1. CSR (Client-Side Rendering)

• How it works:

- The browser first loads a minimal HTML file with almost no content.
- Then, JavaScript runs in the browser to fetch data (usually from an API) and render the UI.
- o Rendering happens **entirely on the client side** (in the browser).

When to use:

- Apps with heavy client-side interactivity.
- Dashboards, Single Page Apps (SPAs), user-specific data (e.g., logged-in views).

Pros:

- o Smooth user experience (no full page reloads).
- Great for highly interactive apps.
- Scales well with dynamic data.

Cons:

- Slower initial load (blank page → fetch data → render).
- o Poor SEO (search engines may not index content well if it's loaded via JS).

2. SSR (Server-Side Rendering)

How it works:

- The page is rendered on the server for each request.
- o The server fetches the data, builds the HTML, and sends it to the browser.
- The browser then hydrates the page with React for interactivity.

When to use:

- Dynamic content that changes frequently (e.g., news websites, e-commerce product pages).
- o Good for SEO because the HTML is fully rendered on load.

Pros:

- Better SEO (search engines see full HTML).
- Faster first page load (HTML arrives pre-built).
- Always up-to-date data since it's rendered on request.

Cons:

- Slower response time (server must render for each request).
- Heavier server load.
- Not as fast as SSG for repeat visitors.

3. SSG (Static Site Generation)

How it works:

- HTML pages are pre-rendered at build time (not per request).
- o Pages are generated once and served via CDN or static hosting.
- Next.js supports Incremental Static Regeneration (ISR), which can rebuild specific pages after deployment.

· When to use:

- Websites with content that doesn't change often (blogs, documentation, portfolios, marketing sites).
- Huge boost for performance and SEO.

• Pros:

- Very fast (served as static HTML from CDN).
- Best for SEO (fully rendered content).
- o Scales extremely well (no server-side computation per request).

• Cons:

- Not suitable for highly dynamic content (unless ISR is used).
- Rebuilding the site takes time if content changes frequently.

ISR (Incremental Static Regeneration)

- How it works:
 - ISR is an extension of SSG.
 - Pages are pre-rendered at build time like SSG, but they can be updated/rebuilt in the background after the site is deployed.
 - When a request comes in after the revalidation time, Next.js regenerates that page in the background and serves the new version for future requests.

✓ ISR Pros

- Keeps the speed of SSG (static pages served via CDN).
- Keeps content fresh automatically without rebuilding the whole site.
- Best balance between performance and data freshness.

X ISR Cons

- Content is not **real-time** (users may see slightly stale content until revalidation triggers).
- Requires **Next.js server or Vercel-like infrastructure** (not plain static hosting).

- Older Next.js (Pages Router)
- You explicitly chose the rendering method:
 - o getServerSideProps → SSR
 - o getStaticProps → SSG / ISR
 - useEffect (client fetching) → CSR
- By default, a page with no data fetching methods was **Static (SSG)**.
 - Latest Next.js (App Router, v13/v14)
- By default, pages are Server Components → rendered on the server.
- This is similar to SSR, but with optimizations:
 - Server Components don't send JavaScript for the component itself to the client, only the serialized result.
 - o Only components marked with "use client" run on the client.

So technically:

✓ Yes, **SSR** (server rendering) is the default in Next.js App Router.

But it's not exactly the same as old SSR — it's **Server Components rendering**, which is even more optimized.

- Data Fetching in Next.js 13+ (App Router)
- fetch in a Server Component → runs on the server, data is fetched before sending HTML.
- You can also control caching:
 - o fetch(url, { cache: 'no-store' }) → always fetch fresh data (**SSR-like**).
 - o fetch(url, { next: { revalidate: 60 } }) → ISR (revalidate every 60 seconds).
 - Default fetch → cached and static (SSG).



- Next.js App Router (latest) → Server rendering (SSR) is default.
- But you can easily switch to SSG/ISR/CSR using caching strategies and "use client".

Got it foundation You can absolutely use **Axios** instead of fetch in **Next.js 14 App Router**. The caching behavior (cache: 'no-store', revalidate) only works with **fetch**, but you can still mimic **CSR**, **SSR**, **SSG**, **ISR** with Axios.

