Using Next.js with Unsplash API

This is an example of how [Unsplash](#) can be used with `Next.js`

Deploy your own

Once you have access to [the environment variables you'll need](#), deploy the example using [Vercel](#):

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How to use

Execute [`create-next-app`](#) with [npm](#) or [Yarn](#) to bootstrap the example:

```
npx create-next-app --example with-unsplash with-unsplash-app
# or
yarn create next-app --example with-unsplash with-unsplash-app
# or
pnpm create next-app -- --example with-unsplash with-unsplash-app
```

Configuration

First, you'll need to [create an account on Unsplash](#) if you don't have one already. Once that's done, follow the steps below.
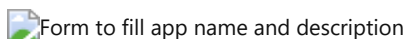
Step 1. Create an app on Unsplash

Create a [new application on Unsplash](#).

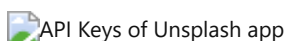Before creating an app you'll have to accept the terms for API use:

Accept Unsplash app terms

Then, fill the form with the app name and description, and click on on **Create application** to finish the creation of your app:

Form to fill app name and description

Step 2. Set up environment variables

After creating the app, you should be able to see the API keys in the settings page of your app:

API Keys of Unsplash app

We'll need those API keys to connect the example with your Unsplash app.

First, copy the `.env.local.example` file in this directory to `.env.local` (which will be ignored by Git):

```
cp .env.local.example .env.local
```

Then set each variable on `.env.local` :

- `UNSPLASH_ACCESS_KEY` should be the **Access Key** of your Unsplash app
- `UNSPLASH_USER` should be any valid Unsplash username. The example will use the photos of the user selected here.

Step 3. Run Next.js in development mode

```
npm install
npm run dev

# or

yarn install
yarn dev
```

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

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.

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