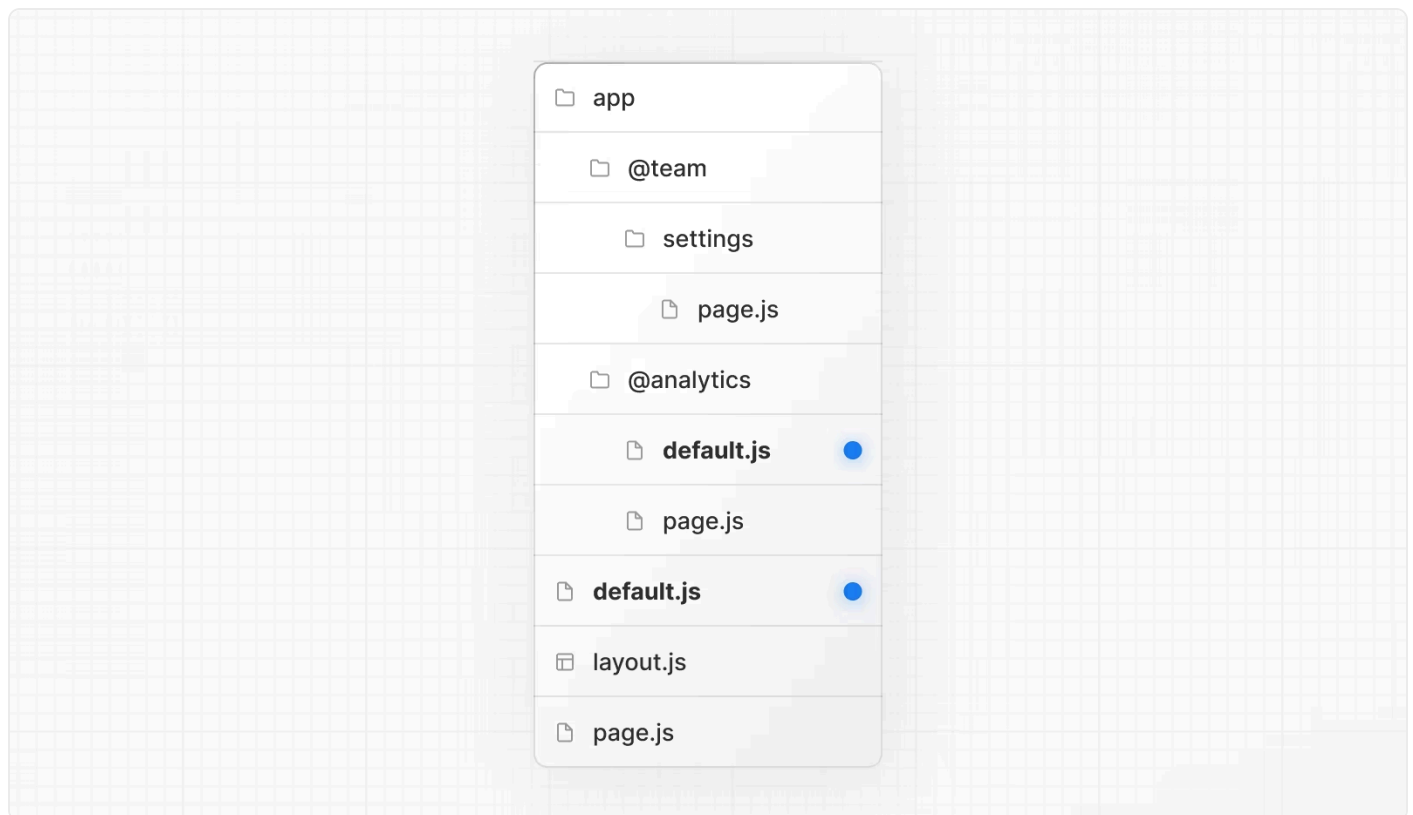


# default.js

The `default.js` file is used to render a fallback within [Parallel Routes](#) when Next.js cannot recover a [slot's](#) active state after a full-page load.

During [soft navigation](#), Next.js keeps track of the active *state* (subpage) for each slot. However, for hard navigations (full-page load), Next.js cannot recover the active state. In this case, a `default.js` file can be rendered for subpages that don't match the current URL.

Consider the following folder structure. The `@team` slot has a `settings` page, but `@analytics` does not.



When navigating to `/settings`, the `@team` slot will render the `settings` page while maintaining the currently active page for the `@analytics` slot.

On refresh, Next.js will render a `default.js` for `@analytics`. If `default.js` doesn't exist, a `404` is rendered instead.

Additionally, since `children` is an implicit slot, you also need to create a `default.js` file to render a fallback for `children` when Next.js cannot recover the active state of the parent page.

## Props

### `params` (optional)

An object containing the [dynamic route parameters](#) from the root segment down to the slot's subpages. For example:

Example	URL	<code>params</code>
<code>app/[artist]/@sidebar/default.js</code>	<code>/zack</code>	<code>{ artist: 'zack' }</code>
<code>app/[artist]/[album]/@sidebar/default.js</code>	<code>/zack/next</code>	<code>{ artist: 'zack', album: 'next' }</code>

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