# **Getting Started**

Welcome to the Next.js documentation!

If you're new to Next.js, we recommend starting with the learn course.

The interactive course with quizzes will guide you through everything you need to know to use Next.js.

If you have questions about anything related to Next.js, you're always welcome to ask our community on <u>GitHub</u> <u>Discussions</u>.

#### **System Requirements**

- Node.js 12.22.0 or later
- MacOS, Windows (including WSL), and Linux are supported

## **Automatic Setup**

We recommend creating a new Next.js app using create-next-app, which sets up everything automatically for you. To create a project, run:

```
npx create-next-app@latest
# or
yarn create next-app
# or
pnpm create next-app
```

If you want to start with a TypeScript project you can use the --typescript flag:

```
npx create-next-app@latest --typescript
# or
yarn create next-app --typescript
# or
pnpm create next-app -- --typescript
```

#### After the installation is complete:

- Run npm run dev or yarn dev or pnpm dev to start the development server on http://localhost:3000
- Visit http://localhost:3000 to view your application
- Edit pages/index.js and see the updated result in your browser

For more information on how to use create-next-app, you can review the create-next-app documentation.

## **Manual Setup**

Install next , react and react-dom in your project:

```
npm install next react react-dom
# or
yarn add next react react-dom
```

```
# or
pnpm add next react react-dom
```

Open package.json and add the following scripts:

```
"scripts": {
  "dev": "next dev",
  "build": "next build",
  "start": "next start",
  "lint": "next lint"
}
```

These scripts refer to the different stages of developing an application:

- dev Runs <u>next dev</u> to start Next.js in development mode
- build Runs next build to build the application for production usage
- start Runs next start to start a Next.js production server
- lint Runs <u>next lint</u> to set up Next.js' built-in ESLint configuration

Create two directories pages and public at the root of your application:

- pages Associated with a route based on their file name. For example pages/about.js is mapped to /about
- public Stores static assets such as images, fonts, etc. Files inside public directory can then be referenced by your code starting from the base URL ( / ).

Next.js is built around the concept of <u>pages</u>. A page is a <u>React Component</u> exported from a .js , .jsx , .ts , or .tsx file in the <u>pages</u> directory. You can even add <u>dynamic route</u> parameters with the filename.

Inside the pages directory add the index.js file to get started. This is the page that is rendered when the user visits the root of your application

Populate pages/index.js with the following contents:

```
function HomePage() {
  return <div>Welcome to Next.js!</div>
}
export default HomePage
```

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So far, we get:

- Automatic compilation and bundling
- React Fast Refresh
- Static generation and server-side rendering of pages/

• Static file serving through public/ which is mapped to the base URL ( / )

In addition, any Next.js application is ready for production from the start. Read more in our <u>Deployment</u> <u>documentation</u>.

### Related

For more information on what to do next, we recommend the following sections:

Pages: Learn more about what pages are in Next.js.

**CSS Support:** Built-in CSS support to add custom styles to your app.

CLI: Learn more about the Next.js CLI.