSQL database (e.g., Neon, Supabase, or AWS RDS)

Step 1: Prepare Database Option 1: Neon (PostgreSQL Cloud - Free Tier) 1. Go to <https://neon.tech> 2. Create account and new project 3. Copy connection string

Option 2: Supabase (PostgreSQL + More - Free Tier) 1. Go to <https://supabase.com> 2. Create new project 3. Go to Settings > Database 4. Copy connection string

Step 2: Deploy to Vercel Via Vercel Dashboard: 1. Go to <https://vercel.com> 2. Click “Add New” → “Project” 3. Import your Git repository 4. Configure: - **Framework Preset:** Next.js - **Root Directory:** nextjs_space - **Build Command:** yarn build - **Output Directory:** .next

5. Add Environment Variables:

```
DATABASE_URL=<your-cloud-database-url>
NEXTAUTH_SECRET=<generate-new-secret>
NEXTAUTH_URL=https://your-app-name.vercel.app
```

6. Click “Deploy”

Via Vercel CLI:

```
# Install Vercel CLI
npm install -g vercel

# Navigate to nextjs_space
cd nextjs_space

# Login
vercel login

# Deploy
vercel

# Follow prompts and set environment variables
```

Step 3: Run Migrations on Cloud Database

```
# Set DATABASE_URL to your cloud database
export DATABASE_URL="postgresql://user:pass@host:5432/dbname"

# Run migrations
yarn prisma migrate deploy

# Seed database (optional)
yarn prisma db seed
```

Option B: DigitalOcean App Platform

Step 1: Create PostgreSQL Database

1. Go to DigitalOcean Dashboard
2. Create → Databases → PostgreSQL
3. Note connection details

Step 2: Create App

1. Create → Apps
 2. Connect Git repository
 3. Configure:
 - **Source Directory:** nextjs_space
 - **Build Command:** yarn install && yarn build
 - **Run Command:** yarn start
 - **Port:** 3000
 4. Add Environment Variables
 5. Deploy
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Option C: AWS (EC2 + RDS)

Infrastructure Setup 1. Create RDS PostgreSQL Instance

- Go to AWS RDS Console
- Create Database
- Engine: PostgreSQL 14+
- Instance: db.t3.micro (free tier)
- Set master password
- Note endpoint and port

2. Launch EC2 Instance

- AMI: Ubuntu 22.04 LTS
- Instance: t2.micro (free tier)
- Security Group: Allow SSH (22), HTTP (80), HTTPS (443)
- Create or use existing key pair

3. Connect to EC2

```
ssh -i your-key.pem ubuntu@your-ec2-ip
```

4. Install Dependencies on EC2

```
# Update system
```

```
sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade -y
```

```
# Install Node.js 18
```

```
curl -fsSL https://deb.nodesource.com/setup_18.x | sudo -E bash -  
sudo apt install -y nodejs
```

```
# Install Yarn
```



```
npm install -g yarn
```

```
# Install PM2 (process manager)
```

```
npm install -g pm2
```

```
# Install Git
```

```
sudo apt install git
```

5. Deploy Application

```
# Clone repository
```

```
git clone <your-repo-url>
```

```
cd greek_tax_calculator/nextjs_space
```

```
# Create .env file
```

```
nano .env
```

```
# Add your environment variables (use RDS endpoint for DATABASE_URL)
```

```
# Install dependencies
```

```
yarn install
```

```
# Run Prisma migrations
```

```
yarn prisma generate
```

```
yarn prisma migrate deploy
```

```
yarn prisma db seed
```

```
# Build application
```

```
yarn build
```

```
# Start with PM2
```

```
pm2 start yarn --name "tax-calculator" -- start
```

```
pm2 save
```

```
pm2 startup
```

6. Setup Nginx (Optional but Recommended)

```
# Install Nginx
```

```
sudo apt install nginx
```

```
# Create Nginx config
```

```
sudo nano /etc/nginx/sites-available/tax-calculator
```

Nginx Configuration:

```
server {  
    listen 80;  
    server_name your-domain.com;  
  
    location / {  
        proxy_pass http://localhost:3000;  
        proxy_http_version 1.1;  
        proxy_set_header Upgrade $http_upgrade;  
        proxy_set_header Connection 'upgrade';  
        proxy_set_header Host $host;  
        proxy_cache_bypass $http_upgrade;  
    }  
}
```

```
# Enable site
sudo ln -s /etc/nginx/sites-available/tax-calculator /etc/nginx/sites-enabled/
sudo nginx -t
sudo systemctl restart nginx
```

7. Setup SSL with Let's Encrypt

```
sudo apt install certbot python3-certbot-nginx
sudo certbot --nginx -d your-domain.com
```

Option D: Docker Deployment

Create Dockerfile Create Dockerfile in nextjs_space directory:

```
# Dockerfile
FROM node:18-alpine AS base

# Install dependencies only when needed
FROM base AS deps
RUN apk add --no-cache libc6-compat
WORKDIR /app

COPY package.json yarn.lock ./
RUN yarn install --frozen-lockfile

# Rebuild the source code only when needed
FROM base AS builder
WORKDIR /app
COPY --from=deps /app/node_modules ./node_modules
COPY . .

# Generate Prisma Client
RUN yarn prisma generate

# Build Next.js
RUN yarn build

# Production image
FROM base AS runner
WORKDIR /app

ENV NODE_ENV production

RUN addgroup --system --gid 1001 nodejs
RUN adduser --system --uid 1001 nextjs

COPY --from=builder /app/public ./public
COPY --from=builder --chown=nextjs:nodejs /app/.next/standalone ./
COPY --from=builder --chown=nextjs:nodejs /app/.next/static ./next/static
COPY --from=builder /app/node_modules/.prisma ./node_modules/.prisma
COPY --from=builder /app/prisma ./prisma

USER nextjs
```

```
EXPOSE 3000
```

```
ENV PORT 3000
```

```
CMD ["node", "server.js"]
```

