Types of rendering



Understand how data is fetched and rendered on the server/client.

1. Types of Rendering

Static Site Generation (SSG) — pre-rendered at build time

Server-Side Rendering (SSR) — rendered at request time

Client-Side Rendering (CSR) — rendered in browser

Perfect — this is one of the **core concepts of Next.js and web performance** in general. Let's break it down clearly

1. Types of Rendering

Static Site Generation (SSG)

- When: At build time (before deployment).
- How: The HTML pages are pre-rendered once and reused for every request.
- Where: On the server during build, not on every user visit.
- Data fetching: Happens using getStaticProps() or getStaticPaths() in Next.js.
- **Use case:** Blogs, documentation, marketing pages content doesn't change often.
- Pros:
 - ✓ Super fast served from CDN.
 - ✓ SEO friendly.
 - Reduces server load.
- Cons:
 - X Needs rebuild to update data.

Server-Side Rendering (SSR)

- When: At request time every time a user visits the page.
- How: The server fetches data and renders HTML dynamically for that request.
- Where: On the server at runtime.
- Data fetching: Happens using getServerSideProps() in Next.js.
- **Use case:** Dashboards, personalized pages (user-specific data).



- Pros:
 - Always fresh data.
 - SEO friendly.
- Cons:
 - X Slower than SSG (since it runs for every request).
 - X More server cost.

Client-Side Rendering (CSR)

- When: In the browser after page load.
- **How:** The page loads a basic HTML + JS bundle, then fetches data via API calls (like **fetch()** or **axios**) and renders dynamically.
- Where: On the client (browser).
- Data fetching: Usually done in useEffect() in React.
- Use case: Single Page Apps (SPAs), dashboards, or parts of pages that update frequently.
- Pros:
 - ✓ Great for dynamic, interactive experiences.
 - No need to rebuild or reload the whole page.
- Cons:
 - X Not SEO friendly (HTML is initially empty).
 - X Slightly slower first load since data comes after JS runs.

Summary Table

Rendering Type	Rendered On	Data Fetched	Best For	Example Hook/Method
SSG	Build Time	Once (static)	Blogs, Docs	<pre>getStaticProps, getStaticPaths</pre>
SSR	Request Time	Per Request	Dashboards, Auth Pages	getServerSideProps
CSR	Client Side	On Browser	SPAs, Dynamic UIs	useEffect, API calls

Would you like me to explain **how to use each one in Next.js with small code examples** (SSG, SSR, CSR)?



Ok

Perfect 🁌

Let's go through **each type of rendering in Next.js** with **simple code examples** — so you'll understand where the data is fetched and where the rendering happens.



- Data is fetched at build time (before deployment).
- Page is static and reused for every request.

```
js
// app/blogs/[id]/page.js (Next.js 13+ App Router)
export async function generateStaticParams() {
  // Predefine which blog pages to build
  const res = await fetch("https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/posts");
  const posts = await res.json();
  return posts.map((post) => ({ id: post.id.toString() }));
export default async function BlogPage({ params }) {
  const res = await fetch(`https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/posts/${params.id}`);
  const post = await res.json();
  return (
    <div>
      <h1>{post.title}</h1>
      {post.body}
    </div>
  );
}
```

- Next.js fetches data once during build.
- The pages are pre-rendered into static HTML.
- When users visit /blogs/1, it's instantly served from cache/CDN.

Server-Side Rendering (SSR)

- Data is fetched for each request.
- Always fresh data from the server.



- Every time someone visits /users, the **server fetches the latest data** \rightarrow renders HTML \rightarrow sends to browser.
- Good for real-time or user-specific data (like dashboards).



🦚 圆 Client-Side Rendering (CSR)

🚅 Data is fetched **in the browser** after page loads.

```
jsx
"use client":
import { useEffect, useState } from "react";
export default function ProductsPage() {
  const [products, setProducts] = useState([]);
  useEffect(() => {
    fetch("https://fakestoreapi.com/products")
      .then((res) => res.json())
      .then((data) => setProducts(data));
  }, []);
  return (
    <div>
      <h1>Client-Side Rendered Products</h1>
      {products.map((p) => (}
       {p.title}
      ))}
    </div>
  );
```

What happens:

- Page first loads with a loading state or empty HTML.
- Then JavaScript runs → fetch() gets data → UI updates.
- Common for dashboards or app sections that update frequently.

