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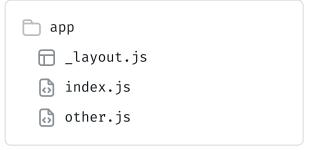Settings

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Router Settings

Learn how to configure layouts with static properties in Expo Router.

> ⚠️ **Warning:** `unstable_settings` currently do not work with async routes (development-only). This is why the feature is designated *unstable*.

`initialRouteName`

When deep linking to a route, you may want to provide a user with a "back" button. The `initialRouteName` sets the default screen of the stack and should match a valid filename (without the extension).

```
📁 app
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```

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```
import { Stack } from 'expo-router';

export const unstable_settings = {
  // Ensure any route can link back
  initialRouteName: 'index',
```