## Introduction to Next.js

A full-stack framework for React

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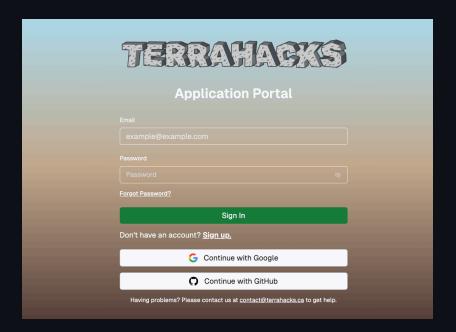


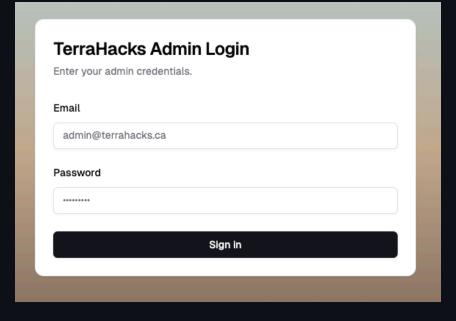
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## **Project Highlights**

- TerraHacks Portal
- TerraHacks Admin Portal
- USSTM Website





## What you'll be able to do after

- Start a Next.js project
- Understand Next.js project structure
- Understand components, pages, and layouts
- Understand routing in Next.js
- Understand Dynamic Routes
- Perform data fetching and Server Actions

## Agenda

- 1. What is Next.js?
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What is Next.js?

## What is Next.js?

Next.js is a full-stack framework for React. It's features include server-side rendering, static site generation, and Image Optimization.

Developed by Vercel, it's a popular choice for building web applications.

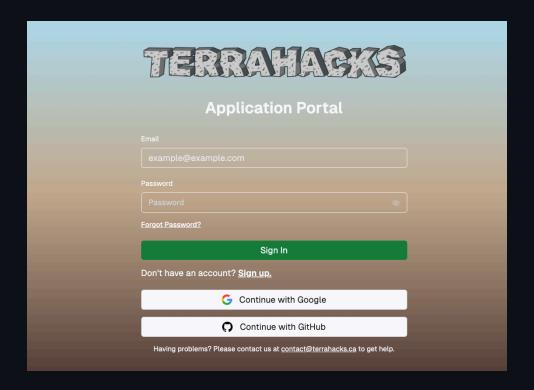
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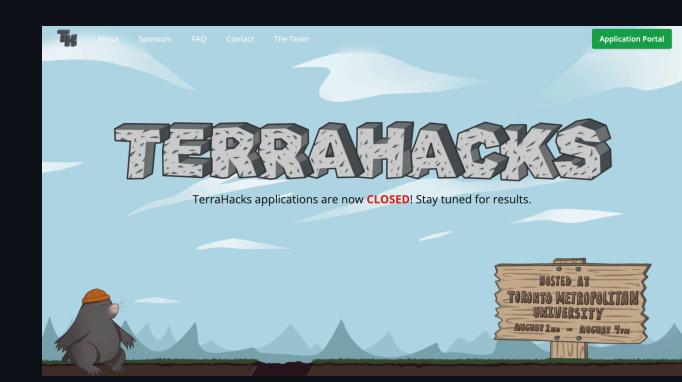
- SEO Friendly: Server-side rendering and static site generation
- Performance: Automatic code splitting, optimized images, and lazy loading