Quick Recap

Rendering Type	Data Fetched	Rendering Location	Example
SSG	At build time	Server (build)	<pre>generateStaticParams()</pre>
SSR	At request time	Server (runtime)	<pre>dynamic = "force-dynamic"</pre>
CSR	After load	Browser (client)	useEffect()

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Perfect 👌

Let's look at a **real-world hybrid rendering pattern** — combining **SSR + CSR** on the same page.

This is very common in dashboards, feeds, or any page where you want **fast initial load (SSR)** + **live updates (CSR)**.

Example: SSR + CSR (Hybrid Rendering)

💤 File: app/news/page.js

```
jsx
"use client";
import { useEffect, useState } from "react";
// Next.js 13+ allows SSR + CSR mix using server + client components
export default function NewsPage({ initialNews }) {
  const [news, setNews] = useState(initialNews);
  // 🔁 Client-side update (refresh data after page load)
  useEffect(() => {
   async function fetchLatestNews() {
      const res = await fetch("https://newsapi.org/api/latest");
     const data = await res.json();
     setNews(data.articles);
    }
    fetchLatestNews();
  }, []);
  return (
    <div>
     <h1> Latest News</h1>
      <111>
        {news.map((article, i) => (
          key={i}>{article.title}
      </div>
 );
}
```

Step 2: Pass SSR Data to the Client Component

```
js

// app/news/page.server.js or layout file
import NewsPage from "./page";

// ① Server-side: fetches data at request time (SSR)
export default async function NewsPageWrapper() {
   const res = await fetch("https://newsapi.org/api/latest", {
    cache: "no-store",
```



```
});
const data = await res.json();

// Pass initial SSR data to client
return <NewsPage initialNews={data.articles} />;
}
```

How It Works

Step	Where It Happens	Description	
1	Server (SSR)	Fetch initial data \rightarrow render HTML \rightarrow fast first paint + SEO friendly	
2	Client (CSR)	After page loads, $\mathbf{useEffect}$ runs \rightarrow fetch latest data \rightarrow update UI dynamically	

Why Use Hybrid Rendering?

- Best of both worlds:
 - Fast initial render (SSR)
 - Up-to-date content via client refresh
 - SEO-friendly + dynamic updates
- Real-world examples:
 - Dashboards with live stats
 - News feeds
 - Product pages that update stock info
 - Any app where data changes frequently

Would you like me to show the **same pattern but in the App Router format** (using **server** and **client** components cleanly in /app folder)? That's the modern Next.js 14+ style.



Incremental Static Regeneration (ISR) — revalidate pages after deployment

Excellent — you're diving into one of **Next.js's most powerful features**!

Let's break down **Incremental Static Regeneration (ISR)** step-by-step so you fully understand it

Incremental Static Regeneration (ISR)

Definition

ISR allows you to:

- Pre-render static pages (like SSG)
- And **automatically re-generate** them **after deployment**, without rebuilding the whole app.

Simple Explanation

Think of ISR as an upgradable SSG.

Feature	SSG	ISR
Build time	Once during build	Once + automatically updated later
When page updates	Needs full rebuild	Automatically revalidated in background
Performance	Very fast	Still very fast
Use case	Blogs, docs	Blogs, product pages, dashboards with periodic updates

How ISR Works

- The page is pre-rendered at build time (like SSG).
- You define a revalidate interval (in seconds).
- When a user visits after the interval expires:
 - The old page is served immediately (no delay).
 - Meanwhile, Next.js rebuilds the page in the background.
 - Once done, the **new version replaces the old one** automatically.

Example Code (Next.js App Router)

```
js
// app/products/page.js
export const revalidate = 60; // 
   Regenerate every 60 seconds
export default async function ProductsPage() {
  const res = await fetch("https://fakestoreapi.com/products");
  const products = await res.json();
  return (
   <div>
     <h1> Products (ISR Enabled)</h1>
     <111>
       \{products.map((p) => (
         {p.title}
       ))}
     </div>
  );
}
```

What happens:



- This page is built once at deployment.
- Every **60 seconds**, Next.js checks if the page is outdated.
- If someone visits after 60 seconds:
 - They get the **old (cached)** version instantly.
 - The server **regenerates a fresh version in the background**.
 - Future visitors see the **new updated page** no downtime!