Create docker-compose.yml

```
# docker-compose.yml
version: '3.8'

services:
  db:
    image: postgres:14-alpine
    restart: always
    environment:
      POSTGRES_DB: greek_tax_calculator
      POSTGRES_USER: postgres
      POSTGRES_PASSWORD: your_password_here
    volumes:
      - postgres_data:/var/lib/postgresql/data
    ports:
      - "5432:5432"

  app:
    build:
      context: ./nextjs_space
      dockerfile: Dockerfile
    restart: always
    ports:
      - "3000:3000"
    environment:
      DATABASE_URL: postgresql://postgres:your_password_here@db:5432/greek_tax_calculator
      NEXTAUTH_SECRET: your_nextauth_secret_here
      NEXTAUTH_URL: http://localhost:3000
      NODE_ENV: production
    depends_on:
      - db
    command: sh -c "npm prisma migrate deploy && node server.js"

volumes:
  postgres_data:
```

Deploy with Docker

```
# Build and start containers
```

```
docker-compose up -d
```

```
# View logs
```

```
docker-compose logs -f app
```

```
# Stop containers
```

```
docker-compose down
```

```
# Stop and remove volumes (deletes database!)
docker-compose down -v
```

7. Troubleshooting

Common Issues

1. “Cannot connect to database” Symptoms:

Error: P1001: Can't reach database server

Solutions: - Verify PostgreSQL is running: `sudo systemctl status postgresql` - Check DATABASE_URL in .env file - Verify database exists: `psql -U postgres -l` - Check PostgreSQL logs: `sudo tail -f /var/log/postgresql/postgresql-14-main.log`

2. “Prisma Client not generated” Symptoms:

Error: @prisma/client did not initialize yet

Solution:

```
yarn prisma generate
```

3. “Port 3000 already in use” Symptoms:

Error: listen EADDRINUSE: address already in use :::3000

Solutions:

```
# Find process using port 3000
lsof -ti:3000
```

```
# Kill the process
kill -9 $(lsof -ti:3000)
```

```
# Or use a different port
PORT=3001 yarn dev
```

4. “NextAuth secret required” Symptoms:

Error: NEXTAUTH_SECRET is required

Solution:

```
# Generate secret
openssl rand -base64 32
```

```
# Add to .env
NEXTAUTH_SECRET="<generated-secret>"
```

5. Build Errors Symptoms:

Type error: Property 'id' does not exist on type 'User'

Solution: - Ensure types/next-auth.d.ts exists - Restart TypeScript server in your editor - Delete .next folder and rebuild:

```
rm -rf .next
yarn build
```

6. Authentication Not Working Symptoms: - Login redirects to error page - Session not persisting

Solutions: - Check NEXTAUTH_URL matches your domain - Clear browser cookies - Verify NEXTAUTH_SECRET is set - Check API route: `curl http://localhost:3000/api/auth/session`

8. Maintenance

Backup Database

```
# Full database backup
pg_dump -U postgres greek_tax_calculator > backup_$(date +%Y%m%d).sql

# Restore from backup
psql -U postgres greek_tax_calculator < backup_20251219.sql
```

Update Dependencies

```
# Check for outdated packages
yarn outdated

# Update all dependencies
yarn upgrade

# Update specific package
yarn upgrade package-name
```

Database Migrations

```
# Create new migration
yarn prisma migrate dev --name add_new_feature

# Apply migrations (production)
yarn prisma migrate deploy

# Reset database (WARNING: deletes all data)
yarn prisma migrate reset
```

Monitor Logs

Development: - Next.js logs in terminal - Browser console for client errors

Production (PM2):

```
pm2 logs tax-calculator
pm2 monit
```

Production (Docker):

```
docker-compose logs -f app
```

Performance Optimization

1. **Enable caching** (add to `next.config.js`):

```
module.exports = {  
  swcMinify: true,  
  compress: true,  
  poweredByHeader: false,  
};
```

2. **Database indexes** (already in schema):

- `userId`, `businessId`, `year` are indexed

3. **Monitor database queries:**

```
# Enable Prisma query logging  
DEBUG=prisma:query yarn dev
```

Quick Start Checklist

For Local Development

- ☐ Install Node.js 18+
- ☐ Install Yarn
- ☐ Install PostgreSQL
- ☐ Clone/download project
- ☐ `cd nextjs_space`
- ☐ `yarn install`
- ☐ Create `.env` file with `DATABASE_URL` and `NEXTAUTH_SECRET`
- ☐ Create PostgreSQL database
- ☐ `yarn prisma generate`
- ☐ `yarn prisma db push`
- ☐ `yarn prisma db seed`
- ☐ `yarn dev`
- ☐ Open `http://localhost:3000`
- ☐ Login with `john@doe.com` / `johndoe123`

For Cloud Deployment (Vercel)

- ☐ Create Vercel account
 - ☐ Create cloud PostgreSQL (Neon/Supabase)
 - ☐ Push code to Git repository
 - ☐ Import project to Vercel
 - ☐ Set root directory to `nextjs_space`
 - ☐ Add environment variables
 - ☐ Deploy
 - ☐ Run `prisma migrate deploy` with cloud `DATABASE_URL`
 - ☐ Visit deployed URL
-

Support Resources

- **Next.js Documentation:** <https://nextjs.org/docs>

- **Prisma Documentation:** <https://www.prisma.io/docs>
 - **NextAuth.js Documentation:** <https://next-auth.js.org>
 - **PostgreSQL Documentation:** <https://www.postgresql.org/docs>
 - **Vercel Documentation:** <https://vercel.com/docs>
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