

Treat your users right with **Segmented** Rendering

and a demo with Next.js

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1. What is web personalization?



It's dangerous to go alone
Pick your theme!

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fire



water



grass

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cookies["is_paid"] = "true" || "false"

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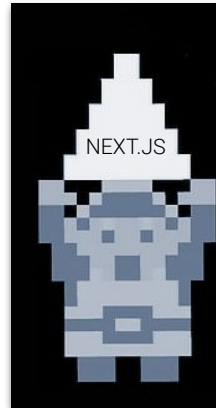
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cookies["test_bucket"] = "A" || "B"

2. Render the right theme



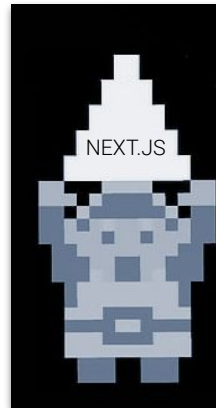
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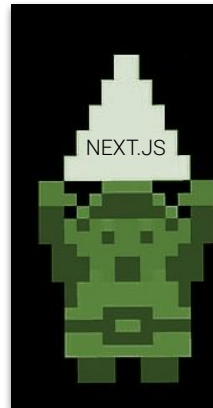
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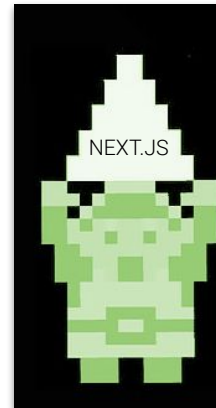
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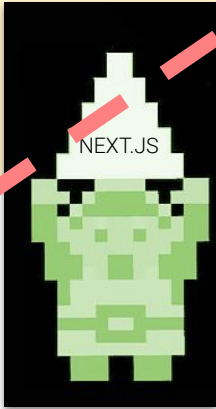
Static Site Generation (SSG)

🗄️ HTML ~ `getStaticProps`

Dynamic but slower

Client-Side Rendering (CSR)

Server-Side Rendering (SSR)

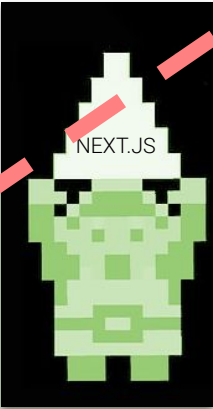


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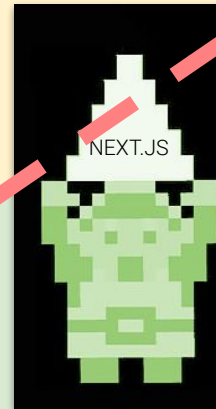
Faster but static

What to use for personalization?

Dynamic but slower

Client-Side Rendering (CSR)

Server-Side Rendering (SSR)



Static Site Generation (SSG)

Faster but static

Rich guest/poor customer

Rich guest/poor customer

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Faster static renders for public content

Slower dynamic renders for personalized content

3. Personalized staticness via “Segmented Rendering”



First try: using the URL directly



foobar.com/**fire**/home

water

grass

Many issues

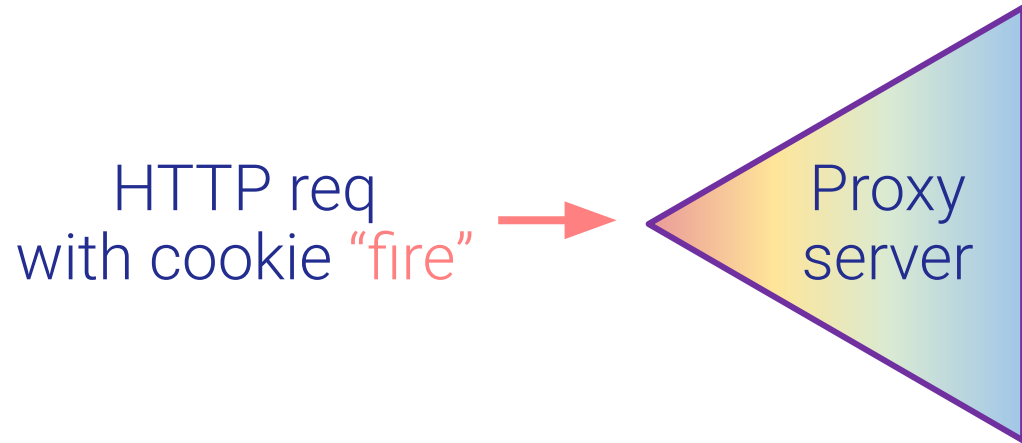
- user can change URL manually:
`/paid/my-article`
- they see the param: `/bucket-a/my-article`
- URL becomes long:
`/fr/dark/my-company/a/my-article`



