Nextjs:

What is Next.js?

The React Framework for production.

**React:**

* Not quite possible to build a full feature rich application ready to be developed for production React is a library for building user interfaces
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* You have to make decisions on other features of the app like routing, styling, authentication etc.

**Next.js**

* A package that uses React for building user interfaces
* Loaded with a lot more features that enable you to build full fledged production ready applications. Features exactly like routing, styling, authentication, bundle optimization etc.
* There’s no need to install additional packages. Next.js provides everything for you.
* Opinions and conventions need to be followed to implement the above said features

Why learn Next.js?

Next.js simplifies the process of building a react application for production

1. File based routing
2. Pre-rendering
3. API routes
4. Support for CSS modules
5. Authentication
6. Development & production build system

Pre-requisites

HTML, CSS and JavaScript fundamentals

ES6 + features

React Fundamentals

**Installation:**

Automatic Installation

We recommend creating a new Next.js app using create-next-app, which sets up everything automatically for you. To create a project, run:

Terminal>>

npx create-next-app@latest

npx create-next-app blog

npx create-next-app@13.1.6

Details: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y0ecd_bGKb4&ab_channel=CodeStepByStep>

**Run the application:** npm run dev

**Routing in a Next.js app:**

* Route with pages
* Nested routes
* Dynamic routes
* Catch-all routes
* Navigate from the UI
* Programmatically navigate between pages

**Pre-rendering & Data fetching Intro:**

What and why of pre-rendering

Types of pre-rendering

1. Static Generation

-- Without data

-- With data

-- Incremental Static Generation

-- Dynamic parameters when fetching data

2. Server-side Rendering

- Data fetching

\* Client-side data fetching

\* combining pre-rendering with client-side data fetching

Pre-rendering

React vs Next JS

By default, Next JS pre-renders every page in the application

What does pre-render mean?

Next JS generates HTML for each page in advance instead of having it all done by client-side JavaScript

Pre-render just means render in advance of sending to the browser.

Pre-rendering is done by default in a Next JS app

Why pre-render?

1. Pre-rendering improves performance.

\* In a react app, you need to wait for the JavaScript to be executed

\* Perhaps fetch data from an external API & then render the UI

\* There is a wait time for the user

\* With a pre-rendered page, the HTML is already generated and loads faster

2. Pre-rendering helps with SEO

\* If you are building a blog or an e-commerce site, SEO is a concern

\* With a React app, if the search engine hits your page, it only sees a div tag with id equal to root

\* If search engine hits a pre-rendered page though, all the content is present in the source code which will help index that page

\* If SEO is of concern for your app, pre-rendering is what you want

Pre-rendering Summery

Pre-rendering refers to the process of generating HTML with the necessary data for a page in your application.

Pre-rendering can result in better performance SEO.

Pre-rendering in Next JS

Next JS supports two forms of pre-rendering

* Static Generation. Static Site Generation (SSG)
* Server-side Rendering

**Static Generation:** A method of pre-rendering where the HTML pages are generated at build time

The HTML with all the data that makes up the content of the web page are generated in advance when you build your application

Recommended method to pre-render pages whenever possible

Page can be build once, cached by a CDN and served to the client almost instantly

Ex: Blog pages, e-commerce product pages, documentation and marketing pages

**Static Generation: -- How?**

Next JS, by default will pre-render every page in our app

The HTML for every page will automatically be statically generated when we build our application

Production Server:- An optimized build is created once and you deploy that build. You don’t make code changes on the go once it is deployed

Development Server:- We should be able to make changes in our code and we want that code to immediately reflect in the browser

For production builds, a page will be pre-rendered once when we run build commend

In development mode, the page is pre-rendered for every request you make

Does Next.js 13 use getStaticProps?

\*\* The new data fetching in Next. js 13 is built on top of the fetch() Web API and makes use of async / await in Server Components. Now, instead of using getServerSideProps() and getStaticProps() , all fetched data is static by default, meaning it's rendered at build time.

// JSONPlaceholder // Free fake API for testing and prototyping.

<https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/>

<> </>   /\*This is called fragment\*/

<https://nextjs.org/docs/app/building-your-application/routing/error-handling>

SSG - Static Site Generation (SSG)

SSR - server-side renders

ISR – incremental site regeneration

**Install Tailwind CSS with Next.js**

<https://tailwindcss.com/docs/guides/nextjs>

**@tailwindcss/typography**

Beautiful typographic defaults for HTML you don't control.

The official Tailwind CSS Typography plugin provides a set of prose classes you can use to add beautiful typographic defaults to any vanilla HTML you don’t control, like HTML rendered from Markdown, or pulled from a CMS.

<https://tailwindcss.com/docs/typography-plugin#basic-usage>

Install the plugin from npm:

npm install -D @tailwindcss/typography

Font awesome icons in nextjs

First install the package:

npm i react-icons

Markdown/MDX with Next.js

If you're creating an information-dense website like documentation or a blog, you're probably considering using Markdown. Most developers are familiar with Markdown from GitHub and other online communities.

<https://nextjs.org/blog/markdown>

// Use gray-matter to parse the post metadata section

Install grey-matter:

npm i gray-matter

**The most popular component librarycomponent library for Tailwind CSS**

<https://daisyui.com/> > see components > install

//daisyUI adds component class names to Tailwind CSS so you can make beautiful websites faster than ever.

// admin panel tailwind free

<https://tailadmin.com/download>

<https://medevel.com/11-nextjs-dashboard/>

<https://github.com/kitloong/nextjs-dashboard>

**Tailwind CSS**

A utility-first CSS framework for rapidly building custom user interfaces.

**DaisyUI**

Free UI components plugin for Tailwind CSS

React Icons:

Include popular icons in your React projects easily with react-icons, which utilizes ES6 imports that allows you to include only the icons that your project is using.

<https://react-icons.github.io/react-icons/>

install: > npm i react-icons

**JSON Server:**

Get a full fake REST API with **zero coding** in **less than 30 seconds** (seriously)

<https://www.npmjs.com/package/json-server>

npm i json-server

Start JSON Server

json-server --watch db.json

Dummy api Live:

<https://dummy.restapiexample.com/>

**type aliases vs interfaces:**

// One major difference between type aliases vs interfaces are that interfaces are open and type aliases are closed. This means you can extend an interface by declaring it a second time. // In the other case a type cannot be changed outside of its declaration.

Types are better for working with functions, complex types, etc. **Interfaces work better with objects and method objects**.