# Notable Websites built with Next.js

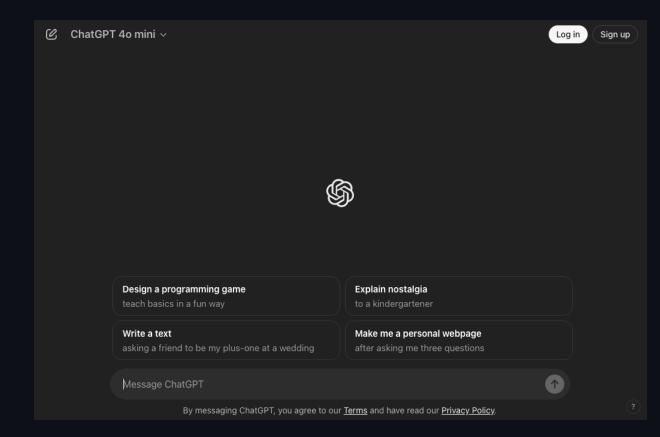
### **TerraHacks Portal**



## **TerraHacks Website**



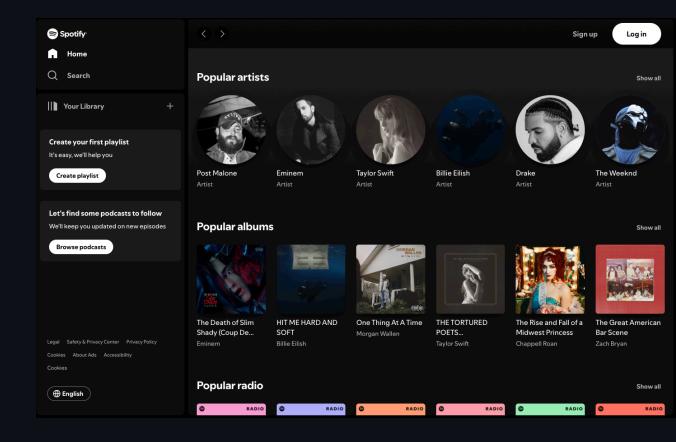
### **ChatGPT Website**



## Node.js Website



# **Spotify Web Player**



## **Getting Started**

### What you will need

- Node.js (https://nodejs.org)
- npm (https://npmjs.com)

#### Check if Node.js is installed

node --version

#### Check if npm is installed

npm --version

#### Create a new Next.js project

npx create-next-app next-app

Note: npx comes with an npm installation

#### Select the following choices

```
Would you like to use TypeScript? ... No
Would you like to use ESLint? ... Yes
Would you like to use Tailwind CSS? ... Yes
Would you like to use `src/` directory? ... No
Would you like to use App Router? (recommended) ... Yes
Would you like to customize the default import alias (@/*)? ... No
```

## Starting the development server

cd next-app

npm run dev

## **Project Structure**

#### ∨ NEXT-APP $\vee$ app \* favicon.ico # globals.css JS layout.js Js page.js > node\_modules ∨ public next.svg vercel.svg eslintrc.json .gitignore {} jsconfig.json Js next.config.mjs {} package-lock.json {} package.json Js postcss.config.mjs ① README.md Js tailwind.config.js

### **Routing in Next.js**

• File based routing

Next.js built-in components

#### <Link>

```
import Link from 'next/link'
<Link href="https://google.com">Google</Link>
<Link href="/dashboard">Dashboard</Link>
```

#### <lmage>

```
import Image from 'next/image'
<Image src="/logo.png" alt="Logo" width={200} height={200} />
```

# **Client Components**

```
'use client';
export default function ClientComponent() {
  return (
     <button onClick={console.log("Clicked")}>Click</button>
  )
}
```

#### useState Hook

```
'use client';
import { useState } from 'react'
export default function Counter() {
  const [count, setCount] = useState(0)
  return (
   <div>
     {count}
     <button onClick={() => setCount(count + 1)}>Increment/button>
   </div>
```

#### useEffect Hook

```
'use client';
import { useEffect } from 'react'
export default function Counter() {
 useEffect(() => {
    console.log("Component mounted") // Log will be shown in the browser console
  }, [])
  return (
   <div>
     Counter
    </div>
```

## **Server Components**

Every component in Next.js is a server component by default

# **Props**

Values passed from parent to child components

```
// Parent Component
import ChildComponent from './ChildComponent'

export default function ParentComponent() {
   return (
        <ChildComponent name="Hello, World!" />
   )
}
```

```
// Child Component
"use client";
export default function ChildComponent({ name }) {
   return (
        <button onClick={() => console.log(`${name} button clicked`)}>{name}</button>
   )
}
```

# **Dynamic Routes**

```
app/profile/[name]/page.js
```

# **Data Fetching**

client side data fetching

server side data fetching

# **Server Actions**

## Thank you!

Questions?

#### Resources

Next.js Documentation