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getStaticPaths

▶ Version History

When exporting a function called <code>getStaticPaths</code> from a page that uses <code>Dynamic</code> Routes, Next.js will statically pre-render all the paths specified by <code>getStaticPaths</code>.

```
export async function getStaticPaths() {
  return {
    paths: [
        { params: { ... } } // See the "paths" section below
        ],
        fallback: true, false or "blocking" // See the "fallback" section below
      };
}
```

getStaticPaths return values

The getStaticPaths function should return an object with the following **required** properties:

paths

The paths key determines which paths will be pre-rendered. For example, suppose that you have a page that uses Dynamic Routes named pages/posts/[id].js. If you export getStaticPaths from this page and return the following for paths:

```
return {
  paths: [
      { params: { id: '1' }},
      {
       params: { id: '2' },
       // with i18n configured the locale for the path can be returned as well
      locale: "en",
      },
    ],
  fallback: ...
}
```

Then, Next.js will statically generate /posts/1 and /posts/2 during next build using the page component in pages/posts/[id].js.

The value for each params object must match the parameters used in the page name:

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- If the page name is pages/posts/[postId]/[commentId], then params should contain postId and commentId.
- If the page name uses <u>catch-all routes</u> like <u>pages/[...slug]</u>, then <u>params</u> should contain <u>slug</u> (which is an array). If this array is ['hello', 'world'], then Next.js will statically generate the page at /hello/world.
- If the page uses an <u>optional catch-all route</u>, use <u>null</u>, [], <u>undefined</u> or <u>false</u> to render the root-most route. For example, if you supply <u>slug</u>: <u>false</u> for pages/[[...slug]], Next.js will statically generate the page /.

The params strings are **case-sensitive** and ideally should be normalized to ensure the paths are generated correctly. For example, if world is returned for a param it will only match if world is the actual path visited, not world or world.

Separate of the params object a locale field can be returned when il8n is configured, which configures the locale for the path being generated.

fallback: false

If fallback is false, then any paths not returned by getStaticPaths will result in a **404 page**.

When next build is run, Next.js will check if getStaticPaths returned fallback: false, it will then build only the paths returned by getStaticPaths. This option is useful if you have a small number of paths to create, or new page data is not added often. If you find that you need to add more paths, and you have fallback: false, you will need to run next build again so that the new paths can be generated.

The following example pre-renders one blog post per page called <code>pages/posts/[id].js</code>. The list of blog posts will be fetched from a CMS and returned by <code>getstaticProps</code>. Then, for each page, it fetches the post data from a CMS using <code>getStaticProps</code>.

```
function Post({ post }) {
    // Render post...
}

// This function gets called at build time
export async function getStaticPaths() {
    // Call an external API endpoint to get posts
    const res = await fetch('https://.../posts')
    const posts = await res.json()

// Get the paths we want to pre-render based on posts
    const paths = posts.map((post) => ({
        params: { id: post.id },
    }))

// We'll pre-render only these paths at build time.
// { fallback: false } means other routes should 404.
    return { paths, fallback: false }
}

// This also gets called at build time
export async function getStaticProps({ params }) {
    // params contains the post 'id'.
    // If the route is like /posts/1, then params.id is 1
    const res = await fetch('https://.../posts/${params.id}')
    const post = await res.json()

// Pass post data to the page via props
    return { props: { post } }
}

export default Post
```

fallback: true

▶ Examples

If fallback is true, then the behavior of getstaticProps changes in the following ways:

- The paths returned from getStaticPaths will be rendered to HTML at build time by getStaticProps.
- The paths that have not been generated at build time will **not** result in a 404 page. Instead, Next.js will serve a "fallback" version of the page on the first request to such a path. Web crawlers, such as Google, won't be served a fallback and instead the path will behave as in fallback: 'blocking'.
- When a page with fallback: true is navigated to through next/link or next/router (client-side) Next.js will not serve a fallback and instead the page will behave as fallback: 'blocking'.
- In the background, Next.js will statically generate the requested path HTML and JSON.
 This includes running getStaticProps.
- When complete, the browser receives the JSON for the generated path. This will be used to automatically render the page with the required props. From the user's perspective, the page will be swapped from the fallback page to the full page.
- At the same time, Next.js adds this path to the list of pre-rendered pages.
 Subsequent requests to the same path will serve the generated page, like other pages pre-rendered at build time.

Note: fallback: true is not supported when using next export.

When is fallback: true useful?

fallback: true is useful if your app has a very large number of static pages that depend on data (such as a very large e-commerce site). If you want to pre-render all product pages, the builds would take a very long time.

Instead, you may statically generate a small subset of pages and use fallback: true for the rest. When someone requests a page that is not generated yet, the user will see the page with a loading indicator or skeleton component.

Shortly after, getstaticProps finishes and the page will be rendered with the requested data. From now on, everyone who requests the same page will get the statically prerendered page.

This ensures that users always have a fast experience while preserving fast builds and the benefits of Static Generation.

fallback: true will not *update* generated pages, for that take a look at <u>Incremental</u> Static Regeneration.

fallback: 'blocking'

If fallback is 'blocking', new paths not returned by getStaticPaths will wait for the HTML to be generated, identical to SSR (hence why *blocking*), and then be cached for future requests so it only happens once per path.

getStaticProps will behave as follows:

- The paths returned from getStaticPaths will be rendered to HTML at build time by getStaticProps.
- The paths that have not been generated at build time will **not** result in a 404 page. Instead, Next.js will SSR on the first request and return the generated HTML.
- When complete, the browser receives the HTML for the generated path. From the user's perspective, it will transition from "the browser is requesting the page" to "the full page is loaded". There is no flash of loading/fallback state.
- At the same time, Next.js adds this path to the list of pre-rendered pages.
 Subsequent requests to the same path will serve the generated page, like other pages pre-rendered at build time.

fallback: 'blocking' will not *update* generated pages by default. To update generated pages, use <u>Incremental Static Regeneration</u> in conjunction with fallback: 'blocking'.

```
Note: fallback: 'blocking' is not supported when using next export.
```

Fallback pages

In the "fallback" version of a page:

- The page's props will be empty.
- Using the <u>router</u>, you can detect if the fallback is being rendered, <u>router.isFallback</u>
 will be true.

The following example showcases using <code>isFallback</code>:

```
import { useRouter } from 'next/router'
function Post({ post }) {
 const router = useRouter()
  if (router.isFallback) {
    return <div>Loading...</div>
  // Render post...
export async function getStaticPaths() {
   paths: [{ params: { id: '1' } }, { params: { id: '2' } }],
    fallback: true,
// This also gets called at build time
export async function getStaticProps({ params }) {
  // params contains the post `id`.
 const res = await fetch(`https://.../posts/${params.id}`)
  const post = await res.json()
  // Pass post data to the page via props
   props: { post },
    // Re-generate the post at most once per second
```

```
revalidate: 1,
}
}
export default Post
```

getStaticPaths with TypeScript

For TypeScript, you can use the GetStaticPaths type from next:

```
import { GetStaticPaths } from 'next'

export const getStaticPaths: GetStaticPaths = async () => {
   // ...
}
```

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