

But that’s not all!

Ok, so I think we’re about out of time for this blog post. But there’s a bunch more details in the docs:

- [Using URL Parameters](#)
- [Requests, Routes and Matchers](#)
- [Nested Routes and Views](#)
- [Programmatic navigation](#)
- [Guarding routes with authentication](#)
- [Improving SEO with static rendering](#)
- [Using Navi with react-router](#)
- [Using Navi with react-helmet](#)
- [Get a head start with a create-react-app based starter](#)

You can also check out the [examples](#) directory of the Navi repository for full code examples, including:

- [A basic site with create-react-app](#)
- [A simple site with static rendering](#)
- [A blog with tags, pagination and RSS](#)
- [That same blog but written in TypeScript](#)

Oh, and did I mention that Navi is build with TypeScript, so the typings are first-class?

Help me, Obi-Wan Kenobi. You’re my only hope.

Ok, so even if you’re not Obi-Wan Kenobi, I’d really appreciate your help.

Actually, a lot of little things are way more helpful than they might seem. Can you try Navi out and file an issue for any missing features? *Awesome*. Can you make tiny improvements to the docs as you learn? *Radical*. Can you put something small online and add it to the [README](#)’s list of sites using Navi? *Phenomenal*.

With that said, there are a few big ticket items that I’d love some help with:

- Navi needs some dev tools. Internally, all data is represented as simple objects called **Chunks**—which are then reduced into **Route** objects with a Redux-like reducer. As a result of this design, it should be possible for dev tools to provide a useful window into what’s going on, along with time-travel capability—but I want to leave this task for the community. So if you want to be the person who made Navi’s dev tools, let’s [discuss the details](#) 🤔
- Matcher functions like `mount()`, `lazy()` and `route()` are just Generator Functions. In fact, it’s entirely possible to create [custom matchers](#). For instance, you could create a `withTimeout()` matcher that switches routes based on how long they take to load. And if you *do* create useful custom matchers, send a tweet or DM to [@james_k_nelson](#) so I can spread the word 🙌
- If you can provide a translation for even a single page from the docs, I’ll be forever grateful ❤️
- If you’d like to see this project grow, please give it a [🌟 Star on Github!](#)

One more thing...

Navi now has experimental server rendering support. Matchers like `route()` and `mount()` have access to an entire **Request** object, including `method`, `headers`, and `body`. Your routes aren’t limited to matching just a `view` and `data`—they can also match a HTTP `status` and `headers`.

You can now handle routing on the client, the server and in serverless functions with exactly the same code.

Of course, you could already do some of this with [Next.js](#)—but if all you need is a router, then Navi is a *lot* smaller (and more flexible). If you’d like to know more about the difference, take a read through [Navi vs. Next.js](#). Or if you just want the server rendering demo:

index.js

product.js

Landing.js

Layout.js

api.js

styles.css

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```
1 import { createMemoryNavigation, mount, route, lazy } from 'navi'
2 import React, { Suspense } from 'react'
3 import ReactDOMServer from 'react-dom/server'
4 import { NaviProvider, View } from 'react-navi'
5 import api from './api'
6 import Landing from './Landing'
7 import Layout from './Layout'
8
9 async function main() {
10   const routes =
11     mount({
12       '/': route({
13         title: "Hats 'n' Flamethrowers 'r' Us",
14         getData: (request) => {
15           console.log('headers', request.headers)
16           return api.fetchProducts()
17         },
18         view: <Landing />,
19         status: 200,
20       }),
21       '/product': lazy(() => import('./product')),
22     })
23
24   // Creates a "navigation" object, which contains the same functionality
25   // as the browser `<Router>` object, but handled in-memory.
26   const navigation = createMemoryNavigation({
27     routes,
28     request: {
29       headers: {
30         'authorization-token': '123',
31       },
32       url: window.location.pathname
33     }
34   })
35
36   // Wait for the navigation object to stabilise, so it can be rendered
37   // immediately.
38   await navigation.steady()
39 }
```

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[log] headers {
 "authorization-token": "123"
}

[log] status 200

Console 2

As of right now, there’s no official package for integrating Navi with Express. There should be one. Please make one. I’ll tell the world about it.

But seriously, I *will* tell the world about anything you make with Navi. Here’s how I’ll do it: the Frontend Armory weekly newsletter. Want to hear about awesome React shit that other readers are making? Join it. You know you want to.

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But that’s it from me today. Thanks so much for reading. I’ve poured my heart into this project because I believe that it’ll make *your* life as a React developer so much easier. Now go build something amazing!

P.S. I haven’t forgotten about the React in Practice course—I’m working on it right now, and it’ll include hooks. I’ll have more more details real soon.

Related Links

- [Navi’s Documentation](#)
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