

Introduction to Node.js

Node.js is an open-source, cross-platform JavaScript runtime environment that allows developers to execute JavaScript code outside of a web browser. It was created to enable server-side scripting using JavaScript, meaning developers can build the backend of web applications using the same language as the frontend. Here's a detailed explanation of key concepts:

1. **Open-source and Cross-platform:** Node.js is available as free software, meaning anyone can modify and distribute it. It's also cross-platform, meaning it can run on multiple operating systems such as Windows, Linux, and macOS.
2. **JavaScript Runtime Environment:** Node.js is not a language or framework but rather a runtime that executes JavaScript code on the server side. Traditionally, JavaScript was only used in browsers, but Node.js expands its use to servers and beyond.
3. **Runs the V8 Engine:** The core of Node.js is the **V8 JavaScript engine**, developed by Google for Chrome. V8 is known for its speed and efficiency. Node.js uses V8 to compile JavaScript into machine code, which makes it performant outside of the browser.
4. **Single-Threaded with Non-Blocking I/O:** Unlike traditional server-side environments, which may use multiple threads to handle requests, Node.js runs in a single thread. However, it uses non-blocking I/O operations to handle many connections at once without pausing to wait for operations like file reading or database queries to finish. Instead of waiting, Node.js moves on to handle other operations, making it highly efficient for applications that require real-time updates, like chat apps or games.

How Node.js Handles I/O

When a Node.js application performs an I/O operation (e.g., accessing a database or reading from the network), the operation doesn't block the application's main thread from continuing. Instead of waiting for the I/O operation to complete, the application goes on to handle other tasks. Once the I/O operation completes, Node.js resumes and processes the result.

This non-blocking nature is key to Node.js's ability to handle many connections concurrently without using multiple threads or processes, minimizing resource usage and reducing the complexity of managing multiple threads.

Key Advantages of Node.js

- **Efficient and Fast:** It can handle thousands of concurrent connections with minimal overhead due to its non-blocking, event-driven architecture.
- **Unified JavaScript Ecosystem:** Frontend JavaScript developers can write backend code in Node.js without learning a new language, making full-stack development easier.
- **Control over ECMAScript versions:** Developers can leverage modern ECMAScript features without worrying about browser compatibility since the version of Node.js can be easily controlled or updated.

Example Node.js Application

The classic "Hello World" application for Node.js demonstrates how to create a web server:

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const { createServer } = require('node:http'); // Import the built-in
'http' module
const hostname = '127.0.0.1'; // Define the server's hostname
(localhost)
const port = 3000; // Define the port to listen on

// Create an HTTP server using the 'createServer' method from the http
module
const server = createServer((req, res) => {
  res.statusCode = 200; // Set the response status code to 200
  (success)
  res.setHeader('Content-Type', 'text/plain'); // Set the content type
  to plain text
  res.end('Hello World\n'); // Send the response body and close the
  connection
});

// The server starts listening on the defined hostname and port
server.listen(port, hostname, () => {
  console.log(`Server running at http://${hostname}:${port}/`); // Log
  a message once the server starts
});
```

Detailed Explanation of Each Step:

Import the HTTP Module:

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```
const { createServer } = require('node:http');
```

1. Node.js comes with a rich set of built-in modules, and one of the most commonly used is the `http` module, which allows the creation of an HTTP server.

Define Hostname and Port:

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```
const hostname = '127.0.0.1';  
const port = 3000;
```

2. Here, we define the hostname (`127.0.0.1` or `localhost`) and the port (`3000`) on which the server will listen for incoming requests.

Create the HTTP Server:

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```
const server = createServer((req, res) => {
```

3. The `createServer()` method creates an HTTP server and takes a callback function with two parameters: `req` (the incoming request object) and `res` (the outgoing response object). This callback will run every time the server receives a request.

Handle the HTTP Response:

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```
res.statusCode = 200;  
res.setHeader('Content-Type', 'text/plain');  
res.end('Hello World\n');
```

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 - **Set the Status Code:** `res.statusCode = 200` tells the client that the request was successful (200 OK).
 - **Set Response Headers:** `res.setHeader('Content-Type', 'text/plain')` specifies that the content being returned is plain text.
 - **End the Response:** `res.end('Hello World\n')` sends the string "Hello World" as the response body and closes the connection.

Start the Server:

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```
server.listen(port, hostname, () => {  
  console.log(`Server running at http://${hostname}:${port}/`);  
});
```

5. The server begins listening for incoming requests on the specified hostname and port. Once it's up and running, it logs a message to the console, confirming that the server is running and accessible at `http://127.0.0.1:3000/`.

Summary of Key Concepts

- **Asynchronous Nature:** Node.js is highly efficient because it performs non-blocking I/O operations. When handling tasks like file reads, network requests, or database operations, Node.js doesn't block the main thread while waiting for the operation to complete.
- **Single-threaded Event Loop:** Node.js uses a single-threaded event loop model, which means it can handle multiple connections simultaneously without the need for creating new threads. This reduces overhead and makes it scalable for handling high-concurrency applications.
- **Event-driven Architecture:** Node.js relies on an event-driven architecture, meaning the server processes events as they occur (e.g., when a request is received) rather than creating new processes or threads.

By using Node.js, developers can build efficient, high-performance web applications that handle numerous connections simultaneously with minimal resources.

How to Install Node.js

There are several ways to install Node.js, depending on your operating system and preferences. Below, we'll cover the most common installation methods:

1. Using the Official Installer

The simplest way to install Node.js is by using the official installer available on the [Node.js website](https://nodejs.org/). Node.js provides installers for major operating systems:

- **Windows:** `.msi` installer
- **macOS:** `.pkg` installer
- **Linux:** binary packages for different distributions (Debian, Ubuntu, Fedora, etc.)

Steps:

1. Visit <https://nodejs.org/download/>.
2. Select the appropriate installer for your operating system.
3. Run the installer and follow the setup instructions.

After installation, you'll be able to use the `node` and `npm` (Node Package Manager) commands in your terminal.

2. Installing Node.js via Package Manager

Many operating systems have package managers that make it easy to install and manage Node.js versions.

For example:

Ubuntu/Debian (Linux):

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sudo apt update  
sudo apt install nodejs  
sudo apt install npm
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macOS (using Homebrew):

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brew install node
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Windows (using Chocolatey):

First, ensure Chocolatey is installed, then run:

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choco install nodejs
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For more package manager options, refer to the official Node.js package manager list [here](#).

3. Using Node Version Manager (nvm)

nvm (Node Version Manager) is a very convenient way to install and manage multiple versions of Node.js. It allows you to switch between different versions and test your applications with different environments. This is especially useful for developers who need to work with multiple projects requiring different Node.js versions.

Installing nvm on macOS/Linux:

Open your terminal and run:

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curl -o-  
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/nvm-sh/nvm/v0.39.3/install.sh | bash
```

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To make **nvm** available in your shell, add the following line to your **.bashrc**, **.zshrc**, or **.profile** file:

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export NVM_DIR="$HOME/.nvm"  
[ -s "$NVM_DIR/nvm.sh" ] && \. "$NVM_DIR/nvm.sh"
```

2.

Source your shell configuration file to make **nvm** available in your current session:

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source ~/.bashrc
```

3.

Now, you can install and manage Node.js versions with **nvm**. For example:

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```
nvm install node # Install the latest version of Node.js  
nvm install 14.17.0 # Install a specific version  
nvm use 14.17.0 # Switch to that version
```

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For Windows, there's an alternative tool called **nvm-windows** that you can find on [GitHub](#).

4. Verifying the Installation

After installing Node.js, verify that it was installed correctly by checking the version numbers of both Node.js and npm:

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node -v  
npm -v
```

This will output the version numbers of Node.js and npm, confirming the installation was successful.

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How much JavaScript do you need to know to use Node.js? As a beginner, it's hard to get to a point where you are confident enough in your programming abilities. While learning to code, you might also be confused at where does JavaScript end, and where Node.js begins, and vice versa. What is recommended to learn before diving deep with Node.js? Lexical Structure

Expressions Data Types Classes Variables Functions this operator Arrow Functions Loops
Scopes Arrays Template Literals Strict Mode ECMAScript 2015 (ES6) and beyond With those
concepts in mind, you are well on your road to become a proficient JavaScript developer, in both
the browser and in Node.js. Asynchronous Programming The following concepts are also key to
understand asynchronous programming, which is one of the fundamental parts of Node.js:
Asynchronous programming and callbacks Timers Promises Async and Await Closures The
Event Loop

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How Much JavaScript Do You Need to Know to Use Node.js?

When getting started with Node.js, having a solid understanding of JavaScript fundamentals is essential. Since Node.js is a JavaScript runtime, the better you understand JavaScript, the easier it will be to work with Node.js and its ecosystem. However, Node.js introduces server-side concepts, so knowing where JavaScript ends and Node.js begins can sometimes be confusing for beginners.

What You Should Learn in JavaScript Before Using Node.js

Here's a breakdown of the essential JavaScript concepts you should be comfortable with before diving into Node.js:

1. Lexical Structure

- Understand how JavaScript code is written, including rules for spacing, indentation, and how statements are structured. It includes learning how JavaScript treats white spaces, comments, and case sensitivity.

2. Expressions

- Learn how to write basic expressions (like `5 + 3` or `x = y * 2`) and how JavaScript evaluates them. Understanding expressions helps you build logic into your Node.js applications.

3. Data Types

- Master JavaScript's core data types:
 - Primitives (numbers, strings, booleans, `null`, `undefined`, and symbols)
 - Complex types (arrays, objects, functions)

4. Classes

- Understand JavaScript's class syntax introduced in ES6. It's essential for organizing code, particularly when building larger applications using Node.js.

5. Variables

- Know how to declare and use variables using `var`, `let`, and `const`. Understanding scoping is crucial in Node.js, especially for writing clean, maintainable code.

6. Functions

- Learn about functions, how to define them, and how they can be passed as arguments or returned from other functions. Functions are the building blocks of any JavaScript application, including Node.js.

7. `this` Operator

- Understanding how the `this` keyword works is critical for managing contexts, especially in Node.js, where asynchronous callbacks and object-oriented programming play an important role.

8. Arrow Functions

- Master the syntax and behavior of arrow functions, particularly how they handle the `this` context differently compared to traditional functions.

9. Loops

- You need to be comfortable with basic control structures such as `for`, `while`, and `forEach` loops to handle iteration in JavaScript.

10. Scopes

- Grasp the concept of block scope, function scope, and global scope. This will help you avoid common pitfalls like variable shadowing and unintended mutations.

11. Arrays

- Arrays are a fundamental data structure in JavaScript. Learn array methods like `map()`, `filter()`, and `reduce()`, which are often used in both frontend and backend JavaScript code.

12. Template Literals

- Template literals (introduced in ES6) allow for easier string interpolation. They're especially helpful in Node.js when dealing with dynamic content generation in HTTP responses, logging, etc.

13. Strict Mode

- Learn how "strict mode" (`'use strict';`) works in JavaScript, which helps catch common coding mistakes and potentially unsafe actions, making your code cleaner and more reliable.

14. ECMAScript 2015 (ES6) and Beyond

- Understanding modern JavaScript features from ES6 and later (e.g., `let/const`, destructuring, default parameters, `spread/rest` operators, etc.) will give you an advantage when writing more efficient and concise Node.js code.

Asynchronous Programming (Key for Node.js)

A significant portion of Node.js development relies on **asynchronous programming**. To be comfortable with Node.js, you must understand the following key concepts:

1. Asynchronous Programming and Callbacks

- Node.js uses asynchronous, non-blocking I/O operations, meaning operations like file reading, network requests, or database queries don't halt the execution of other code. Learn how to handle asynchronous behavior using **callbacks** (functions that are called when an operation completes).

2. Timers

- Understand how to use timers (`setTimeout()`, `setInterval()`) to schedule asynchronous code execution after a specific period of time. This is useful for tasks that require delayed actions or periodic updates.

3. Promises

- Promises are a modern alternative to callbacks for handling asynchronous operations. Learn how to create and chain promises using `.then()` and how to handle errors with `.catch()`. Promises improve code readability and simplify error handling in asynchronous code.

4. Async and Await

- `async/await` is a syntax introduced in ES8 that allows you to write asynchronous code in a synchronous style. It's easier to read and understand compared to using promises and callbacks. Mastering `async/await` will make your Node.js code cleaner and easier to maintain.

5. Closures

- Closures are a core concept in JavaScript that allow functions to retain access to the variables from their lexical scope even after the outer function has returned. Closures are used extensively in asynchronous programming for maintaining state across asynchronous operations.

6. The Event Loop

- The **Event Loop** is one of the most important concepts in Node.js. It is the mechanism through which Node.js handles asynchronous operations. Understanding how the event loop works will give you insight into how Node.js processes tasks, such as I/O operations, timers, and callbacks in a non-blocking manner.

Summary: What You Need to Learn for Node.js

To effectively work with Node.js, you should have a solid understanding of **JavaScript fundamentals** and modern ES6+ syntax. This includes understanding core concepts like variables, functions, loops, arrays, and more advanced topics like asynchronous programming, callbacks, and promises. Grasping asynchronous behavior and how the event loop operates is essential for writing efficient Node.js applications.

Once you're comfortable with the JavaScript language, diving into Node.js will feel more natural as you start applying these concepts in the server-side environment.

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Differences between Node.js and the Browser Both the browser and Node.js use JavaScript as their programming language. Building apps that run in the browser is completely different from building a Node.js application. Despite the fact that it's always JavaScript, there are some key differences that make the experience radically different. From the perspective of a frontend developer who extensively uses JavaScript, Node.js apps bring with them a huge advantage: the comfort of programming everything - the frontend and the backend - in a single language. You have a huge opportunity because we know how hard it is to fully, deeply learn a programming language, and by using the same language to perform all your work on the web - both on the client and on the server, you're in a unique position of advantage. What changes is the ecosystem. In the browser, most of the time what you are doing is interacting with the DOM, or other Web Platform APIs like Cookies. Those do not exist in Node.js, of course. You don't have the document, window and all the other objects that are provided by the browser. And in the browser, we don't have all the nice APIs that Node.js provides through its modules, like the filesystem access functionality. Another big difference is that in Node.js you control the environment. Unless you are building an open source application that anyone can deploy anywhere, you know which version of Node.js you will run the application on. Compared to the browser environment, where you don't get the luxury to choose what browser your visitors will use, this is very convenient. This means that you can write all the modern ES2015+ JavaScript that your Node.js version supports. Since JavaScript moves so fast, but browsers can be a bit

slow to upgrade, sometimes on the web you are stuck with using older JavaScript / ECMAScript releases. You can use Babel to transform your code to be ES5-compatible before shipping it to the browser, but in Node.js, you won't need that. Another difference is that Node.js supports both the CommonJS and ES module systems (since Node.js v12), while in the browser, we are starting to see the ES Modules standard being implemented. In practice, this means that you can use both `require()` and `import` in Node.js, while you are limited to `import` in the browser.

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Differences Between Node.js and the Browser

While both Node.js and browsers use JavaScript, developing in each environment is quite different. Below are key differences that distinguish them:

1. Environment Control

- **Node.js:** You control the runtime environment. You can choose which version of Node.js your app will run on. This allows you to use the latest JavaScript features without worrying about compatibility with older versions.
- **Browser:** You have no control over the browsers your users will have. This means you must often write backward-compatible code (or transpile with tools like Babel) to ensure your app works in older browsers.

2. Global Objects

- **Browser:** JavaScript in the browser interacts with global objects like `window`, `document`, and `navigator`. These are specific to the browser and provide functionalities like DOM manipulation, event handling, and user interaction.
- **Node.js:** These browser-specific objects don't exist in Node.js. Instead, Node.js provides its own set of global objects, like `global`, `process`, and built-in modules such as `fs` (filesystem), `http`, and `path`. Node.js allows you to interact with the file system, network, and other lower-level system operations that aren't accessible in a browser.

3. APIs and Modules

- **Browser:** Browsers use Web APIs for interacting with the DOM, making HTTP requests (via `fetch()` or `XMLHttpRequest`), handling events, and manipulating cookies. These APIs are designed for client-side operations.
- **Node.js:** Node.js provides a rich set of server-side APIs through its core modules. For example, you can work with the filesystem using the `fs` module, create web servers using the `http` module, or work with TCP/UDP protocols via the `net` module. Such capabilities are not available in the browser.

4. Modules System

- **Browser:** The browser environment primarily uses **ES Modules** (`import/export`). This is a more modern module system introduced in ES6, but it has only recently started seeing widespread browser support.
- **Node.js:** Node.js supports **both** CommonJS (`require`) and ES Modules. Prior to Node.js v12, it exclusively used CommonJS, but now it can handle ES Modules as well. This gives you more flexibility in organizing your code, especially if you're working with different libraries or legacy code.

5. Asynchronous Programming

- **Both:** JavaScript's event-driven, non-blocking I/O model is used in both environments, allowing for asynchronous programming through callbacks, promises, and `async/await`.
- **Node.js:** Asynchronous I/O is a core aspect of Node.js, which allows it to handle thousands of concurrent requests without creating new threads for each. This makes Node.js highly scalable for building web servers and applications. In the browser, while asynchronous programming is used (for example, `fetch()`), it's primarily for handling events like user input or network requests.

6. JavaScript Features

- **Browser:** You are constrained by the JavaScript features that different browsers support. Older browsers may not support modern JavaScript features (like ES2015+), meaning developers often need to transpile their code using Babel or similar tools.
- **Node.js:** Since you can choose the version of Node.js your app runs on, you can fully use the latest ECMAScript (ES) standards without worrying about compatibility. Node.js versions move faster than browser updates, so you can take advantage of new JavaScript features sooner.

7. File System Access

- **Browser:** Browsers do not have direct access to the filesystem for security reasons. Interaction with files is limited to specific APIs like the File API (which allows users to upload files) or the Cache API for service workers.
- **Node.js:** Node.js can directly read from, write to, and manipulate the filesystem using the `fs` module. This makes it powerful for building server-side applications where interaction with the filesystem is crucial.

8. Security Considerations

- **Browser:** JavaScript in the browser is heavily sandboxed for security reasons. Browsers implement strict security mechanisms to protect users, such as Same-Origin Policy (SOP) and Content Security Policies (CSP). Additionally, scripts run in isolated environments without direct access to system resources.

- **Node.js:** Node.js has access to the system's underlying resources, such as the filesystem, network, and operating system processes. This power requires additional responsibility, and Node.js apps need to be carefully secured to prevent vulnerabilities like injection attacks, file system access issues, and network exploits.

9. Execution Context

- **Browser:** JavaScript runs on the client-side, meaning code executes in the user's browser. It often interacts with the DOM and Web APIs, dealing with user input and rendering updates to the UI.
- **Node.js:** Node.js runs on the server-side, meaning it executes code on the server, handling tasks like processing HTTP requests, managing databases, and serving content to clients. It doesn't deal with the DOM or user interfaces directly.

Summary of Differences

Feature	Node.js	Browser
Control over environment	Complete control over Node.js version	No control over user browsers
Global Objects	<code>global</code> , <code>process</code> , <code>fs</code> , <code>http</code>	<code>window</code> , <code>document</code> , <code>navigator</code>
Modules	CommonJS (<code>require</code>) and ES Modules	ES Modules (<code>import/export</code>)
APIs	Filesystem, network, HTTP, etc.	DOM, Web APIs (e.g., <code>fetch</code> , <code>cookies</code>)
Filesystem Access	Full access via <code>fs</code>	No direct access
Asynchronous Handling	Critical for handling server-side operations	Used for user events and network requests
JavaScript Versions	Can use modern ES2015+ features	Often requires transpilation for compatibility
Security	Full access to system resources, needs careful handling	Strict sandboxing and security policies

In summary, while JavaScript is the common thread between Node.js and browser environments, the ecosystems, modules, global objects, and execution contexts are vastly different. In Node.js, you work in a server-side environment with access to system resources, while in the browser, JavaScript is confined to client-side tasks like DOM manipulation and user interactions. Understanding these differences helps you adapt to either environment effectively.

You said:

The V8 JavaScript Engine V8 is the name of the JavaScript engine that powers Google Chrome. It's the thing that takes our JavaScript and executes it while browsing with Chrome. V8 is the JavaScript engine i.e. it parses and executes JavaScript code. The DOM, and the other Web Platform APIs (they all makeup runtime environment) are provided by the browser. The cool thing is that the JavaScript engine is independent of the browser in which it's hosted. This key feature enabled the rise of Node.js. V8 was chosen to be the engine that powered Node.js back in 2009, and as the popularity of Node.js exploded, V8 became the engine that now powers an incredible amount of server-side code written in JavaScript. The Node.js ecosystem is huge and thanks to V8 which also powers desktop apps, with projects like Electron. Other JS engines Other browsers have their own JavaScript engine: Firefox has SpiderMonkey Safari has JavaScriptCore (also called Nitro) Edge was originally based on Chakra but has more recently been rebuilt using Chromium and the V8 engine. and many others exist as well. All those engines implement the ECMA ES-262 standard, also called ECMAScript, the standard used by JavaScript. The quest for performance V8 is written in C++, and it's continuously improved. It is portable and runs on Mac, Windows, Linux and several other systems. In this V8 introduction, we will ignore the implementation details of V8: they can be found on more authoritative sites (e.g. the V8 official site), and they change over time, often radically. V8 is always evolving, just like the other JavaScript engines around, to speed up the Web and the Node.js ecosystem. On the web, there is a race for performance that's been going on for years, and we (as users and developers) benefit a lot from this competition because we get faster and more optimized machines year after year. Compilation JavaScript is generally considered an interpreted language, but modern JavaScript engines no longer just interpret JavaScript, they compile it. This has been happening since 2009, when the SpiderMonkey JavaScript compiler was added to Firefox 3.5, and everyone followed this idea. JavaScript is internally compiled by V8 with just-in-time (JIT) compilation to speed up the execution. This might seem counter-intuitive, but since the introduction of Google Maps in 2004, JavaScript has evolved from a language that was generally executing a few dozens of lines of code to complete applications with thousands to hundreds of thousands of lines running in the browser. Our applications can now run for hours inside a browser, rather than being just a few form validation rules or simple scripts. In this new world, compiling JavaScript makes perfect sense because while it might take a little bit more to have the JavaScript ready, once done it's going to be much more performant than purely interpreted code.

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The V8 JavaScript Engine

V8 is the high-performance JavaScript engine developed by Google, primarily used in the Chrome web browser and Node.js. Here's an in-depth look at V8 and its key features:

1. What is V8?

- **V8** is the core engine responsible for executing JavaScript code. It takes raw JavaScript, parses it, and runs it, providing the necessary performance and optimizations needed for both browser and server environments.
- Originally built to power **Google Chrome**, it is now widely used beyond browsers, especially in **Node.js** since 2009, where it powers server-side applications written in JavaScript.

2. Role in Node.js

- The **V8 engine** allows JavaScript to be executed outside the browser, enabling **Node.js** to become a powerful platform for server-side applications.
- With Node.js, developers can write JavaScript to handle server tasks such as file operations, network requests, and database interactions—all with the same JavaScript engine (V8) that powers Chrome.

3. V8 and Desktop Apps

- V8's flexibility also powers **desktop applications** via tools like **Electron**, which allows developers to build cross-platform desktop apps with JavaScript, HTML, and CSS (e.g., apps like **Visual Studio Code** and **Slack**).

4. Other JavaScript Engines

- While V8 is the engine for Chrome and Node.js, other browsers use different engines:
 - **SpiderMonkey** for Firefox.
 - **JavaScriptCore (Nitro)** for Safari.
 - **Chakra** for Microsoft Edge (originally), though Edge has now moved to the Chromium engine and uses V8.

Each of these engines follows the **ECMAScript (ES-262)** standard, ensuring compatibility and performance across browsers.

5. V8's Performance Evolution

- **V8 is written in C++**, and it's continuously optimized for performance on multiple platforms including macOS, Windows, Linux, and others.
- Over time, V8 has evolved to adapt to the growing complexity of modern web applications. Websites and apps now execute hundreds of thousands of lines of JavaScript, making speed and optimization essential.
- **Performance improvements** are critical not just for web apps but also for Node.js and other server-side apps that rely on fast, scalable execution.

6. Compilation: From Interpretation to JIT

- JavaScript was traditionally considered an interpreted language, meaning code was executed line-by-line without prior compilation. However, modern JavaScript engines like V8 use **Just-In-Time (JIT) compilation** to compile JavaScript before execution.
- **JIT compilation** dynamically compiles JavaScript code as it runs, allowing for improved speed by turning frequently executed code into more optimized machine code. This approach helps balance the flexibility of an interpreted language with the speed of compiled languages.
- Compiling JavaScript provides a performance boost, especially for long-running applications that may execute large amounts of code over time. This change was crucial for scaling JavaScript from simple tasks like form validation to running complex web apps like **Google Maps**.

7. The Competition for Speed

- There is an ongoing race between JavaScript engine developers (Google, Mozilla, Apple, Microsoft, etc.) to optimize their engines for speed and efficiency. Users and developers benefit from this competition with faster load times, smoother interactions, and better scalability.
- As the web evolves, **V8** and other engines keep improving to handle the growing demands of modern web and server applications.

Summary of Key Points

- **V8** is a high-performance JavaScript engine developed by Google for Chrome and Node.js.
- It is responsible for **parsing** and **executing** JavaScript code in browsers and server environments.
- **Node.js** uses V8 to allow JavaScript to run server-side, handling tasks traditionally done by other backend languages.
- V8 is optimized through **JIT compilation**, compiling JavaScript to machine code for faster execution.
- Other browsers use different engines like **SpiderMonkey** (Firefox) and **JavaScriptCore** (Safari), but all adhere to the ECMAScript standard.
- The engine is continuously evolving, improving performance, and enabling JavaScript to power more complex applications across platforms.

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An introduction to the npm package manager Introduction to npm npm is the standard package manager for Node.js. In September 2022 over 2.1 million packages were reported being listed in the npm registry, making it the biggest single language code repository on Earth, and you can be sure there is a package for (almost!) everything. It started as a way to download and manage dependencies of Node.js packages, but it has since become a tool used also in frontend JavaScript. Yarn and pnpm are alternatives to npm cli. You can check them out as well.

Packages npm manages downloads of dependencies of your project. Installing all dependencies If a project has a package.json file, by running `npm install` Shell Copy to clipboard it will install everything the project needs, in the `node_modules` folder, creating it if it's not existing already. Installing a single package You can also install a specific package by running `npm install <package-name>` Shell Copy to clipboard Furthermore, since npm 5, this command adds `<package-name>` to the package.json file dependencies. Before version 5, you needed to add the flag `--save`. Often you'll see more flags added to this command: `--save-dev` installs and adds the entry to the package.json file `devDependencies` `--no-save` installs but does not add the entry to the package.json file dependencies `--save-optional` installs and adds the entry to the package.json file `optionalDependencies` `--no-optional` will prevent optional dependencies from being installed Shorthands of the flags can also be used: `-S: --save -D: --save-dev -O: --save-optional` The difference between `devDependencies` and `dependencies` is that the former contains development tools, like a testing library, while the latter is bundled with the app in production. As for the `optionalDependencies` the difference is that build failure of the dependency will not cause installation to fail. But it is your program's responsibility to handle the lack of the dependency. Read more about optional dependencies. Updating packages Updating is also made easy, by running `npm update` Shell Copy to clipboard npm will check all packages for a newer version that satisfies your versioning constraints. You can specify a single package to update as well: `npm update <package-name>` Shell Copy to clipboard Versioning In addition to plain downloads, npm also manages versioning, so you can specify any specific version of a package, or require a version higher or lower than what you need. Many times you'll find that a library is only compatible with a major release of another library. Or a bug in the latest release of a lib, still unfixed, is causing an issue. Specifying an explicit version of a library also helps to keep everyone on the same exact version of a package, so that the whole team runs the same version until the package.json file is updated. In all those cases, versioning helps a lot, and npm follows the semantic versioning (semver) standard. You can install a specific version of a package, by running `npm install <package-name>@<version>` Shell Copy to clipboard Running Tasks The package.json file supports a format for specifying command line tasks that can be run by using `npm run <task-name>` Shell Copy to clipboard For example: `{ "scripts": { "start-dev": "node lib/server-development", "start": "node lib/server-production" } }` JSON Copy to clipboard It's very common to use this feature to run Webpack: `{ "scripts": { "watch": "webpack --watch --progress --colors --config webpack.conf.js", "dev": "webpack --progress --colors --config webpack.conf.js", "prod": "NODE_ENV=production webpack -p --config webpack.conf.js" } }` JSON Copy to clipboard So instead of typing those long commands, which are easy to forget or mistype, you can run `$ npm run watch $ npm run dev $ npm run prod` Shell Session

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Introduction to npm (Node Package Manager)

npm is the default package manager for Node.js and plays a crucial role in the development ecosystem, allowing developers to share and reuse code efficiently. It's one of the largest

software registries, with millions of packages available, making it easy to find libraries and tools to simplify web and backend development.

Here's a breakdown of npm's key features and usage:

1. What is npm?

- **npm** stands for Node Package Manager, and it's used to install, manage, and share JavaScript packages.
- It started primarily as a dependency manager for **Node.js** projects but is now also widely used in **frontend JavaScript development** (with tools like **Webpack** and **React**).

2. npm Registry

- The **npm registry** is a massive collection of over 2 million packages, which are libraries, tools, and applications that developers can use or contribute to. Almost every common functionality you can think of has a package available in this registry.

3. Alternatives to npm

- While **npm** is the default, other package managers like **Yarn** and **pnpm** exist. They offer some different features and performance optimizations, but all serve the same basic purpose of managing dependencies.
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4. Installing Packages

npm simplifies the process of adding and managing dependencies in your project. Here's how it works:

Installing all dependencies: If your project has a `package.json` file (which lists the dependencies), you can install everything listed by running:

bash

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```
npm install
```

