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# Authentication in Expo Router


How to protect routes with Expo Router.

It's common to restrict certain routes to users who are not authenticated. This can be achieved in a very organized way by using React Context and Route Groups.

Consider the following project:

```
app
├── _layout.js
├── index.js
├── (auth)
│   └── sign-in.js
```

First, we'll setup a [React Context provider](#) that we can use to protect routes. This provider will use a mock implementation, you can replace it with your own [authentication provider](#).

 context/auth.js Copy

```
import { router, useSegments } from 'expo-router'
import React from 'react';

const AuthContext = React.createContext(null)

// This hook can be used to access the useAuth() hook
export function useAuth() {
  return React.useContext(AuthContext);
}
```