ISR vs SSG vs SSR

Feature	SSG	ISR	SSR
Rendered at	Build time	Build time + revalidation	Every request
Rebuild needed?	Yes	No	No
Speed	→ Fastest	→ Fast	🚀 Slower
Fresh data	X Only after rebuild	☑ Periodically updated	Always fresh
SEO Friendly	V	✓	V
Use Case	Static blogs	Frequently updated blogs/products	Live dashboards

When to Use ISR

Use ISR when:

- You want **fast static performance** \neq
- But also need **periodic updates**
- Example:
 - News site (updates every 5 min)
 - eCommerce product list
 - Blog that adds new posts daily

Would you like me to show how **ISR + dynamic routes (like /products/[id])** works with **generateStaticParams()** and **revalidate** together? That's the real-world combo most apps use.



2. Data Fetching Methods

In app/ router:

fetch() with async components

Perfect $\frac{1}{2}$ — now you're learning the core of how data fetching works in the Next.js app/ router (the modern system introduced in Next. is 13+).

Let's break it down clearly

2. Data Fetching Methods (in app/ Router)

In the App Router, you can fetch data directly inside async components using the built-in fetch() function.

This is different from the Pages Router, where we used getStaticProps, getServerSideProps, etc.



Fetching with async Server Components

By default, components in app/ are Server Components, so you can write async directly and use fetch() inside.

Example:

```
js
// app/users/page.js
export default async function UsersPage() {
  const res = await fetch("https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/users");
  const users = await res.json();
  return (
   <div>
     <h1> Users List (Server Component)</h1>
     {users.map((user) => (
       {user.name}
     ))}
   </div>
  );
}
```

What happens:

- The data is fetched **on the server** before rendering the page.
- The page is **pre-rendered** into HTML.
- The browser receives fully rendered content → SEO-friendly + fast.



🐞 🙎 fetch() Caching Behavior

In the App Router, fetch() has built-in caching and revalidation control.

Default behavior:

- Responses are cached and reused (like SSG).
- Perfect for static pages that don't change often.

Example 1: No Caching (SSR)

cache: "no-store" → behaves like Server-Side Rendering (SSR).

🚅 Example 2: Cached with Revalidation (ISR)

- next: { revalidate: 60 } or export const revalidate = 60
 → enables Incremental Static Regeneration.
- **Example 3: Force Dynamic (Always SSR)**

```
</div>
);
}
```

dynamic = "force-dynamic" → disables all caching → pure SSR.

Summary Table

Mode	Option	Туре	Description
Static	(default)	SSG	Cached at build time
Dynamic (SSR)	<pre>cache: "no-store" or dynamic = "force- dynamic"</pre>	SSR	Fetches on every request
Revalidated (ISR)	revalidate: <seconds></seconds>	ISR	Cached + periodic refresh

When to Use Which

Case	Use	Fetch Option
Data never changes	Static	Default fetch
Data changes often	SSR	cache: "no-store"
Data changes sometimes	ISR	revalidate: <seconds></seconds>

Would you like me to show how **to fetch data in a client component** (like using useEffect) and how it differs from this server-side fetching?



getStaticProps, getServerSideProps (legacy pages)

Perfect, Soumalya 👌 — this is where we connect the **old Pages Router (before App Router)** concepts like **getStaticProps** and **getServerSideProps** with what you're learning now (**fetch()** in App Router).

Let's clearly understand both and how they differ $\stackrel{ extstyle }{ extstyle +}$

Data Fetching in the Pages Router (Legacy Method)

Before Next.js 13 introduced the **App Router** (app/ folder), data fetching was done in the **Pages Router** (pages/ folder) using **special functions** exported from each page.

1 getStaticProps() — Static Site Generation (SSG)



- Runs at build time (when you deploy).
- ✓ The page is **pre-rendered** as static HTML.
- ✓ Fast and SEO-friendly.

Example:

```
js
// pages/blogs.js
export async function getStaticProps() {
  const res = await fetch("https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/posts");
  const posts = await res.json();
  return {
    props: {
     posts, // passes to the component below
    revalidate: 60, // ISR (optional) - regenerate every 60 sec
export default function Blogs({ posts }) {
  return (
    <div>
     <h1> Blogs (SSG)</h1>
      \{posts.map((p) => (
       {p.title}
      ))}
    </div>
  );
}
```

What happens:

- Runs only once during build.
- The HTML is generated and served fast from CDN.
- If revalidate is added → it becomes ISR (auto-regenerated).