- This will create a `node_modules` folder, where all the packages will be stored.

Installing a specific package: You can install an individual package by running:

bash

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```
npm install <package-name>
```

- Since npm version 5, this will also automatically add the package to your `package.json` file under `dependencies`.
 - **Flags for installation:**
 - `--save-dev` or `-D`: Adds the package to `devDependencies`, which is used for development tools (e.g., testing libraries).
 - `--no-save`: Installs the package but doesn't add it to the `package.json`.
 - `--save-optional` or `-O`: Adds the package to `optionalDependencies`, meaning it won't cause a failure if it's not installed.
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5. Updating Packages

npm makes it easy to update packages to their latest versions:

To update all dependencies, simply run:

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```
npm update
```

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To update a specific package:

bash

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```
npm update <package-name>
```

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6. Versioning with npm

- npm follows the **semantic versioning** standard (semver). This means you can specify whether you want to install a specific version of a package or a version that satisfies a range of versions.

For example:

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```
npm install <package-name>@1.0.0
```

- You can use different symbols to indicate version ranges (`^`, `~`, `>=`, `<=`, etc.).
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7. Running Tasks with npm Scripts

npm allows you to automate tasks via **scripts** defined in the `package.json` file. These can be anything from starting a development server to running tests or building the project. For example:

In your `package.json` file:

json

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```
{
  "scripts": {
    "start": "node server.js",
    "test": "mocha"
  }
}
```

You can then run these tasks from the terminal:

bash

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```
npm run start
```

```
npm run test
```

This feature is highly useful for managing complex build tools and development workflows, especially in frontend projects where tools like **Webpack** are used to bundle assets.

8. Common npm Scripts for Frontend Development

You can define scripts to streamline workflows, for example, in a Webpack setup:

json

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```
{
  "scripts": {
    "watch": "webpack --watch",
    "build:dev": "webpack --mode development",
    "build:prod": "webpack --mode production"
  }
}
```

```
}
```

This allows you to run development and production builds with:

bash

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```
npm run watch
```

```
npm run build:dev
```

```
npm run build:prod
```

Summary

- **npm** is an essential tool in the JavaScript ecosystem for managing project dependencies and automating tasks.
- It supports installing packages, version control, and scripts to simplify development workflows.
- With millions of packages in its registry, npm provides reusable solutions for nearly any problem you may face in development.

As you become more familiar with npm, it becomes an integral part of your development process for both backend and frontend JavaScript projects.

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ECMAScript 2015 (ES6) and beyond Node.js is built against modern versions of V8. By keeping up-to-date with the latest releases of this engine, we ensure new features from the JavaScript ECMA-262 specification are brought to Node.js developers in a timely manner, as well as continued performance and stability improvements. All ECMAScript 2015 (ES6) features are split into three groups for shipping, staged, and in progress features: All shipping features, which V8 considers stable, are turned on by default on Node.js and do NOT require any kind of runtime flag. Staged features, which are almost-completed features that are not considered stable by the V8 team, require a runtime flag: `--harmony`. In progress features can be activated individually by their respective harmony flag, although this is highly discouraged unless for testing purposes. Note: these flags are exposed by V8 and will potentially change without any deprecation notice. Which features ship with which Node.js version by default? The website node.green provides an excellent overview over supported ECMAScript features in various versions of Node.js, based on kangax's [compat-table](https://kangax.github.io/compat-table/). Which features are in progress? New features are constantly being added to the V8 engine. Generally speaking, expect them to land on a future Node.js release, although timing is unknown. You may list all the in progress features available on each Node.js release by grepping through the `--v8-options` argument. Please note that these are incomplete and possibly broken features of V8, so use them at your

own risk: `node --v8-options | grep "in progress"` Shell Copy to clipboard I have my infrastructure set up to leverage the `--harmony` flag. Should I remove it? The current behavior of the `--harmony` flag on Node.js is to enable staged features only. After all, it is now a synonym of `--es_staging`. As mentioned above, these are completed features that have not been considered stable yet. If you want to play safe, especially on production environments, consider removing this runtime flag until it ships by default on V8 and, consequently, on Node.js. If you keep this enabled, you should be prepared for further Node.js upgrades to break your code if V8 changes their semantics to more closely follow the standard. How do I find which version of V8 ships with a particular version of Node.js? Node.js provides a simple way to list all dependencies and respective versions that ship with a specific binary through the `process` global object. In case of the V8 engine, type the following in your terminal to retrieve its version: `node -p process.versions.v8` Shell

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ECMAScript 2015 (ES6) and Beyond in Node.js

Node.js stays current with the latest JavaScript (ECMAScript) standards by keeping its V8 engine up-to-date. As V8 evolves, new ECMAScript features get integrated into Node.js, ensuring developers have access to the latest functionality.

Here's a closer look at how ECMAScript features are integrated into Node.js and what you need to know about different categories of features.

1. Feature Categories

ECMAScript features in Node.js are classified into three categories:

- **Shipping Features:** These are features that the V8 team considers stable and are available in Node.js by default without requiring any additional configuration.
- **Staged Features:** These are nearly complete features that are still under testing. You can enable these features in Node.js by using the `--harmony` or `--es_staging` flags.
- **In-Progress Features:** These are experimental or incomplete features of the ECMAScript specification, which can be enabled using individual harmony flags. However, it's not recommended to use these features in production environments since they are unstable and subject to change.

2. Accessing Features in Node.js

Shipping Features

Shipping features are turned on by default and do not require any extra steps to enable. For example, as of Node.js 12+, you can use features like **arrow functions**, **let/const**, **template literals**, **destructuring**, **classes**, and other ES6 features without needing any flags.

Staged Features

To enable staged (almost stable) features, use the `--harmony` or `--es_staging` flag when running your Node.js application:

```
bash
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node --harmony app.js
```

This enables features that are near completion but may still have small bugs or improvements pending.

In-Progress Features

In-progress features can be activated using individual harmony flags, though this is discouraged except for testing purposes. You can view available in-progress features using the following command:

```
bash
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node --v8-options | grep "in progress"
```

These features are highly unstable and subject to change without notice.

3. Keeping Track of ECMAScript Features in Node.js

A great resource for tracking which ECMAScript features are available in which Node.js version is the website [node.green](#). This site provides a comprehensive overview of supported ECMAScript features in various versions of Node.js, based on the well-known [Kangax compatibility table](#).

4. Should You Use the `--harmony` Flag?

The `--harmony` flag was historically used to enable experimental ECMAScript features, but it has since been redefined to enable only **staged** features (it's now equivalent to `--es_staging`).

If you're using this flag in production, it may expose your code to potential changes in future updates, as V8 evolves to more closely align with the ECMAScript specification. If you want to play it safe, particularly in production environments, consider removing this flag and using only default shipping features.

5. Determining the V8 Version in Node.js

To see which version of the V8 engine ships with your Node.js installation, you can run the following command in your terminal:

bash

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```
node -p process.versions.v8
```

This will output the version of V8 your Node.js binary is using. Staying aware of your V8 version can help you understand which ECMAScript features are available.

Summary

- **Node.js** keeps up with the latest ECMAScript features by updating its V8 engine regularly.
- **Shipping features** are stable and enabled by default.
- **Staged features** can be enabled with the `--harmony` or `--es_staging` flag.
- **In-progress features** are available but should be used cautiously, as they may be incomplete or unstable.
- Keep track of ECMAScript feature support in different Node.js versions using tools like [node.green](#).
- For production environments, it's recommended to avoid enabling experimental flags to prevent potential compatibility issues in future updates.

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Node.js, the difference between development and production There is no difference between development and production in Node.js, i.e., there are no specific settings you need to apply to make Node.js work in a production configuration. However, a few libraries in the npm registry

recognize using the `NODE_ENV` variable and default it to a development setting. Always run your Node.js with the `NODE_ENV=production` set. A popular way of configuring your application is by using the twelve factor methodology. `NODE_ENV` in Express In the wildly popular express framework, setting the `NODE_ENV` to production generally ensures that: logging is kept to a minimum, essential level more caching levels take place to optimize performance This is usually done by executing the command `export NODE_ENV=production` Shell Copy to clipboard in the shell, but it's better to put it in your shell configuration file (e.g. `.bash_profile` with the Bash shell) because otherwise the setting does not persist in case of a system restart. You can also apply the environment variable by prepending it to your application initialization command:

`NODE_ENV=production node app.js` Shell Copy to clipboard For example, in an Express app, you can use this to set different error handlers per environment: `if (process.env.NODE_ENV === 'development') { app.use(express.errorHandler({ dumpExceptions: true, showStack: true })); } if (process.env.NODE_ENV === 'production') { app.use(express.errorHandler()); }` JavaScript Copy to clipboard For example Pug, the templating library used by Express, compiles in debug mode if `NODE_ENV` is not set to production. Express views are compiled in every request in development mode, while in production they are cached. There are many more examples. This environment variable is a convention widely used in external libraries, but not within Node.js itself. Why is `NODE_ENV` considered an antipattern? An environment is a digital platform or a system where engineers can build, test, deploy, and manage software products. Conventionally, there are four stages or types of environments where our application is run: Development Testing Staging Production The fundamental problem of `NODE_ENV` stems from developers combining optimizations and software behavior with the environment their software is running on. The result is code like the following: `if (process.env.NODE_ENV === 'development') { // ... } if (process.env.NODE_ENV === 'production') { // ... } if (!['production', 'staging'].includes(process.env.NODE_ENV)) { // ... }` JavaScript Copy to clipboard While this might look harmless, it makes the production and staging environments different, thus making reliable testing impossible. For example a test and thus a functionality of your product could pass when `NODE_ENV` is set to development but fail when setting `NODE_ENV` to production. Therefore, setting `NODE_ENV` to anything but production is considered an antipattern.

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Node.js: Development vs. Production

While Node.js itself doesn't have built-in differences between development and production modes, developers often manage these environments using the `NODE_ENV` variable. This environment variable is a common convention in Node.js applications that helps to configure the app for different operational environments (like development, production, etc.) by adjusting behavior, performance, and logging.

Why Use `NODE_ENV`?

`NODE_ENV` is typically set to:

- **development:** This environment is optimized for debugging, with verbose logging and error details that help developers diagnose issues.
- **production:** Optimized for speed and efficiency, the production environment reduces logging and uses caching for better performance.

Common Differences When Using **NODE_ENV**

- **Logging:** In development, detailed logs and stack traces help in debugging, while production minimizes logs to critical issues.
- **Caching:** Caching mechanisms are typically enabled in production to reduce resource usage and improve performance, whereas in development, caching is often disabled to reflect real-time code changes.
- **Error Handling:** In development mode, frameworks like Express provide detailed error messages to assist debugging. In production mode, these are hidden to avoid exposing sensitive information.

Setting **NODE_ENV** in Node.js

You can set **NODE_ENV** to production by using the following command:

bash

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```
export NODE_ENV=production
```

To ensure this setting persists, add the above command to your shell configuration file, such as **.bash_profile**. Another option is to prepend it to the command used to start your app:

bash

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```
NODE_ENV=production node app.js
```

NODE_ENV in Express

Express is one of the most popular Node.js frameworks and takes advantage of **NODE_ENV**. For instance, in Express:

- **Production Mode:** Logging is reduced to essential levels, and view templates are cached, increasing performance.
- **Development Mode:** Express provides more verbose error messages, and templates are compiled on every request.

Here's an example of using `NODE_ENV` in an Express app to configure error handling:

javascript

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```
if (process.env.NODE_ENV === 'development') {  
  app.use(express.errorHandler({ dumpExceptions: true, showStack: true  
}));  
} else if (process.env.NODE_ENV === 'production') {  
  app.use(express.errorHandler());  
}
```

This configures different error handlers based on the environment.

Concerns with `NODE_ENV` and Why It's Considered an Antipattern

While `NODE_ENV` is widely used, it has its downsides. One issue is mixing **optimization settings** and **application behavior** based on the environment, which can lead to inconsistencies between staging and production. For example, a feature might work in development but fail in production due to different settings triggered by `NODE_ENV`. This can make testing unreliable.

In this context, setting `NODE_ENV` to anything other than `production` in a production-like environment is considered an **antipattern**, as it makes testing environments (like staging) behave differently than production. This can lead to undetected bugs or unexpected behavior when moving from staging to production.

Best Practices

- Always set `NODE_ENV` to `production` in staging and production environments to ensure consistency.
- Separate **environment-specific optimizations** (like caching or logging levels) from **application logic** to prevent unexpected issues.
- For testing environments, rely on more granular settings (like specific configuration files) rather than `NODE_ENV` alone.

By carefully managing how `NODE_ENV` is used, you can ensure consistency across environments, reducing bugs and improving reliability.

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Node.js with WebAssembly WebAssembly is a high-performance assembly-like language that can be compiled from various languages, including C/C++, Rust, and AssemblyScript. Currently, it is supported by Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Edge, and Node.js! The WebAssembly specification details two file formats, a binary format called a WebAssembly Module with a .wasm extension and corresponding text representation called WebAssembly Text format with a .wat extension.

Key Concepts

- Module** - A compiled WebAssembly binary, ie a .wasm file.
- Memory** - A resizable `ArrayBuffer`.
- Table** - A resizable typed array of references not stored in Memory.
- Instance** - An instantiation of a Module with its Memory, Table, and variables.

In order to use WebAssembly, you need a .wasm binary file and a set of APIs to communicate with WebAssembly. Node.js provides the necessary APIs via the global WebAssembly object.

```
console.log(WebAssembly); /*
Object [WebAssembly] { compile: [Function: compile], validate: [Function: validate], instantiate:
[Function: instantiate] } */
```

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Generating WebAssembly Modules

There are multiple methods available to generate WebAssembly binary files including:

- Writing WebAssembly (.wat) by hand and converting to binary format using tools such as `wabt`
- Using `emscripten` with a C/C++ application
- Using `wasm-pack` with a Rust application
- Using AssemblyScript if you prefer a TypeScript-like experience

Some of these tools generate not only the binary file, but the JavaScript "glue" code and corresponding HTML files to run in the browser.

How to use it

Once you have a WebAssembly module, you can use the Node.js WebAssembly object to instantiate it.

```
// Assume add.wasm file exists that contains a single
function adding 2 provided arguments
const fs = require('node:fs');
const wasmBuffer = fs.readFileSync('/path/to/add.wasm');
WebAssembly.instantiate(wasmBuffer).then(wasmModule => {
  // Exported function live under instance.exports
  const { add } = wasmModule.instance.exports;
  const sum = add(5, 6);
  console.log(sum); // Outputs: 11
});
```

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Interacting with the OS

WebAssembly modules cannot directly access OS functionality on its own. A third-party tool `Wasmtime` can be used to access this functionality. `Wasmtime` utilizes the WASI API to access the OS functionality.

Resources

- General WebAssembly Information
- MDN Docs
- Write WebAssembly by hand

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Node.js with WebAssembly

WebAssembly (Wasm) is a low-level, assembly-like language designed for high-performance applications. It allows developers to write code in languages like C, C++, Rust, or AssemblyScript and compile them into WebAssembly binary modules that run in the browser or Node.js. This opens up the possibility for running computationally intensive tasks in JavaScript environments, both on the client (browser) and the server (Node.js), with near-native performance.

Key Concepts

- **Module:** A compiled WebAssembly binary (`.wasm` file).
- **Memory:** A resizable `ArrayBuffer` shared between JavaScript and WebAssembly.
- **Table:** A resizable, typed array of references, used for function pointers.

- **Instance:** A runtime instantiation of a WebAssembly module, including its **Memory**, **Table**, and variables.

In Node.js, you can work with WebAssembly using the global **WebAssembly** object.

