# A statically generated blog example using Next.js and Ghost

This example showcases Next.js's <u>Static Generation</u> feature using <u>Ghost</u> as the data source.

This boilerplate demonstrates simple usage and best practices. If you are looking for a more feature rich Next.js generator for Ghost including the Casper theme, check out <a href="mailto:next-cms-qhost">next-cms-qhost</a>.

## **Deploy your own**

Once you have access to the environment variables you'll need, deploy the example using Vercel:



## **Related examples**

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- Prismic
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- <u>Strapi</u>
- Agility CMS
- ButterCMS
- Storyblok
- GraphCMS
- Kontent
- <u>Umbraco Heartcore</u>
- Blog Starter
- Builder.io

#### How to use

Execute <a href="mailto:create-next-app">create-next-app</a> with <a href="mailto:npm">npm</a> or <a href="mailto:Yarn">Yarn</a> to bootstrap the example:

```
npx create-next-app --example cms-ghost cms-ghost-app
# or
yarn create next-app --example cms-ghost cms-ghost-app
# or
pnpm create next-app -- --example cms-ghost cms-ghost-app
```

# Setp 1. Run Next.js in development mode

To get started, no configuration is needed as this example sources the content from a demo Ghost CMS.

```
npm install
npm run dev
```

```
# or
yarn install
yarn dev
```

Your blog should be up and running on http://localhost:3000! If it doesn't work, post on GitHub discussions.

## Step 2. Set up environment variables

If you already have a Ghost CMS running, you should create new Content API keys in the Ghost Admin panel under Integrations -> Add custom integration. Once your keys are generated, copy them into the environment variables as follows. Your .env.local file should look like this:

```
GHOST_API_URL=...
GHOST_API_KEY=...
```

Make sure to use the Content API Key.

## Step 3. Set up Headless Ghost CMS

If you do not have access to a Ghost CMS, you need to create one for your own content. The demo Ghost CMS is running on Hetzner Cloud, which is described in <u>Ghost CMS on Hetzner Cloud</u>. Note that a Ghost install on localhost is not sufficient for public deploys, as the images on your local computer are not accessible from outside.

## Step 4. Deploy on Vercel

You can deploy this app to the cloud with Vercel (Documentation).

#### **Deploy Your Local Project**

To deploy your local project to Vercel, push it to GitHub/GitLab/Bitbucket and import to Vercel.

**Important**: When you import your project on Vercel, make sure to click on **Environment Variables** and set them to match your .env.local file.

#### **Deploy from Our Template**

Alternatively, you can deploy using our template by clicking on the Deploy button below.