Let's go case by case 👇

• 1. CSR with Axios

- Run on client ("use client").
- Use useEffect + Axios.

Example:

```
"use client";
import { useEffect, useState } from "react";
import axios from "axios";

export default function CSRPage() {
  const [data, setData] = useState<any>(null);

  useEffect(() => {
    axios.get("https://api.example.com/data").then((res) => {
    setData(res.data);
  });
  }, []);

return <div>{data? data.message : "Loading..."}</div>;
```

```
}✓ Always fresh, X SEO poor.
```

• 2. SSR with Axios

- Run in **Server Component**.
- Axios fetch happens on server for each request.

Example

```
import axios from "axios";

export default async function SSRPage() {
  const res = await axios.get("https://api.example.com/data");
  const data = res.data;

return <div>{data.message}</div>;
}

SEO friendly, always fresh.

X Slower than SSG/ISR.
```

• 3. SSG with Axios

- Axios runs at build time.
- Use cache() helper from React to memoize results so it doesn't re-fetch every request.

Example:

```
import axios from "axios";
import { cache } from "react";
```

```
const getData = cache(async () => {
  const res = await axios.get("https://api.example.com/data");
  return res.data;
});

export default async function SSGPage() {
  const data = await getData();
  return <div>{data.message}</div>;
}

Very fast, cached.
  X Stale until redeploy.
```

• 4. ISR with Axios

- Next.js ISR depends on fetch revalidate, but with Axios we can **simulate ISR** by:
 - o Creating an API Route (/api/data) that uses fetch with revalidate.
 - Calling that API with Axios.

Example:

/app/api/data/route.ts

```
export async function GET() {
  const res = await fetch("https://api.example.com/data", {
    next: { revalidate: 60 }, // ISR: regenerate every 60s
  });
  const data = await res.json();
  return Response.json(data);
}
```

/app/isr/page.tsx

```
import axios from "axios";

export default async function ISRPage() {
  const res = await axios.get("http://localhost:3000/api/data");
  const data = res.data;

return <div>{data.message}</div>;
}

V Fast like SSG, but updates every 60s.
```

CSR (Client-Side Rendering)

X Needs extra API layer.

- Rendering happens in the browser after JavaScript loads.
- Use "use client" + useEffect with Axios.
- Data is **always fresh** (fetched from client).
- X Poor SEO (search engines see empty HTML at first).
- X Slower first load (blank page → then data loads).
- Best for dashboards, SPAs, user-specific apps.

SSR (Server-Side Rendering)

- Rendering happens on the server for every request.
- Directly call Axios in a **Server Component**.
- Data is always fresh (new fetch for every request).
- SEO friendly (HTML is fully rendered).

- Medium performance (slower than static but always up-to-date).
- X Heavy load on server if many users.
- Best for news sites, e-commerce product pages, real-time data.

SSG (Static Site Generation)

- Rendering happens once at build time.
- Use cache() helper with Axios so the result is reused.
- Data is stale until next build.
- Extremely fast (served as static HTML from CDN).
- SEO friendly.
- X Content doesn't update automatically.
- Z Best for blogs, documentation, portfolios, marketing sites.

ISR (Incremental Static Regeneration)

- Rendering happens at build time, then regenerates in background after a set time.
- With Axios → need an API route that uses fetch(..., { revalidate: N }), then call it via Axios.
- Data is updated automatically after N seconds.
- Fast like SSG but not stale for long.
- SEO friendly.
- X Not real-time (slightly stale between revalidations).
- Best for e-commerce catalogs, blogs with frequent updates.

† Summary in one line each:

CSR → Always fresh, poor SEO, slower first load.

- **SSR** → Always fresh, great SEO, heavier on server.
- **SSG** → Fastest, SEO friendly, but stale until rebuild.
- ISR → Fast + SEO friendly + updates automatically after time.

Key Points in Next.js 14 + Axios

- CSR → Client Components with Axios in useEffect.
- SSR → Server Components directly call Axios.
- SSG → Use cache() from React to memoize Axios calls at build time.
- ISR → Needs an API Route that uses fetch(..., { next: { revalidate } }), then Axios
 consumes that route.

Find the real control of caching & revalidation is tied to **fetch**, not Axios. But you can still achieve all four methods with Axios by combining it with **React's cache()** and **API Routes**.