How WebAssembly Works in Node.js

The **WebAssembly** object in Node.js provides various APIs like **compile**, **validate**, and **instantiate** to work with Wasm binaries. Here's an example of how to load and use a **.wasm** file in Node.js.

javascript

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```
const fs = require('node:fs');

// Load and read the WebAssembly binary file
const wasmBuffer = fs.readFileSync('/path/to/add.wasm');

// Instantiate the WebAssembly module
WebAssembly.instantiate(wasmBuffer).then(wasmModule => {
  // Access the exported 'add' function
  const { add } = wasmModule.instance.exports;

  // Call the function
  const result = add(5, 6);
  console.log(result); // Output: 11
});
```

In this example, the **.wasm** file contains a simple function to add two numbers. The file is read using Node's **fs** module, and the WebAssembly module is instantiated via **WebAssembly.instantiate**. The result is a module instance from which you can access and execute exported WebAssembly functions like **add**.

Generating WebAssembly Modules

There are various tools available to compile code into **.wasm**:

1. **Emscripten:** Used to compile C/C++ applications to WebAssembly.
2. **wasm-pack:** Primarily used with Rust to compile to WebAssembly.
3. **AssemblyScript:** Compiles a TypeScript-like language into WebAssembly.

4. **WABT (WebAssembly Binary Toolkit)**: Converts WebAssembly Text format (`.wat`) to WebAssembly binary (`.wasm`).

Each of these tools generates a `.wasm` file, and some tools also provide "glue" JavaScript code to simplify interaction between WebAssembly and the environment (browser or Node.js).

WebAssembly and Operating System Interaction

By itself, WebAssembly modules cannot directly interact with OS-level APIs, like file systems or networking. For this, tools like **Wasmtime** are used. Wasmtime provides a WebAssembly System Interface (WASI) to access operating system resources from a WebAssembly module.

Using WebAssembly in Production

WebAssembly in Node.js can be very useful in scenarios requiring performance-heavy tasks such as:

- Image or video processing
- Cryptographic operations
- Game engines or physics simulations
- Data-intensive calculations (e.g., machine learning or AI tasks)

Resources

For more detailed information on WebAssembly, you can check out:

- [MDN WebAssembly Documentation](#)
- **WebAssembly Binary Toolkit (WABT)**: A toolkit to convert WebAssembly text format (`.wat`) to binary format (`.wasm`).
- **wasm-pack**: Rust's tool for compiling to WebAssembly.

By leveraging WebAssembly, Node.js can run high-performance tasks traditionally handled by low-level languages, bridging the gap between high-level JavaScript development and low-level system capabilities.

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You said:

Debugging Node.js This guide will help you get started debugging your Node.js apps and scripts. Enable Inspector When started with the `--inspect` switch, a Node.js process listens for a debugging client. By default, it will listen at host and port `127.0.0.1:9229`. Each process is also assigned a unique UUID. Inspector clients must know and specify host address, port, and UUID to connect. A full URL will look something like `ws://127.0.0.1:9229/0f2c936f-b1cd-4ac9-aab3-f63b0f33d55e`. Node.js will also start listening for debugging messages if it receives a `SIGUSR1` signal. (`SIGUSR1` is not available on Windows.)

In Node.js 7 and earlier, this activates the legacy Debugger API. In Node.js 8 and later, it will activate the Inspector API. Security Implications Since the debugger has full access to the Node.js execution environment, a malicious actor able to connect to this port may be able to execute arbitrary code on behalf of the Node.js process. It is important to understand the security implications of exposing the debugger port on public and private networks. Exposing the debug port publicly is unsafe. If the debugger is bound to a public IP address, or to 0.0.0.0, any clients that can reach your IP address will be able to connect to the debugger without any restriction and will be able to run arbitrary code. By default `node --inspect` binds to 127.0.0.1. You explicitly need to provide a public IP address or 0.0.0.0, etc., if you intend to allow external connections to the debugger. Doing so may expose you to a potentially significant security threat. We suggest you ensure appropriate firewalls and access controls in place to prevent a security exposure. See the section on 'Enabling remote debugging scenarios' on some advice on how to safely allow remote debugger clients to connect. Local applications have full access to the inspector. Even if you bind the inspector port to 127.0.0.1 (the default), any applications running locally on your machine will have unrestricted access. This is by design to allow local debuggers to be able to attach conveniently. Browsers, WebSockets and same-origin policy Websites open in a web-browser can make WebSocket and HTTP requests under the browser security model. An initial HTTP connection is necessary to obtain a unique debugger session id. The same-origin-policy prevents websites from being able to make this HTTP connection. For additional security against DNS rebinding attacks, Node.js verifies that the 'Host' headers for the connection either specify an IP address or localhost precisely. These security policies disallow connecting to a remote debug server by specifying the hostname. You can work-around this restriction by specifying either the IP address or by using ssh tunnels as described below.

Inspector Clients A minimal CLI debugger is available with `node inspect myscript.js`. Several commercial and open source tools can also connect to the Node.js Inspector. Chrome DevTools 55+, Microsoft Edge Option 1: Open `chrome://inspect` in a Chromium-based browser or `edge://inspect` in Edge. Click the Configure button and ensure your target host and port are listed. Option 2: Copy the `devtoolsFrontendUrl` from the output of `/json/list` (see above) or the `--inspect` hint text and paste into Chrome. See <https://github.com/ChromeDevTools/devtools-frontend>, <https://www.microsoftedgeinsider.com> for more information. Visual Studio Code 1.10+ In the Debug panel, click the settings icon to open `.vscode/launch.json`. Select "Node.js" for initial setup. See <https://github.com/microsoft/vscode> for more information. Visual Studio 2017+ Choose "Debug > Start Debugging" from the menu or hit F5. Detailed instructions. JetBrains WebStorm and other JetBrains IDEs Create a new Node.js debug configuration and hit Debug. `--inspect` will be used by default for Node.js 7+. To disable uncheck `js.debugger.node.use.inspect` in the IDE Registry. To learn more about running and debugging Node.js in WebStorm and other JetBrains IDEs, check out WebStorm online help. chrome-remote-interface Library to ease connections to Inspector Protocol endpoints. See <https://github.com/cyrus-and/chrome-remote-interface> for more information. Gitpod Start a Node.js debug configuration from the Debug view or hit F5. Detailed instructions See <https://www.gitpod.io> for more information. Eclipse IDE with Eclipse Wild Web Developer extension From a .js file, choose "Debug As... > Node program", or Create a Debug Configuration to attach debugger to running Node.js application (already started with `--inspect`). See <https://eclipse.org/eclipseide> for more information. Command-line options The following

table lists the impact of various runtime flags on debugging:

Flag	Meaning
<code>--inspect</code>	Enable inspector agent; Listen on default address and port (127.0.0.1:9229)
<code>--inspect=[host:port]</code>	Enable inspector agent; Bind to address or hostname host (default: 127.0.0.1); Listen on port port (default: 9229)
<code>--inspect-brk</code>	Enable inspector agent; Listen on default address and port (127.0.0.1:9229); Break before user code starts
<code>--inspect-brk=[host:port]</code>	Enable inspector agent; Bind to address or hostname host (default: 127.0.0.1); Listen on port port (default: 9229); Break before user code starts
<code>--inspect-wait</code>	Enable inspector agent; Listen on default address and port (127.0.0.1:9229); Wait for debugger to be attached.
<code>--inspect-wait=[host:port]</code>	Enable inspector agent; Bind to address or hostname host (default: 127.0.0.1); Listen on port port (default: 9229); Wait for debugger to be attached.

`node inspect script.js` Spawn child process to run user's script under `--inspect` flag; and use main process to run CLI debugger.

`node inspect --port=xxxx script.js` Spawn child process to run user's script under `--inspect` flag; and use main process to run CLI debugger. Listen on port port (default: 9229)

Enabling remote debugging scenarios

We recommend that you never have the debugger listen on a public IP address. If you need to allow remote debugging connections we recommend the use of ssh tunnels instead. We provide the following example for illustrative purposes only. Please understand the security risk of allowing remote access to a privileged service before proceeding. Let's say you are running Node.js on a remote machine, `remote.example.com`, that you want to be able to debug. On that machine, you should start the node process with the inspector listening only to localhost (the default). `node --inspect server.js`

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Now, on your local machine from where you want to initiate a debug client connection, you can setup an ssh tunnel: `ssh -L 9221:localhost:9229 user@remote.example.com`

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This starts a ssh tunnel session where a connection to port 9221 on your local machine will be forwarded to port 9229 on `remote.example.com`. You can now attach a debugger such as Chrome DevTools or Visual Studio Code to `localhost:9221`, which should be able to debug as if the Node.js application was running locally.

Legacy Debugger

The legacy debugger has been deprecated as of Node.js 7.7.0. Please use `--inspect` and Inspector instead. When started with the `--debug` or `--debug-brk` switches in version 7 and earlier, Node.js listens for debugging commands defined by the discontinued V8 Debugging Protocol on a TCP port, by default 5858. Any debugger client which speaks this protocol can connect to and debug the running process; a couple popular ones are listed below. The V8 Debugging Protocol is no longer maintained or documented.

Built-in Debugger

Start `node debug script_name.js` to start your script under the builtin command-line debugger. Your script starts in another Node.js process started with the `--debug-brk` option, and the initial Node.js process runs the `_debugger.js` script and connects to your target. See docs for more information.

node-inspector

Debug your Node.js app with Chrome DevTools by using an intermediary process which translates the Inspector Protocol used in Chromium to the V8 Debugger protocol used in Node.js. See <https://github.com/node-inspector/node-inspector> for more information.

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Debugging Node.js Applications

Debugging in Node.js can be streamlined through the use of the built-in Inspector. This guide will cover how to enable the Inspector, connect to various debugging clients, and implement secure remote debugging practices.

Enable Inspector

To start a Node.js process with the Inspector, use the `--inspect` flag. By default, it listens for debugging clients at `127.0.0.1:9229`. Each process is assigned a unique UUID.

Basic Command:

bash

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```
node --inspect your_script.js
```

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Full URL Format: The URL used by clients to connect will look like:

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```
ws://127.0.0.1:9229/UUID
```

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You can also start the Inspector using the `SIGUSR1` signal on Unix-based systems. Note that this activates the Inspector API in Node.js 8 and later.

Security Implications

When using the Inspector, be mindful of the security risks associated with exposing the debugger port:

- **Public Access:** Binding the Inspector to a public IP (e.g., `0.0.0.0`) can expose your application to malicious actors who can run arbitrary code. By default, the Inspector binds to `127.0.0.1`, limiting access to local connections.
- **Firewall Considerations:** If you need to allow external connections, ensure appropriate firewalls and access controls are in place.

Inspector Clients

Various tools can connect to the Node.js Inspector, including:

1. **Chrome DevTools and Microsoft Edge:**
 - Open `chrome://inspect` or `edge://inspect` in your browser.
 - Configure to ensure your target host and port are listed.
2. **Visual Studio Code:**

- Use the Debug panel and select "Node.js" for the initial setup.
 - Configure `.vscode/launch.json` as needed.
3. **JetBrains IDEs (WebStorm, etc.):**
 - Create a new Node.js debug configuration to utilize the Inspector.
 4. **Command-Line Debugger:**
 - Use `node inspect your_script.js` to start debugging from the command line.

Command-Line Options for Debugging

The following flags modify the behavior of the Node.js Inspector:

Flag	Meaning
<code>--inspect</code>	Enable Inspector agent; listen on default address and port (127.0.0.1:9229)
<code>--inspect=[host]:port]</code>	Enable Inspector agent; bind to the specified address and port
<code>--inspect-brk</code>	Enable Inspector agent; break before user code starts
<code>--inspect-wait</code>	Enable Inspector agent; wait for debugger to be attached
<code>node inspect script.js</code>	Spawn a child process under the Inspector and use the main process for CLI debugging

Enabling Remote Debugging Scenarios

It is generally unsafe to have the Inspector listen on a public IP. Instead, use SSH tunneling to securely connect:

On the remote machine, start Node.js with:

bash

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```
node --inspect your_script.js
```

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On your local machine, create an SSH tunnel:

bash

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```
ssh -L 9221:localhost:9229 user@remote.example.com
```

2.

This setup forwards port **9221** on your local machine to port **9229** on the remote machine. You can now connect your debugger (like Chrome DevTools or Visual Studio Code) to **localhost:9221**.

Legacy Debugger

The legacy debugger (**--debug** and **--debug-brk** flags) has been deprecated since Node.js 7.7.0. It relied on the V8 Debugging Protocol, which is no longer maintained.

Additional Debugging Tools

- **node-inspector**: Allows debugging with Chrome DevTools using an intermediary process to translate protocols. Check the [node-inspector repository](#) for more details.

By utilizing the Node.js Inspector effectively and adhering to security best practices, you can debug your applications more efficiently while minimizing potential vulnerabilities.

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Profiling Node.js Applications There are many third party tools available for profiling Node.js applications but, in many cases, the easiest option is to use the Node.js built-in profiler. The built-in profiler uses the profiler inside V8 which samples the stack at regular intervals during program execution. It records the results of these samples, along with important optimization events such as jit compiles, as a series of ticks:

```
code-creation,LazyCompile,0,0x2d5000a337a0,396,"bp native
```

```
array.js:1153:16",0x289f644df68,~
```

```
code-creation,LazyCompile,0,0x2d5000a33940,716,"hasOwnProperty native
```

```
v8natives.js:198:30",0x289f64438d0,~
```

```
code-creation,LazyCompile,0,0x2d5000a33c20,284,"ToName native
```

```
runtime.js:549:16",0x289f643bb28,~
```

```
code-creation,Stub,2,0x2d5000a33d40,182,"DoubleToIStub"
```

```
code-creation,Stub,2,0x2d5000a33e00,507,"NumberToStringStub"
```

In the past, you needed the V8 source code to be able to interpret the ticks. Luckily, tools have been introduced since Node.js 4.4.0 that facilitate the consumption of this information without separately building V8 from source. Let's see how the built-in profiler can help provide insight into application performance. To illustrate the use of the tick profiler, we will work with a simple Express application. Our application will have two handlers, one for adding new users to our system:

```
app.get('/newUser', (req, res) => { let username = req.query.username || ""; const password = req.query.password || ""; username = username.replace(/[@#%&*]/g, ""); if (!username || !password || users[username]) { return res.sendStatus(400); } const salt =
```

```
crypto.randomBytes(128).toString('base64'); const hash = crypto.pbkdf2Sync(password, salt, 10000, 512, 'sha512'); users[username] = { salt, hash }; res.sendStatus(200); });
```

JavaScript Copy to clipboard and another for validating user authentication attempts:

```
app.get('/auth', (req, res) => { let username = req.query.username || ""; const password = req.query.password || "";
```

```
username = username.replace(/[@#$%^&*/g, ""); if (!username || !password || !users[username]) { return res.sendStatus(400); } const { salt, hash } = users[username]; const encryptHash = crypto.pbkdf2Sync(password, salt, 10000, 512, 'sha512'); if (crypto.timingSafeEqual(hash, encryptHash)) { res.sendStatus(200); } else { res.sendStatus(401); } } }; JavaScript Copy to clipboard Please note that these are NOT recommended handlers for authenticating users in your Node.js applications and are used purely for illustration purposes. You should not be trying to design your own cryptographic authentication mechanisms in general. It is much better to use existing, proven authentication solutions. Now assume that we've deployed our application and users are complaining about high latency on requests. We can easily run the app with the built-in profiler:
```

NODE_ENV=production node --prof app.js and put some load on the server using ab (ApacheBench): curl -X GET "http://localhost:8080/newUser?username=matt&password=password" ab -k -c 20 -n 250 "http://localhost:8080/auth?username=matt&password=password" and get an ab output of:

```
Concurrency Level: 20 Time taken for tests: 46.932 seconds Complete requests: 250 Failed requests: 0 Keep-Alive requests: 250 Total transferred: 50250 bytes HTML transferred: 500 bytes Requests per second: 5.33 [#/sec] (mean) Time per request: 3754.556 [ms] (mean) Time per request: 187.728 [ms] (mean, across all concurrent requests) Transfer rate: 1.05 [Kbytes/sec] received ... Percentage of the requests served within a certain time (ms) 50% 3755 66% 3804 75% 3818 80% 3825 90% 3845 95% 3858 98% 3874 99% 3875 100% 4225 (longest request)
```

From this output, we see that we're only managing to serve about 5 requests per second and that the average request takes just under 4 seconds round trip. In a real-world example, we could be doing lots of work in many functions on behalf of a user request but even in our simple example, time could be lost compiling regular expressions, generating random salts, generating unique hashes from user passwords, or inside the Express framework itself.

Since we ran our application using the --prof option, a tick file was generated in the same directory as your local run of the application. It should have the form

isolate-0xxxxxxxxxxxxx-v8.log (where n is a digit). In order to make sense of this file, we need to use the tick processor bundled with the Node.js binary. To run the processor, use the --prof-process flag: node --prof-process isolate-0xxxxxxxxxxxxx-v8.log > processed.txt

Opening processed.txt in your favorite text editor will give you a few different types of information. The file is broken up into sections which are again broken up by language. First, we look at the summary section and see: [Summary]: ticks total nonlib name 79 0.2% 0.2% JavaScript 36703 97.2% 99.2% C++ 7 0.0% 0.0% GC 767 2.0% Shared libraries 215 0.6% Unaccounted This tells us that 97% of all samples gathered occurred in C++ code and that when viewing other sections of the processed output we should pay most attention to work being done in C++ (as opposed to JavaScript). With this in mind, we next find the [C++] section which contains information about which C++ functions are taking the most CPU time and see:

[C++]: ticks total nonlib name 19557 51.8% 52.9%

node::crypto::PBKDF2(v8::FunctionCallbackInfo<v8::Value> const&) 4510 11.9% 12.2%

_sha1_block_data_order 3165 8.4% 8.6% _malloc_zone_malloc We see that the top 3 entries

account for 72.1% of CPU time taken by the program. From this output, we immediately see that at least 51.8% of CPU time is taken up by a function called PBKDF2 which corresponds to our hash generation from a user's password. However, it may not be immediately obvious how the

lower two entries factor into our application (or if it is we will pretend otherwise for the sake of example). To better understand the relationship between these functions, we will next look at the [Bottom up (heavy) profile] section which provides information about the primary callers of each function. Examining this section, we find: ticks parent name 19557 51.8%

```
node::crypto::PBKDF2(v8::FunctionCallbackInfo<v8::Value> const&) 19557 100.0%
```

```
v8::internal::Builtins::~~Builtins() 19557 100.0% LazyCompile: ~pbkdf2 crypto.js:557:16 4510
```

```
11.9% _sha1_block_data_order 4510 100.0% LazyCompile: *pbkdf2 crypto.js:557:16 4510
```

```
100.0% LazyCompile: *exports.pbkdf2Sync crypto.js:552:30 3165 8.4% _malloc_zone_malloc
```

```
3161 99.9% LazyCompile: *pbkdf2 crypto.js:557:16 3161 100.0% LazyCompile:
```

```
*exports.pbkdf2Sync crypto.js:552:30
```

Parsing this section takes a little more work than the raw tick counts above. Within each of the "call stacks" above, the percentage in the parent column

tells you the percentage of samples for which the function in the row above was called by the function in the current row. For example, in the middle "call stack" above for

_sha1_block_data_order, we see that _sha1_block_data_order occurred in 11.9% of samples, which we knew from the raw counts above. However, here, we can also tell that it was always called by the pbkdf2 function inside the Node.js crypto module. We see that similarly,

_malloc_zone_malloc was called almost exclusively by the same pbkdf2 function. Thus, using

the information in this view, we can tell that our hash computation from the user's password

accounts not only for the 51.8% from above but also for all CPU time in the top 3 most sampled

functions since the calls to _sha1_block_data_order and _malloc_zone_malloc were made on

behalf of the pbkdf2 function. At this point, it is very clear that the password-based hash

generation should be the target of our optimization. Thankfully, you've fully internalized the

benefits of asynchronous programming and you realize that the work to generate a hash from

the user's password is being done in a synchronous way and thus tying down the event loop.

This prevents us from working on other incoming requests while computing a hash. To remedy

this issue, you make a small modification to the above handlers to use the asynchronous

version of the pbkdf2 function: `app.get('/auth', (req, res) => { let username =`

```
req.query.username || ""; const password = req.query.password || ""; username =
```

```
username.replace(/[@#$$%^&*]/g, ""); if (!username || !password || !users[username]) { return
```

```
res.sendStatus(400); } crypto.pbkdf2( password, users[username].salt, 10000, 512, 'sha512',
```

```
(err, hash) => { if (users[username].hash.toString() === hash.toString()) { res.sendStatus(200); }
```

```
else { res.sendStatus(401); } } ); });
```

JavaScript Copy to clipboard A new run of the ab benchmark

above with the asynchronous version of your app yields: Concurrency Level: 20 Time taken for

tests: 12.846 seconds Complete requests: 250 Failed requests: 0 Keep-Alive requests: 250

Total transferred: 50250 bytes HTML transferred: 500 bytes Requests per second: 19.46 [#sec]

(mean) Time per request: 1027.689 [ms] (mean) Time per request: 51.384 [ms] (mean, across

all concurrent requests) Transfer rate: 3.82 [Kbytes/sec] received ... Percentage of the requests

served within a certain time (ms) 50% 1018 66% 1035 75% 1041 80% 1043 90% 1049 95%

1063 98% 1070 99% 1071 100% 1079 (longest request) Yay! Your app is now serving about 20

requests per second, roughly 4 times more than it was with the synchronous hash generation.

Additionally, the average latency is down from the 4 seconds before to just over 1 second.

Hopefully, through the performance investigation of this (admittedly contrived) example, you've

seen how the V8 tick processor can help you gain a better understanding of the performance of

your Node.js applications. You may also find how to create a flame graph helpful.

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Here's a structured guide on profiling Node.js applications using the built-in profiler, focusing on understanding performance bottlenecks and improving application efficiency:

Profiling Node.js Applications

Overview

Profiling helps identify performance bottlenecks in Node.js applications. The built-in profiler leverages the V8 engine's capabilities to sample the call stack during execution, providing insights into where time is spent in your code.

Setting Up the Built-in Profiler

Run Your Application with Profiling: Start your Node.js application with the `--prof` flag to enable profiling. For example:

bash

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```
NODE_ENV=production node --prof app.js
```

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Simulate Load on the Application: Use a tool like ApacheBench (`ab`) to generate load on your application:

bash

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```
ab -k -c 20 -n 250
```

```
"http://localhost:8080/auth?username=matt&password=password"
```

2.

3. **Analyze the Output:** After the test, the profiler will generate a file named `isolate-0xxxxxxxxxxxxx-v8.log` in your application directory.

Processing the Profiling Data

Process the Log File: Use the built-in tick processor to analyze the profiling log:

bash

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```
node --prof-process isolate-0xxxxxxxxxxxxx-v8.log > processed.txt
```

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2. **Review the Processed Output:** Open `processed.txt` in a text editor. Key sections to examine include:
 - **Summary:**
 - Displays total ticks recorded in JavaScript, C++, garbage collection (GC), and shared libraries.
 - **C++ Section:**
 - Lists the functions consuming the most CPU time, highlighting where optimizations can be made.
 - **Bottom-Up (Heavy) Profile:**
 - Shows the call stacks for functions, helping to trace back the performance bottlenecks to their source.

