

# Setting a custom build directory

You can specify a name to use for a custom build directory to use instead of `.next`.

Open `next.config.js` and add the `distDir` config:

```
module.exports = {  
  distDir: 'build',  
}
```

Now if you run `next build` Next.js will use `build` instead of the default `.next` folder.

`distDir` **should not** leave your project directory. For example, `../build` is an **invalid** directory.

## Related

[Introduction to next.config.js](#): Learn more about the configuration file used by Next.js.