- Runs on every request.
- Always serves fresh data.
- Good for dashboards, auth pages, etc.

Example:

```
// pages/users.js

export async function getServerSideProps() {
   const res = await fetch("https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/users");
   const users = await res.json();

return {
   props: {
      users,
      },
    }
```

```
Provide the function Users ({ users }) {

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```

- Runs every time a user visits /users.
- Next.js fetches fresh data → renders HTML → sends to browser.

getStaticPaths() — Dynamic SSG for Dynamic Routes

Used with getStaticProps() when you have dynamic pages like /blog/[id].

Example:

```
js
// pages/blog/[id].js
export async function getStaticPaths() {
  const res = await fetch("https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/posts");
  const posts = await res.json();
  const paths = posts.map((p) => ({
    params: { id: p.id.toString() },
  }));
  return { paths, fallback: "blocking" };
}
export async function getStaticProps({ params }) {
  const res = await fetch(
    `https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/posts/${params.id}`
  const post = await res.json();
  return { props: { post } };
}
export default function Blog({ post }) {
  return (
    <div>
      <h1>{post.title}</h1>
      {post.body}
    </div>
  );
```

What happens:

- Next.js builds all pages listed in paths at build time.
- If fallback: "blocking" → new pages can be built on-demand (ISR style).



Method	Where It Runs	When It Runs	Use Case	Replaced By (App Router)
getStaticProps	Server (build time)	Before deployment	Static pages	fetch() (default)
getStaticPaths	Server (build time)	Before deployment	Dynamic SSG pages	<pre>generateStaticParams()</pre>
getServerSideProps	Server (runtime)	Every request	Dynamic pages	<pre>fetch() with cache: "no-store" or dynamic = "force-dynamic"</pre>

Migration Tip

If you ever move a project from pages/ \rightarrow app/, this is how they map:

Old Pages Router	App Router Equivalent
<pre>getStaticProps()</pre>	fetch() (default static)
<pre>getServerSideProps()</pre>	<pre>fetch() with { cache: "no-store" }</pre>
<pre>getStaticPaths()</pre>	<pre>generateStaticParams()</pre>
ISR (revalidate)	<pre>export const revalidate = <seconds></seconds></pre>

Would you like me to show one side-by-side example — pages/ (legacy) vs app/ (modern) — for the same API data so you can clearly see the difference in structure?



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Would you like me to show one side-by-side example — `pages/` (legacy) vs `app/` (modern) — for the **same API data** so you can clearly see the difference in structure? ok'

Perfect, Soumalya 👌

Let's see a **side-by-side comparison** — how the **same page** (fetching user data from an API) looks in the **old Pages Router** and in the **modern App Router**.

🧬 Example Goal

We'll fetch a list of users from this API:

https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/users

🧱 🚺 Legacy Pages Router (Before Next.js 13)

File: pages/users.js