Example Application and Analysis

Sample Express Application

Here's a simplified example application with routes for user registration and authentication:

javascript

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```
const express = require('express');
const crypto = require('crypto');
const app = express();

const users = {}; // In-memory user storage

app.get('/newUser', (req, res) => {
  let username = req.query.username || '';
  const password = req.query.password || '';
  username = username.replace(/[@#$$%^&*/g, '');
  if (!username || !password || users[username]) {
    return res.sendStatus(400);
  }
  const salt = crypto.randomBytes(128).toString('base64');
  const hash = crypto.pbkdf2Sync(password, salt, 10000, 512,
'sha512');
  users[username] = { salt, hash };
```

```
    res.sendStatus(200);
  });

app.get('/auth', (req, res) => {
  let username = req.query.username || '';
  const password = req.query.password || '';
  username = username.replace(/[@#$%^&*/g, '');
  if (!username || !password || !users[username]) {
    return res.sendStatus(400);
  }
  const { salt, hash } = users[username];
  const encryptHash = crypto.pbkdf2Sync(password, salt, 10000, 512,
'sha512');
  if (crypto.timingSafeEqual(hash, encryptHash)) {
    res.sendStatus(200);
  } else {
    res.sendStatus(401);
  }
});
```

Performance Results

Assuming users report high latency, running the above application with the profiler might yield results indicating that a significant percentage of CPU time is consumed by the `pbkdf2Sync` function, which is blocking the event loop.

Optimizing the Application

Switch from the synchronous `pbkdf2Sync` to the asynchronous `pbkdf2` method to improve performance:

javascript

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```
app.get('/auth', (req, res) => {
  let username = req.query.username || '';
  const password = req.query.password || '';
  username = username.replace(/[@#$%^&*/g, '');
  if (!username || !password || !users[username]) {
    return res.sendStatus(400);
```



```

    }
    crypto.pbkdf2(password, users[username].salt, 10000, 512, 'sha512',
(err, hash) => {
    if (err) {
        return res.sendStatus(500);
    }
    if (crypto.timingSafeEqual(users[username].hash, hash)) {
        res.sendStatus(200);
    } else {
        res.sendStatus(401);
    }
    });
});

```

Results After Optimization

Re-running the benchmark may show significant improvement:

- Requests per second may increase from around 5 to over 20.
- Average latency should drop from several seconds to under 1 second.

Conclusion

Using the built-in Node.js profiler is an effective way to analyze performance issues. By understanding where your application spends time, you can make informed decisions on optimizations, especially transitioning to asynchronous operations where necessary.

This structured guide outlines the process of profiling a Node.js application, interpreting results, and optimizing performance effectively. If you need further assistance or examples, feel free to ask!

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You said:

Security Best Practices Intent This document intends to extend the current threat model and provide extensive guidelines on how to secure a Node.js application. Document Content Best practices: A simplified condensed way to see the best practices. We can use this issue or this guideline as the starting point. It is important to note that this document is specific to Node.js, if you are looking for something broad, consider OSSF Best Practices. Attacks explained:

illustrate and document in plain English with some code examples (if possible) of the attacks that we are mentioning in the threat model.

Third-Party Libraries: define threats (typosquatting attacks, malicious packages...) and best practices regarding node modules dependencies, etc...

Threat List Denial of Service of HTTP server (CWE-400) This is an attack where the application becomes unavailable for the purpose it was designed due to the way it processes incoming HTTP requests. These requests need not be deliberately crafted by a malicious actor: a misconfigured or buggy client can also send a pattern of requests to the server that result in a denial of service. HTTP requests are received by the Node.js HTTP server and handed over to the application code via the registered request handler. The server does not parse the content of the request body. Therefore any DoS caused by the contents of the body after they are handed over to the request handler is not a vulnerability in Node.js itself, since it's the responsibility of the application code to handle it correctly. Ensure that the WebServer handles socket errors properly, for instance, when a server is created without an error handler, it will be vulnerable to DoS

```
CJS MJS
const net = require('node:net');
const server = net.createServer(function (socket) {
  // socket.on('error', console.error) // this prevents the server to crash
  socket.write('Echo server\r\n');
  socket.pipe(socket);
});
server.listen(5000, '0.0.0.0');
```

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If a bad request is performed the server could crash. An example of a DoS attack that is not caused by the request's contents is Slowloris. In this attack, HTTP requests are sent slowly and fragmented, one fragment at a time. Until the full request is delivered, the server will keep resources dedicated to the ongoing request. If enough of these requests are sent at the same time, the amount of concurrent connections will soon reach its maximum resulting in a denial of service. This is how the attack depends not on the request's contents but on the timing and pattern of the requests being sent to the server.

Mitigations Use a reverse proxy to receive and forward requests to the Node.js application. Reverse proxies can provide caching, load balancing, IP blacklisting, etc. which reduce the probability of a DoS attack being effective. Correctly configure the server timeouts, so that connections that are idle or where requests are arriving too slowly can be dropped. See the different timeouts in `http.Server`, particularly `headersTimeout`, `requestTimeout`, `timeout`, and `keepAliveTimeout`. Limit the number of open sockets per host and in total. See the `http` docs, particularly `agent.maxSockets`, `agent.maxTotalSockets`, `agent.maxFreeSockets` and `server.maxRequestsPerSocket`.

DNS Rebinding (CWE-346) This is an attack that can target Node.js applications being run with the debugging inspector enabled using the `--inspect` switch. Since websites opened in a web browser can make WebSocket and HTTP requests, they can target the debugging inspector running locally. This is usually prevented by the same-origin policy implemented by modern browsers, which forbids scripts from reaching resources from different origins (meaning a malicious website cannot read data requested from a local IP address). However, through DNS rebinding, an attacker can temporarily control the origin for their requests so that they seem to originate from a local IP address. This is done by controlling both a website and the DNS server used to resolve its IP address. See [DNS Rebinding wiki](#) for more details.

Mitigations Disable inspector on SIGUSR1 signal by attaching a `process.on('SIGUSR1', ...)` listener to it. Do not run the inspector protocol in production.

Exposure of Sensitive Information to an Unauthorized Actor (CWE-552) All the files and folders included in the current directory are pushed to the npm registry during the package publication. There are some mechanisms to control this behavior by defining a blocklist with `.npmignore` and

.gitignore or by defining an allowlist in the package.json Mitigations Using npm publish --dry-run to list all the files to publish. Ensure to review the content before publishing the package. It's also important to create and maintain ignore files such as .gitignore and .npmignore. Throughout these files, you can specify which files/folders should not be published. The files property in package.json allows the inverse operation -- allowed list. In case of an exposure, make sure to unpublish the package.

HTTP Request Smuggling (CWE-444) This is an attack that involves two HTTP servers (usually a proxy and a Node.js application). A client sends an HTTP request that goes first through the front-end server (the proxy) and then is redirected to the back-end server (the application). When the front-end and back-end interpret ambiguous HTTP requests differently, there is potential for an attacker to send a malicious message that won't be seen by the front-end but will be seen by the back-end, effectively "smuggling" it past the proxy server. See the CWE-444 for a more detailed description and examples. Since this attack depends on Node.js interpreting HTTP requests differently from an (arbitrary) HTTP server, a successful attack can be due to a vulnerability in Node.js, the front-end server, or both. If the way the request is interpreted by Node.js is consistent with the HTTP specification (see RFC7230), then it is not considered a vulnerability in Node.js.

Mitigations Do not use the insecureHTTTParser option when creating a HTTP Server. Configure the front-end server to normalize ambiguous requests. Continuously monitor for new HTTP request smuggling vulnerabilities in both Node.js and the front-end server of choice. Use HTTP/2 end to end and disable HTTP downgrading if possible.

Information Exposure through Timing Attacks (CWE-208) This is an attack that allows the attacker to learn potentially sensitive information by, for example, measuring how long it takes for the application to respond to a request. This attack is not specific to Node.js and can target almost all runtimes. The attack is possible whenever the application uses a secret in a timing-sensitive operation (e.g., branch). Consider handling authentication in a typical application. Here, a basic authentication method includes email and password as credentials. User information is retrieved from the input the user has supplied from ideally a DBMS. Upon retrieving user information, the password is compared with the user information retrieved from the database. Using the built-in string comparison takes a longer time for the same-length values. This comparison, when run for an acceptable amount unwillingly increases the response time of the request. By comparing the request response times, an attacker can guess the length and the value of the password in a large quantity of requests.

Mitigations The crypto API exposes a function timingSafeEqual to compare actual and expected sensitive values using a constant-time algorithm. For password comparison, you can use the scrypt available also on the native crypto module. More generally, avoid using secrets in variable-time operations. This includes branching on secrets and, when the attacker could be co-located on the same infrastructure (e.g., same cloud machine), using a secret as an index into memory. Writing constant-time code in JavaScript is hard (partly because of the JIT). For crypto applications, use the built-in crypto APIs or WebAssembly (for algorithms not implemented in natively).

Malicious Third-Party Modules (CWE-1357) Currently, in Node.js, any package can access powerful resources such as network access. Furthermore, because they also have access to the file system, they can send any data anywhere. All code running into a node process has the ability to load and run additional arbitrary code by using eval()(or its equivalents). All code with file system write access may achieve the same thing by writing to new or existing files that are loaded. Node.js has an experimental¹ policy mechanism to declare

the loaded resource as untrusted or trusted. However, this policy is not enabled by default. Be sure to pin dependency versions and run automatic checks for vulnerabilities using common workflows or npm scripts. Before installing a package make sure that this package is maintained and includes all the content you expected. Be careful, the GitHub source code is not always the same as the published one, validate it in the node_modules. Supply chain attacks A supply chain attack on a Node.js application happens when one of its dependencies (either direct or transitive) are compromised. This can happen either due to the application being too lax on the specification of the dependencies (allowing for unwanted updates) and/or common typos in the specification (vulnerable to typosquatting). An attacker who takes control of an upstream package can publish a new version with malicious code in it. If a Node.js application depends on that package without being strict on which version is safe to use, the package can be automatically updated to the latest malicious version, compromising the application. Dependencies specified in the package.json file can have an exact version number or a range. However, when pinning a dependency to an exact version, its transitive dependencies are not themselves pinned. This still leaves the application vulnerable to unwanted/unexpected updates. Possible attack vectors: Typosquatting attacks Lockfile poisoning Compromised maintainers Malicious Packages Dependency Confusions Mitigations Prevent npm from executing arbitrary scripts with --ignore-scripts Additionally, you can disable it globally with npm config set ignore-scripts true Pin dependency versions to a specific immutable version, not a version that is a range or from a mutable source. Use lockfiles, which pin every dependency (direct and transitive). Use Mitigations for lockfile poisoning. Automate checks for new vulnerabilities using CI, with tools like [npm-audit][]. Tools such as Socket can be used to analyze packages with static analysis to find risky behaviors such as network or filesystem access. Use npm ci instead of npm install. This enforces the lockfile so that inconsistencies between it and the package.json file causes an error (instead of silently ignoring the lockfile in favor of package.json). Carefully check the package.json file for errors/typos in the names of the dependencies. Memory Access Violation (CWE-284) Memory-based or heap-based attacks depend on a combination of memory management errors and an exploitable memory allocator. Like all runtimes, Node.js is vulnerable to these attacks if your projects run on a shared machine. Using a secure heap is useful for preventing sensitive information from leaking due to pointer overruns and underruns. Unfortunately, a secure heap is not available on Windows. More information can be found on Node.js secure-heap documentation. Mitigations Use --secure-heap=n depending on your application where n is the allocated maximum byte size. Do not run your production app on a shared machine. Monkey Patching (CWE-349) Monkey patching refers to the modification of properties in runtime aiming to change the existing behavior. Example: // eslint-disable-next-line no-extend-native Array.prototype.push = function (item) { // overriding the global [].push }; JavaScript Copy to clipboard Mitigations The --frozen-intrinsics flag enables experimental¹ frozen intrinsics, which means all the built-in JavaScript objects and functions are recursively frozen. Therefore, the following snippet will not override the default behavior of Array.prototype.push // eslint-disable-next-line no-extend-native Array.prototype.push = function (item) { // overriding the global [].push }; // Uncaught: // TypeError <Object <Object <[Object: null prototype] {}>>>: // Cannot assign to read only property 'push' of object " JavaScript Copy to clipboard However, it's important to mention you can still define new globals and replace existing globals using globalThis > globalThis.foo = 3;

foo; // you can still define new globals 3 > globalThis.Array = 4; Array; // However, you can also replace existing globals 4 Shell Session Copy to clipboard Therefore, Object.freeze(globalThis) can be used to guarantee no globals will be replaced. Prototype Pollution Attacks (CWE-1321) Prototype pollution refers to the possibility of modifying or injecting properties into Javascript language items by abusing the usage of __proto__, __constructor, prototype, and other properties inherited from built-in prototypes. const a = { a: 1, b: 2 }; const data = JSON.parse('{"__proto__": {"polluted": true}}'); const c = Object.assign({}, a, data); console.log(c.polluted); // true // Potential DoS const data2 = JSON.parse('{"__proto__": null}'); const d = Object.assign(a, data2); d.hasOwnProperty('b'); // Uncaught TypeError: d.hasOwnProperty is not a function JavaScript Copy to clipboard This is a potential vulnerability inherited from the JavaScript language. Examples: CVE-2022-21824 (Node.js) CVE-2018-3721 (3rd Party library: Lodash) Mitigations Avoid insecure recursive merges, see CVE-2018-16487. Implement JSON Schema validations for external/untrusted requests. Create Objects without prototype by using Object.create(null). Freezing the prototype: Object.freeze(MyObject.prototype). Disable the Object.prototype.__proto__ property using --disable-proto flag. Check that the property exists directly on the object, not from the prototype using Object.hasOwn(obj, keyFromObj). Avoid using methods from Object.prototype. Uncontrolled Search Path Element (CWE-427) Node.js loads modules following the Module Resolution Algorithm. Therefore, it assumes the directory in which a module is requested (require) is trusted. By that, it means the following application behavior is expected. Assuming the following directory structure: app/ server.js auth.js auth If server.js uses require('./auth') it will follow the module resolution algorithm and load auth instead of auth.js. Mitigations Using the experimental¹ policy mechanism with integrity checking can avoid the above threat. For the directory described above, one can use the following policy.json { "resources": { "./app/auth.js": { "integrity": "sha256-iuGZ6SFVFpMuHUcJciQTIKplyaQVigMZlv9Lx66HV8=" }, "./app/server.js": { "dependencies": { "./auth": "./app/auth.js" }, "integrity": "sha256-NPtLCQ0ntPPWgfVEgX46ryTNpdvTWdQP0ZO3kHo0bKI=" } } } JSON Copy to clipboard Therefore, when requiring the auth module, the system will validate the integrity and throw an error if doesn't match the expected one. » node --experimental-policy=policy.json app/server.js node:internal/policy/sri:65 throw new ERR_SRI_PARSE(str, str[prevIndex], prevIndex); ^ SyntaxError [ERR_SRI_PARSE]: Subresource Integrity string "sha256-iuGZ6SFVFpMuHUcJciQTIKplyaQVigMZlv9Lx66HV8=%" had an unexpected "%" at position 51 at new NodeError (node:internal/errors:393:5) at Object.parse (node:internal/policy/sri:65:13) at processEntry (node:internal/policy/manifest:581:38) at Manifest.assertIntegrity (node:internal/policy/manifest:588:32) at Module._compile (node:internal/modules/cjs/loader:1119:21) at Module._extensions..js (node:internal/modules/cjs/loader:1213:10) at Module.load (node:internal/modules/cjs/loader:1037:32) at Module._load (node:internal/modules/cjs/loader:878:12) at Module.require (node:internal/modules/cjs/loader:1061:19) at require (node:internal/modules/cjs/helpers:99:18) { code: 'ERR_SRI_PARSE' } Shell Session Copy to clipboard Note, it's always recommended the use of --policy-integrity to avoid policy mutations. Experimental Features in Production The use of experimental features in production isn't recommended. Experimental features can suffer breaking changes if needed, and their functionality isn't securely stable. Although, feedback is

highly appreciated. OpenSSF Tools The OpenSSF is leading several initiatives that can be very useful, especially if you plan to publish an npm package. These initiatives include: OpenSSF Scorecard Scorecard evaluates open source projects using a series of automated security risk checks. You can use it to proactively assess vulnerabilities and dependencies in your code base and make informed decisions about accepting vulnerabilities. OpenSSF Best Practices Badge Program Projects can voluntarily self-certify by describing how they comply with each best practice. This will generate a badge that can be added to the project.

ChatGPT said:

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Your document on security best practices for Node.js applications is comprehensive and well-structured. Here's a condensed summary of its key sections, along with some suggestions for enhancing clarity and usability:

Security Best Practices for Node.js Applications

Intent

This document aims to enhance the existing threat model and provide extensive guidelines for securing Node.js applications.

Best Practices

A simplified overview of best practices tailored specifically for Node.js. For broader guidelines, refer to OSSF Best Practices.

Attacks Explained

Illustrates and documents various attacks in simple language, including code examples.

Third-Party Libraries

Defines threats related to dependencies, such as typosquatting and malicious packages, along with best practices for managing Node.js module dependencies.

Threat List

1. Denial of Service (DoS) (CWE-400)

Description: Attacks that render an application unavailable by overwhelming it with requests.

Example: Slowloris attack, where fragmented requests exhaust server resources.

Mitigations:

- Use a reverse proxy for request handling.
- Configure server timeouts to drop idle connections.
- Limit open sockets per host.

2. DNS Rebinding (CWE-346)

Description: An attack exploiting the debugging inspector in Node.js applications.

Mitigations:

- Disable the inspector in production.
- Attach a listener to disable it on SIGUSR1 signal.

3. Exposure of Sensitive Information (CWE-552)

Description: Sensitive files inadvertently published during npm package publication.

Mitigations:

- Use `.npmignore` and `.gitignore` to control published content.
- Conduct a dry run with `npm publish --dry-run`.

4. HTTP Request Smuggling (CWE-444)

Description: Involves two servers interpreting ambiguous HTTP requests differently.

Mitigations:

- Avoid using `insecureHTTPParser` in HTTP server creation.
- Normalize ambiguous requests in front-end servers.

5. Information Exposure through Timing Attacks (CWE-208)

Description: Attackers deduce sensitive information based on response times.

Mitigations:

- Use `crypto.timingSafeEqual` for secure comparison.
- Avoid timing-sensitive operations with secrets.

6. Malicious Third-Party Modules (CWE-1357)

Description: Risks from arbitrary code execution via malicious packages.

Mitigations:

- Pin dependency versions and conduct vulnerability checks.
- Validate packages before installation.

7. Supply Chain Attacks

Description: Attacks compromising dependencies via typosquatting and insecure specifications.

Mitigations:

- Prevent npm from executing arbitrary scripts with `--ignore-scripts`.
- Use lockfiles to enforce specific dependency versions.

8. Memory Access Violation (CWE-284)

Description: Vulnerabilities due to memory management errors.

Mitigations:

- Utilize `--secure-heap` in applications.
- Avoid running production apps on shared machines.

9. Monkey Patching (CWE-349)

Description: Modifying global properties at runtime.

Mitigations:

- Use the `--frozen-intrinsics` flag to prevent property modification.

10. Prototype Pollution Attacks (CWE-1321)

Description: Attacks that modify properties of JavaScript objects.

Mitigations:

- Implement JSON Schema validations.
- Create objects without prototypes using `Object.create(null)`.

11. Uncontrolled Search Path Element (CWE-427)

Description: Trust issues with module resolution.

Mitigations:

- Utilize an experimental policy mechanism with integrity checking.

12. Experimental Features in Production

Recommendation: Avoid using experimental features in production due to potential instability.

OpenSSF Tools

- **Scorecard:** Evaluate open-source projects for security risks.
 - **Best Practices Badge Program:** Projects can self-certify compliance with best practices.
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Additional Suggestions:

1. **Examples and Code Snippets:** Include practical code snippets for mitigations where applicable. This can help developers implement the recommendations directly.
2. **Formatting for Clarity:** Consider using bullet points, headings, and code blocks for better readability and organization. This will make it easier for users to skim through the document.
3. **References and Links:** Add links to relevant external resources, such as the OSSF Best Practices, official Node.js documentation, and more detailed explanations of complex attacks.
4. **Regular Updates:** Make a note to periodically review and update the document to incorporate the latest security trends and findings in the Node.js ecosystem.

If you'd like, I can help create detailed sections or examples for specific attacks or mitigations.

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You said:

Introduction to TypeScript What is TypeScript TypeScript is an open-source language maintained and developed by Microsoft. Basically, TypeScript adds additional syntax to JavaScript to support a tighter integration with your editor. Catch errors early in your editor or in your CI/CD pipeline, and write more maintainable code. We can talk about other TypeScript benefits later, let's see some examples now! First TypeScript code Take a look at this code

snippet and then we can unpack it together: `type User = { name: string; age: number; }; function isAdult(user: User): boolean { return user.age >= 18; } const justine = { name: 'Justine', age: 23, } satisfies User; const isJustineAnAdult = isAdult(justine);` TypeScript Copy to clipboard The first part (with the `type` keyword) is responsible for declaring our custom object type representing users. Later we utilize this newly created type to create function `isAdult` that accepts one argument of type `User` and returns `boolean`. After this, we create `justine`, our example data that can be used for calling the previously defined function. Finally, we create a new variable with information on whether `justine` is an adult. There are additional things about this example that you should know. Firstly, if we do not comply with the declared types, TypeScript will inform us that something is wrong and prevent misuse. Secondly, not everything must be typed explicitly—TypeScript infers types for us. For example, the variable `isJustineAnAdult` is of type `boolean` even if we didn't type it explicitly, and `justine` would be a valid argument for our function even though we didn't declare this variable as of `User` type. How to run TypeScript code Okay, so we have some TypeScript code. Now how do we run it? There are few possible ways to run TypeScript code, we will cover all of them in the next articles.

ChatGPT said:

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Here's a structured outline for your document on **TypeScript** that elaborates on the introduction you provided. This will help present the content clearly and effectively:

Introduction to TypeScript

What is TypeScript?

