

```

    'Content-Type': 'application/json',
    'API-Key': process.env.DATA_API_KEY!,
  },
  body: JSON.stringify({ time: new Date().toISOString() }),
})

const data = await res.json()

return Response.json(data)
}

```

[app/items/route.js \(js\)](#)

```

export async function POST() {
  const res = await fetch('https://data.mongodb-api.com/...', {
    method: 'POST',
    headers: {
      'Content-Type': 'application/json',
      'API-Key': process.env.DATA_API_KEY,
    },
    body: JSON.stringify({ time: new Date().toISOString() }),
  })

  const data = await res.json()

  return Response.json(data)
}

```

**Good to know:** Like API Routes, Route Handlers can be used for cases like handling form submissions. A new abstraction for [handling forms and mutations](#) that integrates deeply with React is being worked on.

## Route Resolution

You can consider a `route` the lowest level routing primitive.

- They **do not** participate in layouts or client-side navigations like `page`.
- There **cannot** be a `route.js` file at the same route as `page.js`.

Page	Route	Result
<code>app/page.js</code>	<code>app/route.js</code>	Conflict
<code>app/page.js</code>	<code>app/api/route.js</code>	Valid
<code>app/[user]/page.js</code>	<code>app/api/route.js</code>	Valid

Each `route.js` or `page.js` file takes over all HTTP verbs for that route.

[app/page.js \(jsx\)](#)

```

export default function Page() {
  return <h1>Hello, Next.js!</h1>
}

// ⚠ Conflict
// `app/route.js`
export async function POST(request) {}

```

## Examples

The following examples show how to combine Route Handlers with other Next.js APIs and features.

### Revalidating Cached Data

You can [revalidate cached data](#) using the `next.revalidate` option:

[app/items/route.ts \(ts\)](#)

```

export async function GET() {
  const res = await fetch('https://data.mongodb-api.com/...', {
    next: { revalidate: 60 }, // Revalidate every 60 seconds
  })
  const data = await res.json()
}

```