```
js
// ✓ This runs on the server — before the page loads
export async function getServerSideProps() {
  const res = await fetch("https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/users");
  const users = await res.ison();
  return {
    props: {
     users, // passed to the component below
    },
  };
// ✓ This runs on the client — after server sends props
export default function UsersPage({ users }) {
  return (
    <div>
      <h1> Users (Pages Router - SSR)</h1>
      \{users.map((u) => (
       \{u.name\}
      ))}
    </div>
  );
}
```

What happens:

- getServerSideProps() runs on every request (server-side).
- The HTML is fully rendered and sent to the browser.
- The browser does not call the API itself it only gets HTML.

Modern App Router (Next.js 13+)

File: app/users/page.js

What happens:

• The function runs on the **server** automatically (no need for **getServerSideProps**).



- fetch() with cache: "no-store" ensures fresh data on each request.
- Cleaner and more flexible structure.

Summary of Differences

Feature	Pages Router	App Router
Folder	pages/	app/
Data Fetching Method	<pre>getStaticProps / getServerSideProps</pre>	Direct fetch() inside async component
SSR Example	getServerSideProps()	<pre>fetch() + cache: "no-store" or dynamic = "force-dynamic"</pre>
SSG Example	<pre>getStaticProps()</pre>	fetch() (default, cached)
ISR Example	<pre>getStaticProps() + revalidate</pre>	export const revalidate = <seconds></seconds>
Dynamic Paths	<pre>getStaticPaths()</pre>	<pre>generateStaticParams()</pre>
Simplicity	More boilerplate	Cleaner & unified

In short:

The App Router makes server-side fetching easier — no need for special functions, just use async components + fetch().

Would you like me to show the **SSG + ISR version** of this same example (so you can compare all three: SSR, SSG, ISR) using both routers?



Learn: How to cache, revalidate, and stream data.

Excellent, Soumalya 🢪 — this is a **very powerful part of Next.js App Router**.

Now that you already understand **SSG**, **SSR**, and **ISR**, let's go one level deeper into **how caching**, **revalidation**, and **streaming** work in Next.js data fetching.

Learn: How to Cache, Revalidate, and Stream Data

Next.js gives you full control over **how your data is fetched, stored, and updated**. Let's break it down clearly

Caching — Control When Data Is Stored or Reused

What is caching?

Caching means **saving fetched data** so that it can be reused for future requests — instead of fetching it again and again.

🧈 Example 1 — Default Cache (Static Fetch)

What happens:

- By default, fetch() caches data at **build time** (Static Site Generation).
- The same HTML is reused until you **rebuild** the app.
- V Super fast, but X not updated until rebuild.

🧩 Example 2 — No Cache (SSR)

What happens:

- Data is fetched on every request.
- Same as getServerSideProps() (SSR).
- V Always fresh, X but a bit slower.

Revalidation — Control When Cache Refreshes (ISR)

You can re-fetch and rebuild data automatically after a set time interval.

Example 3 — Revalidate Every 60 Seconds (ISR)

```
export const revalidate = 60; // Rebuild every 60 seconds

export default async function NewsPage() {
   const res = await fetch("https://newsapi.org/api/latest", {
      next: { revalidate: 60 }, // same as export const revalidate
   });
   const news = await res.json();

return (
   <div>
      <hl>
      News (Revalidate Every 60s)</hl>
      {news.map((n, i) => {n.title})}
   </div>
   );
}
```

- Data is cached initially.
- After **60 seconds**, when a user visits again:
 - Old data is served immediately.
 - Next.js **re-fetches in background** → updates cache.
- Combines speed of SSG + freshness of SSR.

Streaming — Render Page in Chunks

Streaming lets your page **render progressively** instead of waiting for all data to load. Users see part of the page immediately (like skeletons or partial content).

🚅 Example 4 — Streaming with Suspense

```
jsx
import { Suspense } from "react";
async function PostsList() {
  const res = await fetch("https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/posts");
  const posts = await res.json();
  return (
      \{posts.slice(0, 5).map((p) => (
       {p.title}
     ))}
    );
}
export default function StreamedPage() {
  return (
    <div>
     <h1>

✓ Streaming Example</h1>
     <Suspense fallback={<p>Loading posts...}>
       {/* This section loads while data is fetched */}
       <PostsList />
     </Suspense>
    </div>
```

```
);
}
```

- Page starts rendering immediately.
- Suspense shows fallback (like a loader) until data is fetched.
- Once data arrives, the posts are injected **no full reload needed**.

Summary Table

Feature	Description	Example Option	Туре
Cache	Store fetched data for reuse	fetch(url)	Static
No Cache (SSR)	Always fetch new data	{ cache: "no-store" }	Dynamic
Revalidate (ISR)	Rebuild cached data after interval	{ next: { revalidate: 60 }}	Hybrid
Streaming	Render parts of UI progressively	<suspense fallback="{}"></suspense>	User Experience

When to Use What

Goal	Use	Code Example
Page rarely changes	Cache (SSG)	fetch(url)
Page updates frequently	No Cache (SSR)	<pre>fetch(url, { cache: "no-store" })</pre>
Page updates sometimes	Revalidate (ISR)	<pre>fetch(url, { next: { revalidate: 60 } })</pre>
Speed up UI while waiting for data	Streaming	<suspense fallback="Loading"></suspense>

Would you like me to show a **real-world example combining all three** — like a dashboard that uses caching for products, revalidation for analytics, and streaming for live updates?