TypeScript is an open-source programming language developed and maintained by Microsoft. It extends JavaScript by adding additional syntax that allows for tighter integration with development tools. This leads to catching errors early, whether in your code editor or within your CI/CD pipeline, ultimately promoting more maintainable and robust code.

Benefits of TypeScript

1. **Static Typing:** Catch errors during development rather than at runtime.
2. **Improved IDE Support:** Enhanced autocompletion and code navigation.
3. **Advanced Object-Oriented Features:** Support for interfaces, enums, and generics.
4. **Better Code Readability:** Clearer code structure and documentation through types.
5. **Gradual Adoption:** TypeScript can be gradually introduced into existing JavaScript codebases.

First TypeScript Code

Let's explore a simple TypeScript code snippet to understand its syntax and features:

typescript

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```
type User = {  
  name: string;  
  age: number;  
};  
  
function isAdult(user: User): boolean {  
  return user.age >= 18;  
}  
  
const justine = {  
  name: 'Justine',  
  age: 23,  
} satisfies User;  
  
const isJustineAnAdult = isAdult(justine);
```

Explanation:

- Type Declaration:**
 - The `type User` statement defines a custom type representing a user, with properties for `name` (a string) and `age` (a number).
- Function Definition:**
 - The function `isAdult` accepts a parameter of type `User` and returns a boolean indicating whether the user is an adult.
- Object Creation:**
 - The variable `justine` is created, satisfying the `User` type definition.
- Function Call:**
 - The function `isAdult` is called with the `justine` object, and the result is stored in `isJustineAnAdult`.

Type Safety:

- TypeScript ensures that any object passed to the `isAdult` function conforms to the `User` type. If you try to pass an incorrect type, TypeScript will raise an error.

- TypeScript also infers types automatically, so you don't always have to declare them explicitly. For example, `isJustineAnAdult` is inferred to be of type `boolean`.

How to Run TypeScript Code

To run TypeScript code, follow these steps:

1. Install TypeScript:

You can install TypeScript globally using npm:

bash

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```
npm install -g typescript
```

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2. Create a TypeScript File:

- Save your TypeScript code in a file with a `.ts` extension, e.g., `example.ts`.

3. Compile TypeScript to JavaScript:

Use the TypeScript compiler to convert your `.ts` file to JavaScript:

bash

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tsc example.ts
```

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- This generates a corresponding `.js` file.

4. Run the Compiled JavaScript:

You can run the compiled JavaScript using Node.js:

bash

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node example.js
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5. Using ts-node (Optional):

For convenience, you can use `ts-node` to run TypeScript files directly without needing to compile them first:

bash

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```
npm install -g ts-node
```

```
ts-node example.ts
```

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Conclusion

TypeScript enhances JavaScript development by providing static types and advanced features. Its integration with modern development tools promotes early error detection and improves code maintainability. In the following articles, we will delve deeper into TypeScript's features and best practices.

Feel free to adjust or expand on any sections based on your specific goals for the document!

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You said:

Running TypeScript code using transpilation Transpilation is the process of converting source code from one language to another. In the case of TypeScript, it's the process of converting TypeScript code to JavaScript code. This is necessary because browsers and Node.js can't run TypeScript code directly. Compiling TypeScript to JavaScript The most common way to run TypeScript code is to compile it to JavaScript first. You can do this using the TypeScript compiler tsc. Step 1: Write your TypeScript code in a file, for example example.ts. type User = { name: string; age: number; }; function isAdult(user: User): boolean { return user.age >= 18; } const justine = { name: 'Justine', age: 23, } satisfies User; const isJustineAnAdult = isAdult(justine); TypeScript Copy to clipboard Step 2: Install TypeScript locally using a package manager: In this example we're going to use npm, you can check our our introduction to the npm package manager for more information. npm i -D typescript # -D is a shorthand for --save-dev Shell Copy to clipboard Step 3: Compile your TypeScript code to JavaScript using the tsc command: npx tsc example.ts Shell Copy to clipboard NOTE: npx is a tool that allows you to run Node.js packages without installing them globally. tsc is the TypeScript compiler which will take our TypeScript code and compile it to JavaScript. This command will result in a new file named example.js that we can run using Node.js. Now when we know how to compile and run TypeScript code let's see TypeScript bug-preventing capabilities in action! Step 4: Run your JavaScript code using Node.js: node example.js Shell Copy to clipboard You should see the output of your TypeScript code in the terminal If there are type errors If you have type errors in your TypeScript code, the TypeScript compiler will catch them and prevent you from running the code. For example, if you change the age property of justine to a string, TypeScript will throw an error: We will modify our code like this, to voluntarily introduce a type error: type User = { name: string; age: number; }; function isAdult(user: User): boolean { return user.age >= 18; } const justine: User = { name: 'Justine', age: 'Secret!', }; const isJustineAnAdult: string = isAdult(justine, "I shouldn't be here!"); TypeScript Copy to clipboard And this is what TypeScript has to say about this: example.ts:12:5 - error TS2322: Type 'string' is not assignable to type 'number'. 12 age: 'Secret!', ~~~ example.ts:3:5 3 age: number; ~~~ The expected type comes from property 'age' which is declared here on type 'User' example.ts:15:7 - error TS2322: Type 'boolean' is not assignable to type 'string'. 15 const isJustineAnAdult: string = isAdult(justine, "I shouldn't be here!"); ~~~~~ example.ts:15:51 - error TS2554: Expected 1 arguments, but got 2. 15 const isJustineAnAdult: string = isAdult(justine, "I shouldn't be here!");

~~~~~ Found 3 errors in the same file, starting at: example.ts:12 Shell Session Copy to clipboard As you can see, TypeScript is very helpful in catching bugs before they even happen. This is one of the reasons why TypeScript is so popular among developers.

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Here's a structured outline for your section on **Running TypeScript Code Using Transpilation**, which covers the process of transpiling TypeScript into JavaScript, along with practical examples and error handling. This should enhance clarity and ensure a logical flow:

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# Running TypeScript Code Using Transpilation

## What is Transpilation?

Transpilation is the process of converting source code from one programming language to another. In the context of TypeScript, it refers to converting TypeScript code into JavaScript. This step is necessary because browsers and Node.js cannot execute TypeScript directly.

## Compiling TypeScript to JavaScript

To run TypeScript code, the most common approach is to compile it to JavaScript first using the TypeScript compiler (`tsc`).

### Step-by-Step Guide

#### Step 1: Write Your TypeScript Code

Create a file named `example.ts` and write your TypeScript code in it. Here's an example:

```
typescript
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type User = {
  name: string;
  age: number;
};
```

```
function isAdult(user: User): boolean {  
    return user.age >= 18;  
}  
  
const justine = {  
    name: 'Justine',  
    age: 23,  
} satisfies User;  
  
const isJustineAnAdult = isAdult(justine);
```

## Step 2: Install TypeScript

You need to install TypeScript locally using a package manager like npm. In your terminal, run the following command:

```
bash  
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npm install --save-dev typescript
```

(The `-D` option is a shorthand for `--save-dev`, indicating that TypeScript is a development dependency.)

## Step 3: Compile TypeScript to JavaScript

Compile your TypeScript code to JavaScript using the `tsc` command:

```
bash  
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npx tsc example.ts
```

**Note:** `npx` is a command-line tool that allows you to run Node.js packages without needing to install them globally. The `tsc` command compiles your TypeScript code into JavaScript, generating a file named `example.js`.

## Step 4: Run Your JavaScript Code

You can now run the compiled JavaScript code using Node.js:

```
bash
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```
node example.js
```

You should see the output of your TypeScript code in the terminal.

## Handling Type Errors

TypeScript's type system helps catch errors during development. If you introduce a type error in your code, the TypeScript compiler will flag it, preventing you from running the code until the issue is resolved.

### Example of a Type Error

Let's modify the `justine` object to intentionally introduce a type error:

typescript

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```
type User = {
  name: string;
  age: number;
};

function isAdult(user: User): boolean {
  return user.age >= 18;
}

const justine: User = {
  name: 'Justine',
  age: 'Secret!', // This should be a number
};

const isJustineAnAdult: string = isAdult(justine, "I shouldn't be here!"); // Incorrect argument
```

### Compiler Output

When you run the `tsc` command, you will see error messages similar to this:

python



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```
example.ts:12:5 - error TS2322: Type 'string' is not assignable to  
type 'number'.
```

```
12     age: 'Secret!',
```

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```

```
example.ts:3:5
```

```
3 age: number;
```

```
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```

The expected type comes from property 'age' which is declared here on type 'User'

```
example.ts:15:7 - error TS2322: Type 'boolean' is not assignable to  
type 'string'.
```

```
15 const isJustineAnAdult: string = isAdult(justine, "I shouldn't be  
here!");
```

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```

The compiler identifies three errors in the file:

1. The `age` property should be a number, not a string.
2. The variable `isJustineAnAdult` is incorrectly typed as a string, while the function returns a boolean.
3. The function `isAdult` is called with an incorrect number of arguments.

## Conclusion

As demonstrated, TypeScript effectively catches bugs before they occur, making it a valuable tool for developers. This feature is a significant reason why many developers prefer TypeScript for large-scale applications.

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This outline provides a comprehensive understanding of transpilation and demonstrates TypeScript's error-checking capabilities. Feel free to modify any sections to better suit your needs!

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### You said:

Running TypeScript with a runner In the previous article, we learned how to run TypeScript code using transpilation. In this article, we will learn how to run TypeScript code using a runner. Running TypeScript code with ts-node ts-node is a TypeScript execution environment for

Node.js. It allows you to run TypeScript code directly in Node.js without the need to compile it first. Note, however, that it does not type check your code. So we recommend to type check your code first with `tsc` and then run it with `ts-node` before shipping it. To use `ts-node`, you need to install it first: `npm i -D ts-node` Shell Copy to clipboard Then you can run your TypeScript code like this: `npx ts-node example.ts` Shell Copy to clipboard Running TypeScript code with `tsx` `tsx` is another TypeScript execution environment for Node.js. It allows you to run TypeScript code directly in Node.js without the need to compile it first. Note, however, that it does not type check your code. So we recommend to type check your code first with `tsc` and then run it with `tsx` before shipping it. To use `tsx`, you need to install it first: `npm i -D tsx` Shell Copy to clipboard Then you can run your TypeScript code like this: `npx tsx example.ts` Shell Copy to clipboard Registering `tsx` via node If you want to use `tsx` via node, you can register `tsx` via `--import`: `node --import=tsx example.ts`

ChatGPT said:

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Here's a structured outline for your section on **Running TypeScript Code Using a Runner**. This will cover both `ts-node` and `tsx`, explaining how to install and use them effectively:

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# Running TypeScript Code Using a Runner

In the previous article, we learned how to run TypeScript code through transpilation. In this article, we will explore how to run TypeScript code using a runner.

## Running TypeScript Code with `ts-node`

`ts-node` is a TypeScript execution environment for Node.js, enabling you to run TypeScript code directly without compiling it first. However, it's important to note that `ts-node` does **not** perform type checking. Therefore, it's recommended to check your code with the TypeScript compiler (`tsc`) before running it with `ts-node`.

### Step 1: Install `ts-node`

To get started, install `ts-node` as a development dependency:

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```
npm install --save-dev ts-node
```

## Step 2: Run Your TypeScript Code

Once installed, you can run your TypeScript code using the following command:

bash

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```
npx ts-node example.ts
```

This command executes your TypeScript file (`example.ts`) directly in Node.js.

## Running TypeScript Code with `tsx`

`tsx` is another execution environment for TypeScript in Node.js, similar to `ts-node`. It also allows you to run TypeScript code without pre-compiling it, but like `ts-node`, it does **not** check types. It's also recommended to check your code with `tsc` before using `tsx`.

### Step 1: Install `tsx`

Install `tsx` as a development dependency:

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```
npm install --save-dev tsx
```

### Step 2: Run Your TypeScript Code

After installation, you can run your TypeScript code with:

bash

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```
npx tsx example.ts
```

This command will also execute your TypeScript file directly without needing to compile it.

## Registering `tsx` via Node

If you prefer to use `tsx` directly through Node.js, you can register it with the `--import` flag. This method allows you to run TypeScript files in a more flexible way:

```
bash
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node --import=tsx example.ts
```

This command achieves the same effect, executing your TypeScript file directly using Node.js.

## Conclusion

Using `ts-node` or `tsx` allows for a smoother workflow when running TypeScript code, eliminating the need for manual compilation. However, always remember to perform type checks with `tsc` before executing your code in a production environment to catch any potential issues early.

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This outline provides a clear explanation of how to run TypeScript code using `ts-node` and `tsx`, making it easy for readers to follow along and implement these methods in their own projects. Let me know if you need further adjustments!

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Running TypeScript Natively In the previous articles, we learned how to run TypeScript code using transpilation and with a runner. In this article, we will learn how to run TypeScript code using Node.js itself. Running TypeScript code with Node.js Since V22.6.0, Node.js has experimental support for some TypeScript syntax. You can write code that's valid TypeScript directly in Node.js without the need to transpile it first. So how do you run TypeScript code with Node.js? `node --experimental-strip-types example.ts` Shell Copy to clipboard The `--experimental-strip-types` flag tells Node.js to strip the type annotations from the TypeScript code before running it. And that's it! You can now run TypeScript code directly in Node.js without the need to transpile it first, and use TypeScript to catch type-related errors. Future versions of Node.js will include support for TypeScript without the need for a command line flag. Limitations At the time of writing, the experimental support for TypeScript in Node.js has some limitations. To allow TypeScript to run in node.js, our collaborators have chosen to only strip types from the code. You can get more information on the API docs Important notes Thanks to all the contributors who have made this feature possible. We hope that this feature will be stable and available in the LTS version of Node.js soon. We can understand that this feature is experimental and has some limitations; if that doesn't suit your use-case, please use something else, or contribute a fix. Bug reports are also welcome, please keep in mind the project is run by volunteers, without warranty of any kind, so please be patient if you can't contribute the fix yourself.

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Here's a structured outline for your section on **Running TypeScript Natively** in Node.js. This will provide clear instructions, highlight limitations, and offer important notes:

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# Running TypeScript Natively

In the previous articles, we learned how to run TypeScript code using transpilation and with a runner. In this article, we will explore how to run TypeScript code natively using Node.js.

## Running TypeScript Code with Node.js

Starting from Node.js version **22.6.0**, there is experimental support for some TypeScript syntax, allowing you to write and execute TypeScript code directly in Node.js without the need for transpilation.

### Step 1: Running TypeScript Code

To run TypeScript code natively in Node.js, you can use the following command:

```
bash
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node --experimental-strip-types example.ts
```

The `--experimental-strip-types` flag instructs Node.js to strip type annotations from the TypeScript code before executing it.

### Advantages

- **No Need for Transpilation:** You can run TypeScript code directly without the overhead of compiling it to JavaScript first.
- **Type Checking:** TypeScript will still be able to catch type-related errors, making it easier to debug your code during development.

### Limitations

As of now, the experimental support for TypeScript in Node.js has certain limitations:

- **Stripping Only Types:** Currently, Node.js only removes type annotations from the code. Other TypeScript features may not work as expected or may lead to runtime errors.
- **Feature Stability:** Since this feature is experimental, it may change or be removed in future versions.

For more information, refer to the official Node.js API documentation.

## Important Notes

- **Contributors:** Acknowledgments to all the contributors who have made this feature possible. Their efforts are greatly appreciated, and we hope for stable support in the Long-Term Support (LTS) version of Node.js in the future.
- **Community Contribution:** If the current experimental feature does not fit your use case, consider using alternative methods (like `ts-node` or `tsx`). Contributions to improve this feature, including bug reports, are welcomed. Please remember that this project is run by volunteers, and be patient if you cannot contribute a fix yourself.

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This outline provides a comprehensive guide to running TypeScript natively in Node.js, including practical steps and important considerations. Let me know if you need any modifications or additional details!

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### You said:

Asynchronous flow control The material in this post is heavily inspired by Mixu's Node.js Book. At its core, JavaScript is designed to be non-blocking on the "main" thread, this is where views are rendered. You can imagine the importance of this in the browser. When the main thread becomes blocked it results in the infamous "freezing" that end users dread, and no other events can be dispatched resulting in the loss of data acquisition, for example. This creates some unique constraints that only a functional style of programming can cure. This is where callbacks come in to the picture. However, callbacks can become challenging to handle in more complicated procedures. This often results in "callback hell" where multiple nested functions with callbacks make the code more challenging to read, debug, organize, etc. `async1(function (input, result1) { async2(function (result2) { async3(function (result3) { async4(function (result4) { async5(function (output) { // do something with output }); }); }); }); });` JavaScript Copy to clipboard Of course, in real life there would most likely be additional lines of code to handle result1, result2, etc., thus, the length and complexity of this issue usually results in code that looks much more messy than the example above. This is where functions come in to great use. More complex operations are made up of many functions: initiator style / input middleware terminator The "initiator style / input" is the first function in the sequence. This function will accept the original input, if any, for the operation. The operation is an executable series of functions, and the original input will primarily be: variables in a global environment direct

invocation with or without arguments values obtained by file system or network requests

Network requests can be incoming requests initiated by a foreign network, by another application on the same network, or by the app itself on the same or foreign network. A middleware function will return another function, and a terminator function will invoke the callback. The following illustrates the flow to network or file system requests. Here the latency is 0 because all these values are available in memory.

```
function final(someInput, callback) {
 callback(`${someInput} and terminated by executing callback`);
}
function middleware(someInput, callback) {
 return final(`${someInput} touched by middleware`, callback);
}
function initiate() {
 const someInput = 'hello this is a function';
 middleware(someInput, function (result) {
 console.log(result); // requires callback to return result
 });
}
initiate();
```

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State management Functions may or may not be state dependent. State dependency arises when the input or other variable of a function relies on an outside function. In this way there are two primary strategies for state management: passing in variables directly to a function, and acquiring a variable value from a cache, session, file, database, network, or other outside source. Note, I did not mention global variable. Managing state with global variables is often a sloppy anti-pattern that makes it difficult or impossible to guarantee state. Global variables in complex programs should be avoided when possible.

Control flow If an object is available in memory, iteration is possible, and there will not be a change to control flow:

```
function getSong() {
 let _song = "";
 let i = 100;
 for (i; i > 0; i -= 1) {
 _song += `${i} beers on the wall, you take one down and pass it around,
 ${i - 1} bottles of beer on the wall\n`;
 if (i === 1) {
 _song += "Hey let's get some more beer";
 }
 }
 return _song;
}
function singSong(_song) {
 if (!_song) throw new Error("song is " + "empty, FEED ME A SONG!");
 console.log(_song);
}
const song = getSong(); // this will work
singSong(song);
```

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However, if the data exists outside of memory the iteration will no longer work:

```
function getSong() {
 let _song = "";
 let i = 100;
 for (i; i > 0; i -= 1) {
 /* eslint-disable no-loop-func */
 setTimeout(function () {
 _song += `${i} beers on the wall, you take one down and pass it around,
 ${i - 1} bottles of beer on the wall\n`;
 if (i === 1) {
 _song += "Hey let's get some more beer";
 }
 }, 0);
 /* eslint-enable no-loop-func */
 }
 return _song;
}
function singSong(_song) {
 if (!_song) throw new Error("song is " + "empty, FEED ME A SONG!");
 console.log(_song);
}
const song = getSong('beer'); // this will not work
singSong(song);
```

Uncaught Error: song is "empty, FEED ME A SONG!"

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Why did this happen? `setTimeout` instructs the CPU to store the instructions elsewhere on the bus, and instructs that the data is scheduled for pickup at a later time. Thousands of CPU cycles pass before the function hits again at the 0 millisecond mark, the CPU fetches the instructions from the bus and executes them. The only problem is that `song` ("") was returned thousands of cycles prior. The same situation arises in dealing with file systems and network requests. The main thread simply cannot be blocked for an indeterminate period of time-- therefore, we use callbacks to schedule the execution of code in time in a controlled manner. You will be able to perform almost all of your operations with the following 3 patterns:

In series: functions will be executed in a strict sequential order, this one is most similar to for loops.

```
// operations defined elsewhere and ready to execute
const operations = [
 { func: function1, args: args1 },
 { func: function2, args: args2 },
 { func: function3, args: args3 },
];
function executeFunctionWithArgs(operation, callback) {
 // executes function
 const { args, func } =
```

```

operation; func(args, callback); } function serialProcedure(operation) { if (!operation)
process.exit(0); // finished executeFunctionWithArgs(operation, function (result) { // continue
AFTER callback serialProcedure(operations.shift()); }); } serialProcedure(operations.shift());
JavaScript Copy to clipboard Full parallel: when ordering is not an issue, such as emailing a list
of 1,000,000 email recipients. let count = 0; let success = 0; const failed = []; const recipients = [
{ name: 'Bart', email: 'bart@tld' }, { name: 'Marge', email: 'marge@tld' }, { name: 'Homer', email:
'homer@tld' }, { name: 'Lisa', email: 'lisa@tld' }, { name: 'Maggie', email: 'maggie@tld' },];
function dispatch(recipient, callback) { // sendEmail is a hypothetical SMTP client sendMail({
subject: 'Dinner tonight', message: 'We have lots of cabbage on the plate. You coming?', smtp:
recipient.email, }, callback); } function final(result) { console.log(Result: ${result.count}
attempts \ & ${result.success} succeeded emails); if (result.failed.length)
console.log(Failed to send to: \ \n${result.failed.join('\n')}\n); }
recipients.forEach(function (recipient) { dispatch(recipient, function (err) { if (!err) { success += 1;
} else { failed.push(recipient.name); } count += 1; if (count === recipients.length) { final({ count,
success, failed, }); } }); }); JavaScript Copy to clipboard Limited parallel: parallel with limit, such
as successfully emailing 1,000,000 recipients from a list of 10 million users. let successCount =
0; function final() { console.log(dispatched ${successCount} emails);
console.log('finished'); } function dispatch(recipient, callback) { // sendEmail is a hypothetical
SMTP client sendMail({ subject: 'Dinner tonight', message: 'We have lots of cabbage on the
plate. You coming?', smtp: recipient.email, }, callback); } function sendOneMillionEmailsOnly() {
getListOfTenMillionGreatEmails(function (err, bigList) { if (err) throw err; function serial(recipient)
{ if (!recipient || successCount >= 1000000) return final(); dispatch(recipient, function (_err) { if
(!_err) successCount += 1; serial(bigList.pop()); }); } serial(bigList.pop()); }); }
sendOneMillionEmailsOnly(); JavaScript Copy to clipboard Each has its own use cases,
benefits, and issues you can experiment and read about in more detail. Most importantly,
remember to modularize your operations and use callbacks! If you feel any doubt, treat
everything as if it were middleware!

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Here's a structured outline for your section on **Asynchronous Flow Control** in JavaScript, highlighting key concepts, examples, and best practices.

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# Asynchronous Flow Control

The material in this post is heavily inspired by Mixu's Node.js Book.

## Understanding Non-Blocking Behavior



At its core, JavaScript is designed to be non-blocking on the "main" thread, which is responsible for rendering views. This non-blocking nature is crucial in the browser environment. When the main thread becomes blocked, it can lead to freezing, causing the loss of data acquisition and a poor user experience.

To manage asynchronous operations effectively, callbacks are used, but they can introduce complexity.

## The Challenge of Callbacks

Callbacks are functions passed as arguments to other functions that are executed once an asynchronous operation completes. However, complex procedures can lead to "callback hell," characterized by deeply nested functions that hinder readability and maintainability:

javascript

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```
async1(function (input, result1) {
 async2(function (result2) {
 async3(function (result3) {
 async4(function (result4) {
 async5(function (output) {
 // do something with output
 });
 });
 });
 });
});
```

## Using Functions for Better Organization

To address the complexity of callbacks, you can structure your operations into three types of functions:

1. **Initiator Function:** This is the entry point that receives the initial input for the operation.
2. **Middleware Function:** Processes the input and returns another function.
3. **Terminator Function:** Invokes the callback to complete the operation.