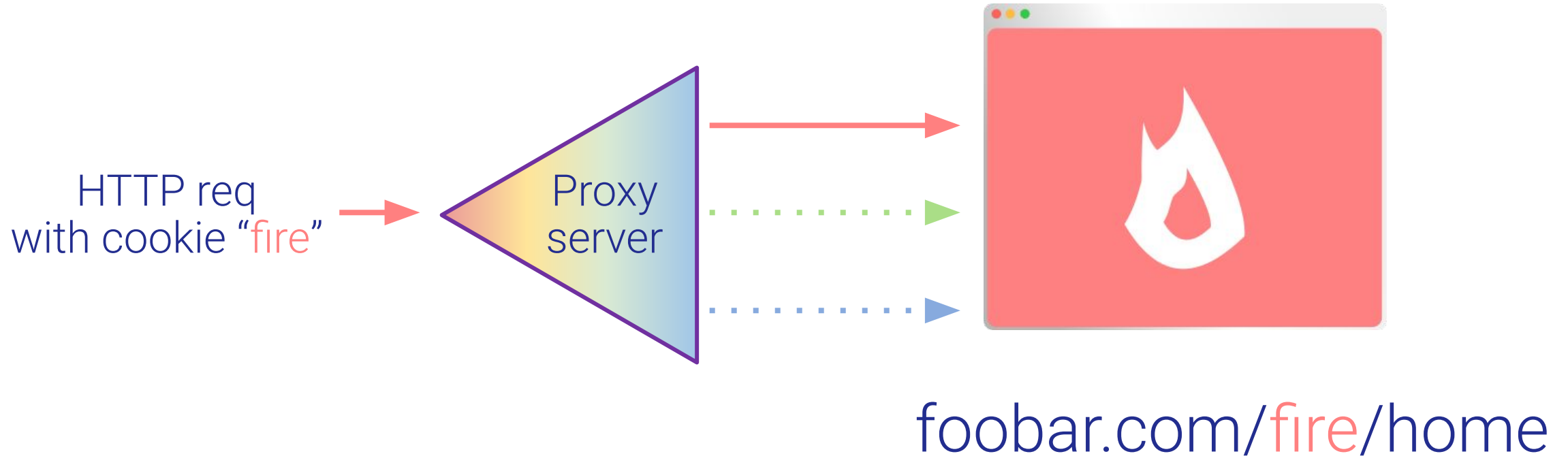
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Request-URI Too Long

Second try: adding a rewrite server



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This is Segmented Rendering!

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1 URL per segment + a rewrite server

4. Implementation with Next



Welcome to Next.js!

It's dangerous to go alone! Pick your theme.

Current theme: fire

Fire

It's a hot topic

Water

Stay hydrated homies

Grass

I love dollars

Reset

I really want to go alone

Live demo: <https://segmented-rendering-demo.vercel.app/>
Code: <https://github.com/lbke/segmented-rendering-demo>

Deliver at the edge

The image illustrates a split test (A/B testing) for a product named "The Tee" on an "Apparel Store" website. The left side of the test shows a yellow and white striped tee, labeled "Segment A". The right side shows a blue and white striped tee, labeled "Segment B". A code editor window in the foreground displays the Next.js middleware code used to implement the experiment.

```
1 import { NextResponse } from 'next/server';
2
3 export const config = {
4   matcher: '/products',
5 };
6
7 export function middleware(req) {
8   const isFeatureFlagged = getFlags(req)
9
10  if (isFeatureFlagged) {
11    req.nextUrl.pathname = '/new-experiment'
12    return NextResponse.rewrite(req.nextUrl)
13  }
14 }
```

Next.js

5. Conclusion: the future of SSR?



It's all about caching

Static = SSR cached at build-time

Per-request SSR = cache miss

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Cache key = full request, not just the URL

Cache value = rendered HTML and/or data

“In the future, we will have an unified API for server-rendering that encompasses static, per-request and everything in between”

Eric Burel taking a relatively safe bet at Conf 42, given that Next.js 13 brings exactly this, circa 2022

<https://tinyurl.com/ssr-theory>

Thank you!

A new pattern for the Jamstack: Segmented Rendering published at Smashing Magazine:

<https://www.smashingmagazine.com/2022/07/new-pattern-jamstack-segmented-rendering/>

Megaparam pattern with Next.js (implement Segmented Rendering for many segments):

<https://blog.vulcanjs.org/render-anything-statically-with-next-js-and-the-megaparam-4039e66ffde>

Next.js personalization by Plasmic:

<https://www.plasmic.app/blog/nextjs-personalization>

Static A/B tests by Plasmic:

<https://www.plasmic.app/blog/nextjs-ab-testing>

At the edge rendering by Eleventy

<https://www.11ty.dev/blog/eleventy-edge/>

The unicorn architecture (early version of Segmented Rendering)

<https://blog.vulcanjs.org/lets-bring-the-jamstack-to-saas-introducing-rainbow-rendering-ad1834fe62ff>

Segmented Rendering with HTTP Cache

<https://blog.vulcanjs.org/treat-your-users-right-with-http-cache-and-segmented-rendering-7a4f4761b549>

An implementation of the Megaparam pattern :

[https://github.com/VulcanJS/vulcan-next/blob/devel/src/pages/vn/examples/\[M\]/megaparam-demo.tsx](https://github.com/VulcanJS/vulcan-next/blob/devel/src/pages/vn/examples/[M]/megaparam-demo.tsx)

SSR theory draft research paper (looking for contributions!)

<https://tinyurl.com/ssr-theory>

Images <https://vercel.com/>



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