### Example

javascript

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```

function final(someInput, callback) {
 callback(`${someInput} and terminated by executing callback`);
}

function middleware(someInput, callback) {
 return final(`${someInput} touched by middleware`, callback);
}

function initiate() {
 const someInput = 'hello this is a function ';
 middleware(someInput, function (result) {
 console.log(result);
 });
}

initiate();

```

## State Management

State management in asynchronous programming involves managing dependencies on external states. The two primary strategies include:

- **Passing Variables Directly:** Explicitly passing necessary variables to functions.
- **Acquiring Variables Externally:** Fetching data from caches, sessions, databases, or network requests.

Avoid relying on global variables as they can introduce unpredictable state management issues.

## Control Flow

### In-Memory Iteration

If data is available in memory, iteration is straightforward:

```

javascript
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function getSong() {
 let _song = '';
 for (let i = 100; i > 0; i--) {

```

```

 _song += `${i} beers on the wall, you take one down and pass it
around, ${i - 1} bottles of beer on the wall\n`;
 if (i === 1) {
 _song += "Hey let's get some more beer";
 }
 }
 return _song;
}

function singSong(_song) {
 if (!_song) throw new Error("song is '' empty, FEED ME A SONG!");
 console.log(_song);
}

const song = getSong();
singSong(song); // This will work

```

## External Data Iteration

When data exists outside memory, traditional loops fail:

javascript

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```

function getSong() {
 let _song = '';
 for (let i = 100; i > 0; i--) {
 setTimeout(function () {
 _song += `${i} beers on the wall, you take one down and pass it
around, ${i - 1} bottles of beer on the wall\n`;
 if (i === 1) {
 _song += "Hey let's get some more beer";
 }
 }, 0);
 }
 return _song;
}

const song = getSong('beer');
singSong(song); // This will not work

```

**Explanation:** The `setTimeout` schedules execution to happen later, allowing the main thread to continue. This leads to `singSong` receiving an empty string since the loop has completed before the callbacks execute.

## Asynchronous Patterns

You can manage asynchronous operations using three common patterns:

**In Series:** Execute functions in strict sequential order, similar to a for loop.

javascript

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```
const operations = [
 { func: function1, args: args1 },
 { func: function2, args: args2 },
 { func: function3, args: args3 },
];

function executeFunctionWithArgs(operation, callback) {
 const { args, func } = operation;
 func(args, callback);
}

function serialProcedure(operation) {
 if (!operation) process.exit(0); // finished
 executeFunctionWithArgs(operation, function (result) {
 serialProcedure(operations.shift());
 });
}

serialProcedure(operations.shift());
```

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**Full Parallel:** Execute all operations simultaneously when order does not matter.

javascript

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```
let count = 0;
let success = 0;
const failed = [];
```

```

const recipients = [/* array of recipients */];

function dispatch(recipient, callback) {
 sendMail({ /* email details */ }, callback);
}

recipients.forEach(function (recipient) {
 dispatch(recipient, function (err) {
 if (!err) success++;
 else failed.push(recipient.name);
 count++;
 if (count === recipients.length) {
 final({ count, success, failed });
 }
 });
});
});

```

2.

**Limited Parallel:** Control the number of concurrent operations, useful for bulk emailing.

javascript

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```

let successCount = 0;

function final() {
 console.log(`dispatched ${successCount} emails`);
}

function dispatch(recipient, callback) {
 sendMail({ /* email details */ }, callback);
}

function sendOneMillionEmailsOnly() {
 getListOfTenMillionGreatEmails(function (err, bigList) {
 if (err) throw err;
 function serial(recipient) {
 if (!recipient || successCount >= 1000000) return final();
 dispatch(recipient, function (_err) {
 if (!_err) successCount++;
 serial(bigList.pop());
 });
 }
 });
}

```

```

 });
 }
 serial(bigList.pop());
});
}

sendOneMillionEmailsOnly();

```

3.

## Conclusion

Each asynchronous pattern has its unique use cases, benefits, and challenges. Always remember to modularize your operations and effectively manage callbacks to maintain code clarity and avoid pitfalls associated with complex asynchronous logic. If in doubt, treat everything as middleware!

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This outline provides a comprehensive overview of asynchronous flow control in JavaScript. Let me know if you need any adjustments or additional information!

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### You said:

Overview of Blocking vs Non-Blocking This overview covers the difference between blocking and non-blocking calls in Node.js. This overview will refer to the event loop and libuv but no prior knowledge of those topics is required. Readers are assumed to have a basic understanding of the JavaScript language and Node.js callback pattern. "I/O" refers primarily to interaction with the system's disk and network supported by libuv. Blocking Blocking is when the execution of additional JavaScript in the Node.js process must wait until a non-JavaScript operation completes. This happens because the event loop is unable to continue running JavaScript while a blocking operation is occurring. In Node.js, JavaScript that exhibits poor performance due to being CPU intensive rather than waiting on a non-JavaScript operation, such as I/O, isn't typically referred to as blocking. Synchronous methods in the Node.js standard library that use libuv are the most commonly used blocking operations. Native modules may also have blocking methods. All of the I/O methods in the Node.js standard library provide asynchronous versions, which are non-blocking, and accept callback functions. Some methods also have blocking counterparts, which have names that end with Sync. Comparing Code Blocking methods execute synchronously and non-blocking methods execute asynchronously. Using the File System module as an example, this is a synchronous file read: `const fs = require('node:fs'); const data = fs.readFileSync('/file.md');` // blocks here until file is read JavaScript Copy to clipboard And here is an equivalent asynchronous example: `const fs =`

`require('node:fs'); fs.readFile('/file.md', (err, data) => { if (err) throw err; });` JavaScript Copy to clipboard  
 The first example appears simpler than the second but has the disadvantage of the second line blocking the execution of any additional JavaScript until the entire file is read. Note that in the synchronous version if an error is thrown it will need to be caught or the process will crash. In the asynchronous version, it is up to the author to decide whether an error should throw as shown. Let's expand our example a little bit: `const fs = require('node:fs'); const data = fs.readFileSync('/file.md'); // blocks here until file is read console.log(data); moreWork(); // will run after console.log` JavaScript Copy to clipboard  
 And here is a similar, but not equivalent asynchronous example: `const fs = require('node:fs'); fs.readFile('/file.md', (err, data) => { if (err) throw err; console.log(data); }); moreWork(); // will run before console.log` JavaScript Copy to clipboard  
 In the first example above, `console.log` will be called before `moreWork()`. In the second example `fs.readFile()` is non-blocking so JavaScript execution can continue and `moreWork()` will be called first. The ability to run `moreWork()` without waiting for the file read to complete is a key design choice that allows for higher throughput.

**Concurrency and Throughput** JavaScript execution in Node.js is single threaded, so concurrency refers to the event loop's capacity to execute JavaScript callback functions after completing other work. Any code that is expected to run in a concurrent manner must allow the event loop to continue running as non-JavaScript operations, like I/O, are occurring. As an example, let's consider a case where each request to a web server takes 50ms to complete and 45ms of that 50ms is database I/O that can be done asynchronously. Choosing non-blocking asynchronous operations frees up that 45ms per request to handle other requests. This is a significant difference in capacity just by choosing to use non-blocking methods instead of blocking methods. The event loop is different than models in many other languages where additional threads may be created to handle concurrent work.

**Dangers of Mixing Blocking and Non-Blocking Code** There are some patterns that should be avoided when dealing with I/O. Let's look at an example: `const fs = require('node:fs'); fs.readFile('/file.md', (err, data) => { if (err) throw err; console.log(data); }); fs.unlinkSync('/file.md');` JavaScript Copy to clipboard  
 In the above example, `fs.unlinkSync()` is likely to be run before `fs.readFile()`, which would delete `file.md` before it is actually read. A better way to write this, which is completely non-blocking and guaranteed to execute in the correct order is: `const fs = require('node:fs'); fs.readFile('/file.md', (readFileErr, data) => { if (readFileErr) throw readFileErr; console.log(data); fs.unlink('/file.md', (unlinkErr) => { if (unlinkErr) throw unlinkErr; }); });` JavaScript Copy to clipboard  
 The above places a non-blocking call to `fs.unlink()` within the callback of `fs.readFile()` which guarantees the correct order of operations.

Additional Resources [libuv](#)

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Here's a structured overview of **Blocking vs Non-Blocking** in Node.js, focusing on the differences, code comparisons, concurrency, and potential pitfalls. This outline can serve as a guide for readers to understand how blocking and non-blocking operations affect application performance in Node.js.

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# Overview of Blocking vs Non-Blocking in Node.js

This overview covers the difference between blocking and non-blocking calls in Node.js. While it will refer to the event loop and libuv, no prior knowledge of those topics is required. Readers are assumed to have a basic understanding of the JavaScript language and Node.js callback pattern.

## What is I/O?

In this context, "I/O" primarily refers to interactions with the system's disk and network, supported by **libuv**, a library that provides the underlying mechanisms for asynchronous I/O operations in Node.js.

## Blocking

**Blocking** occurs when the execution of additional JavaScript code in the Node.js process must wait until a non-JavaScript operation completes. This means the event loop is unable to continue running JavaScript while a blocking operation is being executed.

### Key Points:

- **Performance Impact:** JavaScript that is CPU-intensive rather than waiting on I/O is not typically classified as blocking in Node.js.
- **Synchronous Methods:** Many synchronous methods in the Node.js standard library that utilize libuv are considered blocking. These methods usually have counterparts ending with **Sync**, which are synchronous versions of asynchronous methods.

### Example of Blocking Code

javascript

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```
const fs = require('node:fs');
const data = fs.readFileSync('/file.md'); // Blocks here until the
file is read
```

## Non-Blocking



**Non-blocking** methods allow the Node.js process to continue executing additional JavaScript while waiting for the completion of I/O operations. This is achieved using asynchronous calls that accept callback functions to handle the results.

## Example of Non-Blocking Code

javascript

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```
const fs = require('node:fs');
fs.readFile('/file.md', (err, data) => {
 if (err) throw err;
 console.log(data); // Executed after the file is read
});
```

## Comparison of Blocking vs Non-Blocking

### Blocking Example:

javascript

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```
const fs = require('node:fs');
const data = fs.readFileSync('/file.md'); // Blocks execution
console.log(data);
moreWork(); // Executes after the file is read
```

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### Non-Blocking Example:

javascript

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```
const fs = require('node:fs');
fs.readFile('/file.md', (err, data) => {
 if (err) throw err;
 console.log(data); // Executes after the file is read
});
moreWork(); // Executes immediately, before file read completes
```

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## Key Difference:

In the blocking example, `moreWork()` will only run after `console.log(data)` completes. In the non-blocking example, `moreWork()` can run immediately without waiting for the file read to finish, enabling higher throughput.

## Concurrency and Throughput

JavaScript execution in Node.js is **single-threaded**, meaning concurrency refers to the event loop's ability to execute JavaScript callback functions after completing other work. Using non-blocking operations allows the event loop to handle more tasks simultaneously.

### Example Scenario:

If each request to a web server takes 50ms to complete, where 45ms is spent on database I/O, non-blocking operations can free up that time to handle other requests. This design significantly increases application capacity compared to blocking methods.

## Dangers of Mixing Blocking and Non-Blocking Code

Mixing blocking and non-blocking calls can lead to unpredictable behavior. For instance, if a blocking operation runs before a non-blocking one completes, it may cause unintended consequences.

### Example of Risky Code

javascript

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```
const fs = require('node:fs');
fs.readFile('/file.md', (err, data) => {
 if (err) throw err;
 console.log(data); // May run after the file is deleted
});
fs.unlinkSync('/file.md'); // Blocking call may execute first
```

### Safer Approach

To ensure the correct order of operations, encapsulate the blocking call within the callback of the non-blocking one:

javascript

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```
const fs = require('node:fs');
```

```
fs.readFile('/file.md', (readFileErr, data) => {
 if (readFileErr) throw readFileErr;
 console.log(data);
 fs.unlink('/file.md', unlinkErr => {
 if (unlinkErr) throw unlinkErr; // Executes after the file is read
 });
});
```

## Additional Resources

For further understanding of the event loop and I/O in Node.js, consider exploring the following resources:

- [libuv Documentation](#)
- Node.js Event Loop

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This overview provides a clear understanding of blocking vs. non-blocking operations in Node.js, emphasizing their importance in building efficient applications. Let me know if you need any modifications or additional details!

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### You said:

JavaScript Asynchronous Programming and Callbacks Asynchronicity in Programming Languages Computers are asynchronous by design. Asynchronous means that things can happen independently of the main program flow. In the current consumer computers, every program runs for a specific time slot and then it stops its execution to let another program continue their execution. This thing runs in a cycle so fast that it's impossible to notice. We think our computers run many programs simultaneously, but this is an illusion (except on multiprocessor machines). Programs internally use interrupts, a signal that's emitted to the processor to gain the attention of the system. Let's not go into the internals of this now, but just keep in mind that it's normal for programs to be asynchronous and halt their execution until they need attention, allowing the computer to execute other things in the meantime. When a program is waiting for a response from the network, it cannot halt the processor until the request finishes. Normally, programming languages are synchronous and some provide a way to manage asynchronicity in the language or through libraries. C, Java, C#, PHP, Go, Ruby, Swift, and Python are all synchronous by default. Some of them handle async operations by using threads, spawning a new process. JavaScript JavaScript is synchronous by default and is single threaded. This means that code cannot create new threads and run in parallel. Lines of code are executed in series, one after another, for example: `const a = 1; const b = 2; const c = a * b;`

console.log(c); doSomething(); JavaScript Copy to clipboard But JavaScript was born inside the browser, its main job, in the beginning, was to respond to user actions, like onClick, onMouseOver, onChange, onSubmit and so on. How could it do this with a synchronous programming model? The answer was in its environment. The browser provides a way to do it by providing a set of APIs that can handle this kind of functionality. More recently, Node.js introduced a non-blocking I/O environment to extend this concept to file access, network calls and so on. Callbacks You can't know when a user is going to click a button. So, you define an event handler for the click event. This event handler accepts a function, which will be called when the event is triggered: document.getElementById('button').addEventListener('click', () => { // item clicked }); JavaScript Copy to clipboard This is the so-called callback. A callback is a simple function that's passed as a value to another function, and will only be executed when the event happens. We can do this because JavaScript has first-class functions, which can be assigned to variables and passed around to other functions (called higher-order functions) It's common to wrap all your client code in a load event listener on the window object, which runs the callback function only when the page is ready: window.addEventListener('load', () => { // window loaded // do what you want }); JavaScript Copy to clipboard Callbacks are used everywhere, not just in DOM events. One common example is by using timers: setTimeout(() => { // runs after 2 seconds }, 2000); JavaScript Copy to clipboard XHR requests also accept a callback, in this example by assigning a function to a property that will be called when a particular event occurs (in this case, the state of the request changes): const xhr = new XMLHttpRequest(); xhr.onreadystatechange = () => { if (xhr.readyState === 4) { xhr.status === 200 ? console.log(xhr.responseText) : console.error('error'); } }; xhr.open('GET', 'https://yoursite.com'); xhr.send(); JavaScript Copy to clipboard Handling errors in callbacks How do you handle errors with callbacks? One very common strategy is to use what Node.js adopted: the first parameter in any callback function is the error object: error-first callbacks If there is no error, the object is null. If there is an error, it contains some description of the error and other information. const fs = require('node:fs'); fs.readFile('/file.json', (err, data) => { if (err) { // handle error console.log(err); return; } // no errors, process data console.log(data); }); JavaScript Copy to clipboard The problem with callbacks Callbacks are great for simple cases! However every callback adds a level of nesting, and when you have lots of callbacks, the code starts to be complicated very quickly: window.addEventListener('load', () => { document.getElementById('button').addEventListener('click', () => { setTimeout(() => { items.forEach(item => { // your code here }); }, 2000); }); }); JavaScript Copy to clipboard This is just a simple 4-levels code, but I've seen much more levels of nesting and it's not fun. How do we solve this? Alternatives to callbacks Starting with ES6, JavaScript introduced several features that help us with asynchronous code that do not involve using callbacks: Promises (ES6) and Async/Await (ES2017).

**ChatGPT said:**

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Here's a structured overview of **JavaScript Asynchronous Programming and Callbacks**, explaining the nature of asynchronicity in programming, how it applies to JavaScript, and the challenges posed by callbacks, along with alternatives introduced in newer versions of JavaScript.

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# JavaScript Asynchronous Programming and Callbacks

## Asynchronicity in Programming Languages

**Asynchronicity** is a fundamental aspect of computer operations, allowing different tasks to occur independently of the main program flow. Here are some key points:

- **Concept of Asynchronicity:**
  - Computers are designed to handle multiple tasks seemingly at once. While they execute programs in rapid cycles, it may seem like many tasks run simultaneously—this is often an illusion, especially in single-threaded environments.
  - Programs utilize **interrupts**, which signal the processor when to pause one task and switch to another, allowing for better resource utilization.
- **Synchronous vs. Asynchronous Languages:**
  - Most programming languages, including C, Java, C#, PHP, Go, Ruby, Swift, and Python, operate synchronously by default. They may offer libraries or mechanisms to handle asynchronous operations, typically through threading or spawning new processes.

## JavaScript

JavaScript is synchronous by default and operates in a single-threaded environment, meaning it cannot create new threads to run tasks in parallel. The code executes sequentially, as shown in the following example:

```
javascript
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const a = 1;
const b = 2;
const c = a * b;
console.log(c);
doSomething();
```

## Handling Asynchronous Operations

Given that JavaScript was designed primarily for the browser to handle user interactions (e.g., clicks, form submissions), it needed a way to manage asynchronous events without blocking the execution of code. This is achieved through the browser's API.

With the introduction of Node.js, asynchronous programming has been extended beyond just browser interactions to include file access and network calls.

## Callbacks

**Callbacks** are functions passed as arguments to other functions, designed to execute in response to certain events. This allows JavaScript to handle asynchronous operations effectively.

### Example of a Callback

javascript

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```
document.getElementById('button').addEventListener('click', () => {
 // Code to execute when the button is clicked
});
```

### Usage of Callbacks

Callbacks are prevalent in various scenarios, such as:

**Event Handling:** Using event listeners on DOM elements.

javascript

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```
window.addEventListener('load', () => {
 // Code to execute when the page has loaded
});
```

1.

**Timers:** Using `setTimeout` to schedule code execution.

javascript

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```
setTimeout(() => {
 // Code to run after 2 seconds
}, 2000);
```

2.

**XHR Requests:** Assigning a callback function to handle changes in the request state.

javascript

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```
const xhr = new XMLHttpRequest();
xhr.onreadystatechange = () => {
 if (xhr.readyState === 4) {
 xhr.status === 200 ? console.log(xhr.responseText) :
 console.error('error');
 }
};
xhr.open('GET', 'https://yoursite.com');
xhr.send();
```

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## Error Handling in Callbacks

To manage errors in callbacks, a common pattern is the **error-first callback** convention, where the first parameter of the callback function represents the error:

javascript

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```
const fs = require('node:fs');
fs.readFile('/file.json', (err, data) => {
 if (err) {
 console.log(err); // Handle error
 return;
 }
 console.log(data); // Process data if no error
});
```

## The Problem with Callbacks

While callbacks are useful, they can lead to **callback hell**, where multiple levels of nested callbacks make code difficult to read and maintain:

javascript

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```
window.addEventListener('load', () => {
 document.getElementById('button').addEventListener('click', () => {
```

```
 setTimeout(() => {
 items.forEach(item => {
 // Your code here
 });
 }, 2000);
 });
});
```

As the code complexity grows, maintaining and debugging becomes challenging.

## Alternatives to Callbacks

To address the issues associated with callbacks, JavaScript introduced **Promises** (in ES6) and **Async/Await** (in ES2017) to facilitate asynchronous programming without deep nesting.

### Promises

A **Promise** is an object representing the eventual completion (or failure) of an asynchronous operation and its resulting value. Promises allow chaining, leading to more readable code.

### Async/Await

**Async/Await** builds on the promise-based approach by allowing you to write asynchronous code that looks synchronous. An **async** function always returns a promise, and the **await** keyword pauses the execution of the function until the promise is resolved.

### Example of Async/Await

javascript

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```
const fs = require('node:fs/promises');

async function readFile() {
 try {
 const data = await fs.readFile('/file.json');
 console.log(data);
 } catch (err) {
 console.log(err); // Handle error
 }
}
```



```
readFile();
```

## Conclusion

Understanding asynchronous programming is crucial for effective JavaScript development, especially with the rise of applications that require efficient handling of user interactions, network requests, and other I/O operations. While callbacks serve their purpose, modern JavaScript offers more robust alternatives like Promises and Async/Await to simplify asynchronous code management.

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This overview captures the essence of JavaScript asynchronous programming and the role of callbacks, along with the challenges they present and modern alternatives. Let me know if you need any changes or additional information!

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Here's a detailed overview of **JavaScript Timers**, covering the functionalities of `setTimeout`, `setInterval`, and related concepts. This will help readers understand how to manage timing in JavaScript effectively.

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## Discover JavaScript Timers

JavaScript provides built-in functions to manage time-based execution of code through **timers**. The primary functions are `setTimeout` and `setInterval`, which allow you to schedule tasks for later execution.

### `setTimeout()`

The `setTimeout()` function is used to delay the execution of a callback function. It takes two arguments: the callback function and the delay in milliseconds before the function should run.

### Syntax and Usage

javascript

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```
setTimeout(() => {
 // This code runs after the specified delay
```

```
}, 2000); // runs after 2 seconds
```

You can also specify a zero delay, which allows the callback to be executed as soon as possible after the current function completes:

```
javascript
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setTimeout(() => {
 console.log('after ');
}, 0);
console.log('before ');
// Output:
// before
// after
```

## Passing Arguments

You can pass arguments to the function called by `setTimeout()`:

```
javascript
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const myFunction = (firstParam, secondParam) => {
 // do something
};
// runs after 2 seconds
setTimeout(myFunction, 2000, firstParam, secondParam);
```

## Timer ID

The `setTimeout()` function returns a **timer ID** that can be used to cancel the scheduled execution using `clearTimeout()`:

```
javascript
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const id = setTimeout(() => {
 // This function should run after 2 seconds
}, 2000);

// Cancel the execution
```

```
clearTimeout(id);
```

## Using setTimeout to Prevent Blocking

Using a delay of 0 milliseconds with `setTimeout()` can be particularly useful for avoiding CPU blocking during intensive tasks. It allows other functions to execute while a heavy computation is ongoing, by queuing functions in the event loop.

## setInterval()

The `setInterval()` function works similarly to `setTimeout()`, but instead of executing the callback once after a delay, it executes the callback repeatedly at the specified interval:

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```
setInterval(() => {
 // This code runs every 2 seconds
}, 2000);
```

## Stopping the Interval

To stop the repeated execution, use `clearInterval()` with the interval ID returned by `setInterval()`:

javascript

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```
const id = setInterval(() => {
 // This code runs every 2 seconds
}, 2000);

// To stop it:
clearInterval(id);
```

## Controlling Execution with clearInterval

It's common to call `clearInterval` within the interval callback to conditionally stop the interval based on certain criteria:

javascript

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```
const interval = setInterval(() => {
 if (App.somethingIWait === 'arrived') {
 clearInterval(interval);
 }
 // Otherwise, do something
}, 100);
```

## Recursive setTimeout

Using `setInterval()` can lead to issues if the execution time of the callback function varies. For example, if a function takes longer to execute than the interval duration, the next execution could overlap the previous one.

To avoid this, you can implement a **recursive setTimeout** approach:

javascript

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```
const myFunction = () => {
 // do something
 setTimeout(myFunction, 1000); // Schedule the next call
};
setTimeout(myFunction, 1000); // Start the first call
```

This method ensures that the next execution only occurs after the current one completes.

## Additional Timer Functions in Node.js

In addition to `setTimeout` and `setInterval`, Node.js provides the following:

- **setImmediate()**: This function is similar to `setTimeout(() => {}, 0)` and is used to execute a single callback after the current event loop cycle. It's particularly useful for deferring execution without blocking the event loop.

## Conclusion

Understanding and effectively using JavaScript timers (`setTimeout`, `setInterval`, and `setImmediate`) is crucial for creating responsive applications, especially when dealing with

asynchronous tasks and user interactions. By mastering these functions, you can manage timing effectively, avoid blocking the main thread, and create smooth, interactive experiences.

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Here's a comprehensive overview of **JavaScript Timers**, specifically focusing on the functions `setTimeout` and `setInterval`, along with their usage and key concepts. This will help you understand how to implement timed execution in your JavaScript code effectively.

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# Discover JavaScript Timers

In JavaScript, there are various situations where you might need to delay the execution of a function or repeatedly execute it at specific intervals. The primary tools for this in JavaScript are the timer functions `setTimeout` and `setInterval`.

## setTimeout()

The `setTimeout()` function allows you to execute a callback function after a specified delay, defined in milliseconds.

### Basic Syntax

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```
setTimeout(() => {
 // This code runs after 2 seconds
}, 2000);
```

You can specify a shorter delay as well:

javascript

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```
setTimeout(() => {
 // This code runs after 50 milliseconds
}, 50);
```

## Passing Functions and Arguments

You can pass an existing function to `setTimeout()` and also include parameters to be sent to that function:

javascript

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```
const myFunction = (firstParam, secondParam) => {
 // Do something with firstParam and secondParam
};
// This will run myFunction after 2 seconds with the specified
parameters
setTimeout(myFunction, 2000, firstParam, secondParam);
```

## Timer ID

When you call `setTimeout()`, it returns a **timer ID** that can be used to cancel the scheduled execution if needed:

javascript

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```
const id = setTimeout(() => {
 // This code is intended to run after 2 seconds
}, 2000);

// If you change your mind, you can cancel it
clearTimeout(id);
```

## Zero Delay

If you set the delay to 0 milliseconds, the callback function will be executed as soon as possible, but after the current execution context completes:

javascript

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```
setTimeout(() => {
 console.log('after');
}, 0);
console.log('before');
// Output:
```



```
// before
// after
```

This behavior is particularly useful for avoiding CPU blocking during intensive tasks, allowing the JavaScript engine to execute other queued tasks while waiting.

## Compatibility Note

While some browsers, like Internet Explorer and Edge, provide a `setImmediate()` method that behaves similarly, it's not a standard feature across all browsers. However, it is a standard function in Node.js.

## setInterval()

The `setInterval()` function is similar to `setTimeout()`, but instead of executing the callback once, it repeatedly runs the callback at specified intervals.

### Basic Syntax

javascript

Copy code

```
setInterval(() => {
 // This code runs every 2 seconds
}, 2000);
```

### Stopping the Interval

You can stop the repeated execution by using `clearInterval()` with the interval ID returned by `setInterval()`:

javascript

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```
const id = setInterval(() => {
 // This code runs every 2 seconds
}, 2000);
```

```
// To stop the interval:
clearInterval(id);
```

## Conditional Stopping

It's common to call `clearInterval()` inside the interval callback based on certain conditions:

javascript

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```
const interval = setInterval(() => {
 if (App.somethingIWait === 'arrived') {
 clearInterval(interval);
 }
 // Otherwise, do other things
}, 100);
```

## Recursive setTimeout

Using `setInterval()` can lead to overlapping executions if the callback takes longer to run than the interval time. To avoid this, you can implement a **recursive `setTimeout()`** pattern:

javascript

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```
const myFunction = () => {
 // Do something
 setTimeout(myFunction, 1000); // Schedule the next call
};

// Start the first call
setTimeout(myFunction, 1000);
```

This ensures that the next execution is only scheduled after the current one completes.

## Timers in Node.js

In addition to `setTimeout` and `setInterval`, Node.js includes:

- **`setImmediate()`**: This function executes a single callback after the current event loop cycle, similar to `setTimeout(() => {}, 0)`. It's useful for deferring execution without blocking the event loop.

# Conclusion

JavaScript timers, specifically `setTimeout`, `setInterval`, and `setImmediate`, provide powerful tools for managing time-based operations in your applications. By understanding how to use these functions effectively, you can enhance user experience through responsive interactions and manage asynchronous tasks efficiently.

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Feel free to ask if you need any further explanations or examples!

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## You said:

The Node.js Event emitter If you worked with JavaScript in the browser, you know how much of the interaction of the user is handled through events: mouse clicks, keyboard button presses, reacting to mouse movements, and so on. On the backend side, Node.js offers us the option to build a similar system using the events module. This module, in particular, offers the EventEmitter class, which we'll use to handle our events. You initialize that using CJS MJS `const EventEmitter = require('node:events'); const eventEmitter = new EventEmitter();` JavaScript Copy to clipboard This object exposes, among many others, the `on` and `emit` methods. `emit` is used to trigger an event `on` is used to add a callback function that's going to be executed when the event is triggered For example, let's create a `start` event, and as a matter of providing a sample, we react to that by just logging to the console: `eventEmitter.on('start', () => { console.log('started'); });` JavaScript Copy to clipboard When we run `eventEmitter.emit('start');` JavaScript Copy to clipboard the event handler function is triggered, and we get the console log. You can pass arguments to the event handler by passing them as additional arguments to `emit()`: `eventEmitter.on('start', number => { console.log(started ${number}); });` `eventEmitter.emit('start', 23);` JavaScript Copy to clipboard Multiple arguments: `eventEmitter.on('start', (start, end) => { console.log(started from ${start} to ${end}); });` `eventEmitter.emit('start', 1, 100);` JavaScript Copy to clipboard The EventEmitter object also exposes several other methods to interact with events, like `once()`: add a one-time listener `removeListener()` / `off()`: remove an event listener from an event `removeAllListeners()`: remove all listeners for an event You can read more about these methods in the official documentation.

## ChatGPT said:

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Here's an overview of the **Node.js EventEmitter** module, which allows you to create and manage events in your Node.js applications. This system is similar to how events are handled in browser JavaScript, enabling asynchronous programming patterns that can be very useful in server-side applications.

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# The Node.js EventEmitter

In Node.js, the **events** module provides the **EventEmitter** class, which allows you to handle events. This can be useful for creating a flexible and modular architecture in your applications.

## Setting Up the EventEmitter

To use the EventEmitter, you first need to require the events module and create an instance of EventEmitter:

### Example

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```
// CommonJS module
const EventEmitter = require('node:events');
const eventEmitter = new EventEmitter();
```

### Example (ES Module)

javascript

Copy code

```
// ES Module
import { EventEmitter } from 'node:events';
const eventEmitter = new EventEmitter();
```

## Key Methods

### 1. on()

The **on** method is used to register a callback function that will be executed when a specified event is emitted.

### Example

javascript

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```
eventEmitter.on('start', () => {
 console.log('started');
});
```

## 2. emit()

The `emit` method triggers the specified event and executes all the associated callback functions. You can also pass additional arguments to the event handler.

### Example

javascript

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```
eventEmitter.emit('start'); // Logs: started
```

## Passing Arguments

You can pass arguments to the event handler by providing them as additional arguments to `emit()`:

javascript

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```
eventEmitter.on('start', (number) => {
 console.log(`started ${number}`);
});
eventEmitter.emit('start', 23); // Logs: started 23
```

## Multiple Arguments

You can pass multiple arguments as well:

javascript

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```
eventEmitter.on('start', (start, end) => {
 console.log(`started from ${start} to ${end}`);
});
eventEmitter.emit('start', 1, 100); // Logs: started from 1 to 100
```

## 3. once()

The `once` method adds a listener that will only be called the next time the specified event is emitted. After that, the listener is removed.

### Example

javascript

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```
eventEmitter.once('start', () => {
 console.log('This will only run once');
});

eventEmitter.emit('start'); // Logs: This will only run once
eventEmitter.emit('start'); // No output
```

#### 4. removeListener() / off()

These methods remove a specific listener from an event.

**Example**

javascript

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```
const listener = () => {
 console.log('This will be removed');
};

eventEmitter.on('start', listener);
eventEmitter.removeListener('start', listener);
eventEmitter.emit('start'); // No output
```

#### 5. removeAllListeners()

This method removes all listeners for a specified event.

**Example**

javascript

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```
eventEmitter.on('start', () => {
 console.log('First listener');
});
eventEmitter.on('start', () => {
 console.log('Second listener');
});

eventEmitter.removeAllListeners('start');
eventEmitter.emit('start'); // No output
```

## Conclusion

The EventEmitter class in Node.js provides a powerful and flexible way to handle events in your applications. By using methods like `on`, `emit`, `once`, and `removeListener`, you can create responsive, modular applications that can react to various events efficiently. This is especially useful in scenarios involving asynchronous operations, such as handling user input, file I/O, or network requests.

For more detailed information, you can refer to the official Node.js documentation on events.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need further examples!

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### You said:

Understanding `process.nextTick()` As you try to understand the Node.js event loop, one important part of it is `process.nextTick()`. Every time the event loop takes a full trip, we call it a tick. When we pass a function to `process.nextTick()`, we instruct the engine to invoke this function at the end of the current operation, before the next event loop tick starts:

```
process.nextTick(() => { // do something });
```

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setTimeout(() => { console.log('The timeout running last => number 4'); }, 0);
process.nextTick(() => { console.log('Running at next tick => number 2'); });
```

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Here's a detailed explanation of `process.nextTick()` in Node.js, which plays a crucial role in managing the order of asynchronous operations and the event loop.

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# Understanding `process.nextTick()`

In Node.js, the event loop is responsible for executing asynchronous callbacks. Each complete cycle of the event loop is known as a "tick." The `process.nextTick()` method allows you to schedule a callback function to be invoked in the next tick of the event loop.

## What Does `process.nextTick()` Do?

When you pass a function to `process.nextTick()`, it tells the Node.js engine to execute that function at the end of the current operation, just before the next tick starts. This means the function will run after the currently executing operation completes but before any I/O operations or timers.

### Example Usage

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```
process.nextTick(() => {
 console.log('This runs at the next tick');
});
```

## Timing of Execution

- **Priority:** Functions scheduled with `process.nextTick()` will be executed before any other I/O events or timers scheduled with `setTimeout()` or `setImmediate()`.
- **Execution Flow:** The current operation must complete first, and then all queued `nextTick` callbacks will be executed.

## Comparison with `setTimeout()` and `setImmediate()`

- `setTimeout(() => {}, 0)` schedules a callback to run after the current stack and I/O events are processed, making it less immediate than `nextTick()`.
- `setImmediate(() => {})` is called after the current event loop cycle completes, but still after I/O events.

### Example Comparison

Consider the following code:



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```
console.log('Hello => number 1');

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 console.log('Running before the timeout => number 3');
});

setTimeout(() => {
 console.log('The timeout running last => number 4');
}, 0);

process.nextTick(() => {
 console.log('Running at next tick => number 2');
});
```

## Example Output

When the above code runs, the output will be:

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```
Hello => number 1
Running at next tick => number 2
Running before the timeout => number 3
The timeout running last => number 4
```

## Explanation of the Output:

1. **Hello => number 1** is logged first as it's the initial synchronous operation.
2. **Running at next tick => number 2** is logged next, as it is scheduled to run immediately after the current operation.
3. **Running before the timeout => number 3** is logged afterward because it was scheduled with `setImmediate()`, which runs after `nextTick()` callbacks.
4. **The timeout running last => number 4** is logged last because it is delayed by `setTimeout()`.

## When to Use `process.nextTick()`

- Use `process.nextTick()` when you want to ensure that a piece of code runs immediately after the current operation completes, before any other scheduled I/O events or timers.
- It is particularly useful for error handling or executing code that needs to run as soon as possible without waiting for the next event loop iteration.

## Conclusion

Understanding `process.nextTick()` is essential for managing asynchronous behavior in Node.js. By scheduling functions to execute at the next tick of the event loop, you can control the order of operations and ensure certain callbacks run with high priority. This makes it a powerful tool in your Node.js programming toolkit.

Feel free to ask if you have any questions or need further clarification on this topic!

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**You said:**

Understanding `process.nextTick()` As you try to understand the Node.js event loop, one important part of it is `process.nextTick()`. Every time the event loop takes a full trip, we call it a tick. When we pass a function to `process.nextTick()`, we instruct the engine to invoke this function at the end of the current operation, before the next event loop tick starts:

```
process.nextTick(() => { // do something });
```

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**ChatGPT said:**

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Here's a concise overview of `process.nextTick()` in Node.js, focusing on its role in the event loop, its usage, and how it compares with other asynchronous methods like `setTimeout()` and `setImmediate()`.

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# Understanding `process.nextTick()`

## Overview

In Node.js, the event loop continuously cycles through various phases to execute operations, and each complete cycle is called a "tick." The method `process.nextTick()` allows you to schedule a callback function to be executed at the end of the current operation, right before the event loop moves to the next tick.

## How It Works

When you call `process.nextTick()`, you are instructing the Node.js engine to invoke the specified function immediately after the current operation finishes, but before any other I/O operations or timers are processed. This makes it a way to run asynchronous code as soon as possible without being queued like with other methods.

## Example of `process.nextTick()`

javascript

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```
process.nextTick(() => {
 console.log('This runs at the next tick');
});
```

## Timing and Order of Execution

### Comparing `process.nextTick()`, `setTimeout()`, and `setImmediate()`

- `process.nextTick()`: Executes the callback at the end of the current operation.
- `setTimeout(() => {}, 0)`: Schedules the callback for the next event loop tick, but after I/O operations.
- `setImmediate(() => {})`: Schedules the callback to run after the current event loop cycle, but after all I/O events.

## Example of the Order of Events

Here's a practical example demonstrating the execution order:

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```
console.log('Hello => number 1');

setImmediate(() => {
 console.log('Running before the timeout => number 3');
});

setTimeout(() => {
 console.log('The timeout running last => number 4');
}, 0);

process.nextTick(() => {
 console.log('Running at next tick => number 2');
});
```

## Expected Output

When you run the above code, the output will be:

sql

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```
Hello => number 1
Running at next tick => number 2
Running before the timeout => number 3
The timeout running last => number 4
```

## Explanation of the Output:

1. **Hello => number 1**: Logged first as it's the initial synchronous operation.
2. **Running at next tick => number 2**: Logged next because it was scheduled with `nextTick()` which runs immediately after the current operation.
3. **Running before the timeout => number 3**: Logged afterward due to `setImmediate()`, which runs after `nextTick()` callbacks.
4. **The timeout running last => number 4**: Logged last since it was delayed by `setTimeout()`.

## When to Use `process.nextTick()`

Use `process.nextTick()` when you want to:

- Ensure a function executes right after the current operation completes.
- Manage error handling or any other logic that needs to execute before the event loop processes other queued callbacks.

## Conclusion

Understanding `process.nextTick()` is essential for effectively managing asynchronous behavior in Node.js. It provides a mechanism for executing code at the highest priority within the event loop, allowing developers to control the order of execution precisely.

If you have any questions or need further details, feel free to ask!

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### You said:

Understanding `setImmediate()` When you want to execute some piece of code asynchronously, but as soon as possible, one option is to use the `setImmediate()` function provided by Node.js: `setImmediate(() => { // run something });` JavaScript Copy to clipboard Any function passed as the `setImmediate()` argument is a callback that's executed in the next iteration of the event loop. How is `setImmediate()` different from `setTimeout(() => {}, 0)` (passing a 0ms timeout), and from `process.nextTick()` and `Promise.then()`? A function passed to `process.nextTick()` is going to be executed on the current iteration of the event loop, after the current operation ends. This means it will always execute before `setTimeout` and `setImmediate`. A `setTimeout()` callback with a 0ms delay is very similar to `setImmediate()`. The execution order will depend on various factors, but they will be both run in the next iteration of the event loop. A `process.nextTick` callback is added to `process.nextTick` queue. A `Promise.then()` callback is added to promises microtask queue. A `setTimeout`, `setImmediate` callback is added to macrotask queue. Event loop executes tasks in `process.nextTick` queue first, and then executes promises microtask queue, and then executes macrotask queue. Here is an example to show the order between `setImmediate()`, `process.nextTick()` and `Promise.then()`: `const baz = () => console.log('baz'); const foo = () => console.log('foo'); const zoo = () => console.log('zoo'); const start = () => { console.log('start'); setImmediate(baz); new Promise((resolve, reject) => { resolve('bar'); }).then(resolve => { console.log(resolve); process.nextTick(zoo); }); process.nextTick(foo); }; start(); // start foo bar zoo baz` JavaScript Copy to clipboard This code will first call `start()`, then call `foo()` in `process.nextTick` queue. After that, it will handle promises microtask queue, which prints `bar` and adds `zoo()` in `process.nextTick` queue at the same time. Then it will call `zoo()` which has just been added. In the end, the `baz()` in macrotask queue is called. The principle aforementioned holds true in CommonJS cases, but keep in mind in ES Modules, e.g. `mjs` files, the execution order will be different: `// start bar foo zoo baz` JavaScript Copy to clipboard This is because the ES Module being loaded is wrapped as an asynchronous operation, and thus the entire script is actually already in the promises microtask queue. So when the promise is immediately resolved,

its callback is appended to the microtask queue. Node.js will attempt to clear the queue until moving to any other queue, and hence you will see its outputs bar first.

ChatGPT said:

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Here's a detailed explanation of `setImmediate()` in Node.js, including how it interacts with the event loop and its relationship with other asynchronous functions like `setTimeout()`, `process.nextTick()`, and `Promise.then()`.

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# Understanding `setImmediate()`

## Overview

`setImmediate()` is a function in Node.js that allows you to execute a piece of code asynchronously, as soon as the current operation completes and the event loop is ready for the next iteration. This is particularly useful for deferring execution until after all I/O operations are complete.

## Basic Usage

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```
setImmediate(() => {
 console.log('This runs in the next iteration of the event loop');
});
```

## How It Works

- When you call `setImmediate()`, the provided callback function is queued to be executed in the next iteration of the event loop, after all currently executing code and I/O operations are complete.

## Comparison with Other Asynchronous Functions

### 1. `process.nextTick()`

- **Execution Timing:** A function passed to `process.nextTick()` is executed immediately after the current operation completes, but **before** any I/O tasks. It is prioritized above `setTimeout()` and `setImmediate()`.

## 2. `setTimeout(() => {}, 0)`

- **Execution Timing:** A `setTimeout()` callback with a delay of `0ms` is also scheduled to run in the next iteration of the event loop but will execute **after** all `process.nextTick()` callbacks and promises' microtasks. Its exact timing can vary based on the environment and event loop state.

## 3. `Promise.then()`

- **Execution Timing:** Callbacks registered with `Promise.then()` are added to the microtask queue, which has higher priority than both `setImmediate()` and `setTimeout()`. Thus, they will execute before any of these functions.

## Event Loop Order

The event loop processes tasks in the following order:

1. `process.nextTick()` queue (highest priority)
2. Microtask queue (e.g., `Promise.then()`)
3. Macrotask queue (e.g., `setImmediate()`, `setTimeout()`)

## Example of Execution Order

Here's an example demonstrating the order of execution between `setImmediate()`, `process.nextTick()`, and `Promise.then()`:

javascript

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```
const baz = () => console.log('baz');
const foo = () => console.log('foo');
const zoo = () => console.log('zoo');
```

```
const start = () => {
 console.log('start');
 setImmediate(baz);
```

```
 new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
```

```
 resolve('bar');
 }).then(resolve => {
 console.log(resolve); // prints 'bar'
 process.nextTick(zoo);
 });

 process.nextTick(foo);
};

start();
```

## Expected Output

The output of this code will be:

```
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start
foo
bar
zoo
baz
```

## Explanation of Output Order:

1. **start**: Logged first as part of the initial synchronous operation.
2. **foo**: Logged next, as it is in the `process.nextTick()` queue and runs immediately after the current operation.
3. **bar**: Logged next from the `Promise.then()` callback, which is part of the microtask queue.
4. **zoo**: Logged next, scheduled in the `process.nextTick()` queue from within the promise resolution.
5. **baz**: Logged last, as it is queued with `setImmediate()` and executed after all previous tasks.

## ES Modules Behavior

When using ES modules (e.g., `.mjs` files), the execution order can differ due to how the module is loaded:



javascript

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```
// ES Module Example
const baz = () => console.log('baz');
const foo = () => console.log('foo');
const start = () => {
 console.log('start');
 setImmediate(baz);
 new Promise((resolve) => resolve('bar')).then(resolve => {
 console.log(resolve);
 process.nextTick(foo);
 });
};
start();
// Expected output: start bar foo baz
```

## Explanation of Output Order in ES Modules:

In the ES Module context, `start` is logged first, followed by `bar` (from the promise resolution), then `foo` (from the `process.nextTick()`), and finally `baz`. This behavior is due to the wrapping of the ES Module as an asynchronous operation, causing it to prioritize the promise microtask queue.

## Conclusion

`setImmediate()` is a valuable tool for scheduling asynchronous operations in Node.js, ensuring that your code runs as soon as the current operation completes. Understanding its interaction with other asynchronous constructs helps manage execution order effectively within the event loop.

If you have any more questions or need further clarification, feel free to ask!

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The `fs` module in Node.js is a powerful tool for interacting with the file system. It provides methods to read, write, and manage files and directories, including obtaining file statistics through the `stat()` method. Below, I'll explain the key concepts, usage, and methods related to `fs.stat()` and the different ways to implement it.

## CommonJS (CJS) vs. ECMAScript Modules (MJS)

Node.js supports two module systems:

1. **CommonJS (CJS)**: This is the traditional module system used in Node.js, which employs `require()` to import modules.
2. **ECMAScript Modules (MJS)**: This is a newer module system introduced in ES6 that uses `import` and `export` syntax. Files using this module system usually have a `.mjs` extension or are specified in the `package.json`.

## Using `fs.stat()`

### Asynchronous Method

The asynchronous version of the `stat()` method is non-blocking, allowing other code to run while the file statistics are being retrieved. Here's how you can use it:

```
javascript
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// CommonJS
const fs = require('node:fs');

fs.stat('/Users/joe/test.txt', (err, stats) => {
 if (err) {
 console.error(err);
 return; // Exit if there was an error
 }
 // We can access the file stats
 console.log(`Is file: ${stats.isFile()}`); // Check if
it's a file
 console.log(`Is directory: ${stats.isDirectory()}`); // Check if
it's a directory
 console.log(`Is symbolic link: ${stats.isSymbolicLink()}`); // Check
if it's a symbolic link
 console.log(`File size: ${stats.size} bytes`); // Get the file
size in bytes
});
```

### Synchronous Method

The synchronous version of the `stat()` method blocks the execution of subsequent code until the stats are available. Here's how to use it:

javascript

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```
// CommonJS
```

```
const fs = require('node:fs');
```

```
try {
 const stats = fs.statSync('/Users/joe/test.txt');
 console.log(`Is file: ${stats.isFile()}`); // Check if
it's a file
 console.log(`Is directory: ${stats.isDirectory()}`); // Check if
it's a directory
 console.log(`Is symbolic link: ${stats.isSymbolicLink()}`); // Check
if it's a symbolic link
 console.log(`File size: ${stats.size} bytes`); // Get the file
size in bytes
} catch (err) {
 console.error(err); // Handle error if the file doesn't exist or
there's another issue
}
```

## Using Promises with **fs/promises**

Node.js also provides a promise-based version of the `stat()` method, which is useful for working with `async/await` syntax. This approach can help write cleaner and more readable asynchronous code:

javascript

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```
// Using Promises
```

```
const fs = require('node:fs/promises');
```

```
async function example() {
 try {
 const stats = await fs.stat('/Users/joe/test.txt');
 console.log(`Is file: ${stats.isFile()}`); // Check if
it's a file
 console.log(`Is directory: ${stats.isDirectory()}`); // Check if
it's a directory
 }
```

```
 console.log(`Is symbolic link: ${stats.isSymbolicLink()}`); //
Check if it's a symbolic link
 console.log(`File size: ${stats.size} bytes`); // Get the
file size in bytes
 } catch (err) {
 console.error(err); // Handle error
 }
}

example(); // Call the async function
```

## Available Properties and Methods on **stats**

The **stats** object returned by **stat()** contains a wealth of information about the file, including:

- **stats.isFile()**: Returns **true** if the file is a regular file.
- **stats.isDirectory()**: Returns **true** if the file is a directory.
- **stats.isSymbolicLink()**: Returns **true** if the file is a symbolic link.
- **stats.size**: The size of the file in bytes.
- **stats.birthtime**: The date and time when the file was created.
- **stats.mtime**: The date and time when the file was last modified.
- **stats.atime**: The date and time when the file was last accessed.
- **stats.ctime**: The date and time when the file's metadata was last changed.

## Conclusion

The **fs.stat()** method is a fundamental part of the Node.js **fs** module that allows developers to access essential metadata about files. Using either the callback, synchronous, or promise-based approaches, you can efficiently check various file attributes and handle errors accordingly.

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**You said:**

Don't Block the Event Loop (or the Worker Pool)

**ChatGPT said:**

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In Node.js, understanding how to manage asynchronous operations without blocking the event loop or the worker pool is crucial for building efficient and performant applications. Here's a detailed explanation of what this means, why it matters, and how to achieve it.

## The Event Loop

The **event loop** is a core part of Node.js that allows it to handle asynchronous operations. It operates on a single thread, which means that long-running operations can block the event loop, preventing it from processing other incoming events. When the event loop is blocked, the application becomes unresponsive, leading to a poor user experience.

## The Worker Pool

Node.js also has a **worker pool** used to handle asynchronous tasks that require more time, such as file system operations, image processing, or cryptography. These tasks can be offloaded from the main event loop to the worker pool, allowing for concurrent processing. However, if tasks that utilize the worker pool take too long to complete, they can block other operations waiting for the pool.

## Why Not Block the Event Loop?

Blocking the event loop can lead to several issues:

1. **Poor Performance:** If the event loop is busy, it cannot process other incoming requests, which can slow down the application significantly.
2. **Unresponsive Applications:** Users may experience delays or freezing, which can lead to frustration and decreased user satisfaction.
3. **Scalability Issues:** Applications that block the event loop struggle to scale efficiently, particularly under heavy load.

## How to Avoid Blocking the Event Loop

Here are several strategies to prevent blocking the event loop in Node.js:

### 1. Use Asynchronous APIs

Always prefer asynchronous APIs over synchronous ones. For example, instead of using `fs.readFileSync()`, which blocks the event loop, use `fs.readFile()`, which is non-blocking:

javascript

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```
const fs = require('fs');
```

```
fs.readFile('/path/to/file.txt', 'utf8', (err, data) => {
 if (err) {
 console.error(err);
 return;
 }
 console.log(data);
});
```

## 2. Utilize Promises and Async/Await

Using promises and `async/await` can help keep your code clean and avoid blocking operations:

javascript

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```
const fs = require('fs/promises');

async function readFile() {
 try {
 const data = await fs.readFile('/path/to/file.txt', 'utf8');
 console.log(data);
 } catch (err) {
 console.error(err);
 }
}

readFile();
```

## 3. Offload Long-Running Tasks

For CPU-intensive tasks, consider using worker threads or child processes. This allows you to offload heavy computations without blocking the event loop:

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```
const { Worker } = require('worker_threads');

const worker = new Worker('./worker.js'); // worker.js contains the
long-running code
```

```

worker.on('message', (result) => {
 console.log('Result from worker:', result);
});

worker.on('error', (err) => {
 console.error('Worker error:', err);
});

worker.on('exit', (code) => {
 if (code !== 0) {
 console.error(`Worker stopped with exit code ${code}`);
 }
});

```

#### 4. Use `setImmediate` and `setTimeout`

To yield control back to the event loop, you can use `setImmediate()` or `setTimeout()`. This can be useful for breaking up large computations into smaller chunks:

```

javascript
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function processLargeArray(arr) {
 for (let i = 0; i < arr.length; i++) {
 // Process the item
 if (i % 1000 === 0) { // Yield every 1000 iterations
 setImmediate(() => processLargeArray(arr.slice(i + 1)));
 return; // Exit the function to give control back to the event
loop
 }
 }
}

processLargeArray(largeArray);

```

## Summary

By following these strategies, you can prevent blocking the event loop and the worker pool in Node.js, leading to a more responsive, efficient, and scalable application. Always prefer

non-blocking operations, utilize asynchronous programming patterns, and offload heavy computations as necessary to ensure optimal performance.

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**You said:**

Node.js File Paths Every file in the system has a path. On Linux and macOS, a path might look like: /users/joe/file.txt while Windows computers are different, and have a structure such as: C:\users\joe\file.txt You need to pay attention when using paths in your applications, as this difference must be taken into account. You include this module in your files using `const path = require('node:path');` and you can start using its methods. Getting information out of a path Given a path, you can extract information out of it using those methods: `dirname`: gets the parent folder of a file `basename`: gets the filename part `extname`: gets the file extension Example CJS MJS `const path = require('node:path');` `const notes = '/users/joe/notes.txt';` `path.dirname(notes); // /users/joe` `path.basename(notes); // notes.txt` `path.extname(notes); // .txt` JavaScript Copy to clipboard You can get the file name without the extension by specifying a second argument to `basename`: `path.basename(notes, path.extname(notes)); // notes` JavaScript Copy to clipboard Working with paths You can join two or more parts of a path by using `path.join()`: `const name = 'joe';` `path.join('/', 'users', name, 'notes.txt');` `//` `/users/joe/notes.txt` JavaScript Copy to clipboard You can get the absolute path calculation of a relative path using `path.resolve()`: `path.resolve('joe.txt');` `//` `/Users/joe/joe.txt` if run from my home folder JavaScript Copy to clipboard In this case Node.js will simply append `/joe.txt` to the current working directory. If you specify a second parameter folder, `resolve` will use the first as a base for the second: `path.resolve('tmp', 'joe.txt');` `//` `/Users/joe/tmp/joe.txt` if run from my home folder JavaScript Copy to clipboard If the first parameter starts with a slash, that means it's an absolute path: `path.resolve('/etc', 'joe.txt');` `//` `/etc/joe.txt` JavaScript Copy to clipboard `path.normalize()` is another useful function, that will try and calculate the actual path, when it contains relative specifiers like `.` or `..`, or double slashes: `path.normalize('/users/joe/./test.txt');` `//` `/users/test.txt` JavaScript Copy to clipboard Neither `resolve` nor `normalize` will check if the path exists. They just calculate a path based on the information they got.

**ChatGPT said:**

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In Node.js, working with file paths is an essential part of file system operations. The `path` module provides a set of utilities to help you manipulate and manage file paths effectively, taking into account the differences in file path formats across operating systems (e.g., Unix-like systems like Linux and macOS vs. Windows). Below is a detailed overview of the `path` module and its commonly used methods.

## Importing the `path` Module

To use the `path` module in your Node.js application, you need to require it at the beginning of your file:



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```
const path = require('node:path');
```

## Extracting Information from a Path

You can extract various components of a file path using the following methods:

**dirname(path)**: Returns the directory name of the specified path.

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```
const notes = '/users/joe/notes.txt';
console.log(path.dirname(notes)); // Output: '/users/joe'
```

1.

**basename(path)**: Returns the last portion of a path (i.e., the file name).

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```
console.log(path.basename(notes)); // Output: 'notes.txt'
```

2.

**extname(path)**: Returns the file extension of the specified path.

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```
console.log(path.extname(notes)); // Output: '.txt'
```

3.

**Get filename without the extension**: You can specify a second argument to **basename** to get just the file name without its extension.

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```
console.log(path.basename(notes, path.extname(notes))); // Output:
'notes'
```

4.

## Working with Paths

### Joining Paths

You can combine multiple path segments into a single path using `path.join()`. This method automatically handles the appropriate separators for the current operating system:

javascript

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```
const name = 'joe';
console.log(path.join('/', 'users', name, 'notes.txt')); // Output:
'/users/joe/notes.txt'
```

## Resolving Relative Paths

To convert a relative path into an absolute path, you can use `path.resolve()`. This method resolves a sequence of paths or path segments into an absolute path:

Resolving a simple relative path:

javascript

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```
console.log(path.resolve('joe.txt')); // Output: '/Users/joe/joe.txt'
(if executed from the home directory)
```

1.

Using a base path for resolution:

javascript

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```
console.log(path.resolve('tmp', 'joe.txt')); // Output:
'/Users/joe/tmp/joe.txt' (if executed from the home directory)
```

2.

If the first parameter starts with a slash, it is treated as an absolute path:

javascript

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```
console.log(path.resolve('/etc', 'joe.txt')); // Output:
'/etc/joe.txt'
```

3.

## Normalizing Paths

`path.normalize()` helps in cleaning up a path string by resolving `.` and `..` segments and removing any redundant slashes:

javascript

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```
console.log(path.normalize('/users/joe/.../test.txt')); // Output:
'/users/test.txt'
```

## Important Notes

- **Non-Existence of Paths:** Both `resolve()` and `normalize()` do not check whether the path actually exists on the file system. They simply calculate and format the path based on the provided inputs.
- **Cross-Platform Compatibility:** The `path` module takes care of platform differences, ensuring that paths are constructed appropriately for the operating system where the Node.js application is running.

## Example Usage

Here's a complete example that demonstrates the use of various methods from the `path` module:

javascript

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```
const path = require('node:path');

const filePath = '/users/joe/documents/report.pdf';

// Get directory name
console.log('Directory:', path.dirname(filePath)); //
'/users/joe/documents'

// Get base file name
console.log('File Name:', path.basename(filePath)); // 'report.pdf'

// Get file extension
console.log('Extension:', path.extname(filePath)); // '.pdf'

// Get file name without extension
console.log('File Name without Extension:', path.basename(filePath,
path.extname(filePath)); // 'report'

// Joining paths
```

```

const newFilePath = path.join('users', 'joe', 'downloads',
'newfile.txt');
console.log('Joined Path:', newFilePath); //
'users/joe/downloads/newfile.txt'

// Resolving a relative path
console.log('Resolved Path:', path.resolve('downloads/newfile.txt'));
// Absolute path based on current working directory

// Normalizing a path
console.log('Normalized Path:',
path.normalize('/users/joe/../../downloads/./newfile.txt')); //
'/users/downloads/newfile.txt'

```

## Conclusion

The `path` module in Node.js is a powerful utility for handling file paths across different operating systems. By using its various methods, you can easily manipulate paths, ensuring that your application can effectively work with the file system in a cross-platform manner.

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### You said:

Working with file descriptors in Node.js Before you're able to interact with a file that sits in your filesystem, you must get a file descriptor. A file descriptor is a reference to an open file, a number (fd) returned by opening the file using the `open()` method offered by the `fs` module. This number (fd) uniquely identifies an open file in operating system: CJS MJS

```
const fs = require('node:fs'); fs.open('/Users/joe/test.txt', 'r', (err, fd) => { // fd is our file descriptor });
```

JavaScript Copy to clipboard Notice the `r` we used as the second parameter to the `fs.open()` call. That flag means we open the file for reading. Other flags you'll commonly use are:

| Description | File gets created if it doesn't exist | r+ | This flag opens the file for reading and writing                                                                                                           |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ✗ w+        |                                       |    | This flag opens the file for reading and writing and it also positions the stream at the beginning of the file                                             |
| ✓ a         |                                       |    | This flag opens the file for writing and it also positions the stream at the end of the file                                                               |
| ✓ a+        |                                       |    | This flag opens the file for reading and writing and it also positions the stream at the end of the file                                                   |
| ✓           |                                       |    | You can also open the file by using the <code>fs.openSync</code> method, which returns the file descriptor, instead of providing it in a callback: CJS MJS |

```
const fs = require('node:fs'); try { const fd = fs.openSync('/Users/joe/test.txt', 'r'); } catch (err) { console.error(err); }
```

JavaScript Copy to clipboard Once you get the file descriptor, in whatever way you choose, you can perform all the operations that require it, like calling `fs.close()` and many other operations that interact with the filesystem. You can also open the file by using the promise-based `fsPromises.open` method offered by the `fs/promises` module. The `fs/promises` module is available starting only from Node.js v14. Before v14, after v10, you can

use `require('fs').promises` instead. Before v10, after v8, you can use `util.promisify` to convert `fs` methods into promise-based methods. CJS MJS `const fs = require('node:fs/promises');` // Or `const fs = require('fs').promises` before v14. `async function example() { let filehandle; try { filehandle = await fs.open('/Users/joe/test.txt', 'r'); console.log(filehandle.fd); console.log(await filehandle.readFile({ encoding: 'utf8' })); } finally { if (filehandle) await filehandle.close(); } }` `example();` JavaScript Copy to clipboard Here is an example of `util.promisify`: CJS MJS `const fs = require('node:fs');` `const util = require('node:util');` `async function example() { const open = util.promisify(fs.open); const fd = await open('/Users/joe/test.txt', 'r'); } example();` JavaScript Copy to clipboard To see more details about the `fs/promises` module, please check `fs/promises` API.

ChatGPT said:

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In Node.js, working with file descriptors allows you to interact with files in a more low-level manner. A file descriptor (`fd`) is a unique identifier for an open file within a process, enabling various file operations like reading, writing, and closing files. Below, I'll explain how to work with file descriptors in Node.js using different methods.

## Opening Files with File Descriptors

To work with file descriptors, you can use the `fs` module's `open()` method, which is available in both callback and promise-based versions.

### Using `fs.open()` (Callback Style)

Here's how to open a file using the callback-based method:

javascript

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```
// CommonJS
const fs = require('node:fs');

fs.open('/Users/joe/test.txt', 'r', (err, fd) => {
 if (err) {
 console.error('Error opening file:', err);
 return;
 }
 console.log('File descriptor:', fd); // fd is our file descriptor

 // You can perform file operations here

 // Close the file descriptor when done
```

```
fs.close(fd, (err) => {
 if (err) console.error('Error closing file:', err);
});
});
```

## Opening Files with Flags

The second parameter of `fs.open()` is the file access mode, which determines how the file is opened. Common flags include:

- **r**: Open for reading. The file must exist.
- **r+**: Open for reading and writing. The file must exist.
- **w+**: Open for reading and writing, truncating the file to zero length if it already exists. If the file does not exist, it is created.
- **a**: Open for writing, positioning the stream at the end of the file. The file is created if it does not exist.
- **a+**: Open for reading and writing, positioning the stream at the end of the file. The file is created if it does not exist.

## Using `fs.openSync()`

For a synchronous operation, you can use `fs.openSync()`, which blocks the thread until the file is opened:

javascript

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```
// CommonJS
```

```
const fs = require('node:fs');
```

```
try {
```

```
 const fd = fs.openSync('/Users/joe/test.txt', 'r');
```

```
 console.log('File descriptor:', fd);
```

```
 // Perform file operations here
```

```
 // Close the file descriptor
```

```
 fs.closeSync(fd);
```

```
} catch (err) {
```

```
 console.error('Error opening file:', err);
```

```
}
```

## Using Promises with `fs/promises`

For a modern and cleaner approach, especially in asynchronous code, you can use the promise-based `fsPromises.open()` method from the `fs/promises` module:

javascript

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```
// Using Promises
const fs = require('node:fs/promises');

async function example() {
 let fileHandle;
 try {
 fileHandle = await fs.open('/Users/joe/test.txt', 'r');
 console.log('File descriptor:', fileHandle.fd);

 // Read the file contents
 const content = await fileHandle.readFile({ encoding: 'utf8' });
 console.log('File content:', content);
 } catch (err) {
 console.error('Error opening file:', err);
 } finally {
 // Close the file handle if it was opened
 if (fileHandle) {
 await fileHandle.close();
 }
 }
}

example();
```

## Promisifying Callbacks

If you're working with an older version of Node.js that doesn't support `fs/promises`, you can use `util.promisify` to convert the callback-based `fs.open()` into a promise-based function:

javascript

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```
// Using util.promisify
const fs = require('node:fs');
const util = require('node:util');

async function example() {
 const open = util.promisify(fs.open);
 try {
 const fd = await open('/Users/joe/test.txt', 'r');
 console.log('File descriptor:', fd);

 // Perform file operations here

 // Close the file descriptor
 await fs.close(fd);
 } catch (err) {
 console.error('Error opening file:', err);
 }
}

example();
```

## Closing File Descriptors

It's important to close the file descriptor when you are done with it to free up system resources. You can close a file descriptor using:

- **`fs.close(fd, callback)`** for the callback-based method.
- **`fs.closeSync(fd)`** for the synchronous method.
- **`fileHandle.close()`** for the promise-based method.

## Summary

- **File descriptors** allow low-level access to files in Node.js.
- Use **`fs.open()`** for asynchronous file opening, **`fs.openSync()`** for synchronous operations, and **`fs/promises`** for promise-based APIs.
- Always ensure to close file descriptors to prevent resource leaks.
- Understand the various file access flags to control how files are opened for reading and writing.



By leveraging these methods, you can efficiently manage file I/O operations in your Node.js applications.

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**You said:**

Reading files with Node.js The simplest way to read a file in Node.js is to use the `fs.readFile()` method, passing it the file path, encoding and a callback function that will be called with the file data (and the error): CJS MJS `const fs = require('node:fs'); fs.readFile('/Users/joe/test.txt', 'utf8', (err, data) => { if (err) { console.error(err); return; } console.log(data); });` JavaScript Copy to clipboard Alternatively, you can use the synchronous version `fs.readFileSync()`: CJS MJS `const fs = require('node:fs'); try { const data = fs.readFileSync('/Users/joe/test.txt', 'utf8'); console.log(data); } catch (err) { console.error(err); }` JavaScript Copy to clipboard You can also use the promise-based `fsPromises.readFile()` method offered by the `fs/promises` module: CJS MJS `const fs = require('node:fs/promises'); async function example() { try { const data = await fs.readFile('/Users/joe/test.txt', { encoding: 'utf8' }); console.log(data); } catch (err) { console.log(err); } } example();` JavaScript Copy to clipboard All three of `fs.readFile()`, `fs.readFileSync()` and `fsPromises.readFile()` read the full content of the file in memory before returning the data. This means that big files are going to have a major impact on your memory consumption and speed of execution of the program. In this case, a better option is to read the file content using streams.

**ChatGPT said:**

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Reading files in Node.js can be accomplished in several ways, each suitable for different use cases. The simplest methods are `fs.readFile()` for asynchronous reading, `fs.readFileSync()` for synchronous reading, and `fs/promises.readFile()` for a promise-based approach. However, for larger files, using streams is generally recommended to avoid high memory consumption. Here's a detailed overview of how to read files using these methods:

## 1. Asynchronous Reading with `fs.readFile()`

The `fs.readFile()` method is used to read the contents of a file asynchronously. It takes the file path, encoding, and a callback function as parameters.

**Example:**

```
javascript
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// CommonJS
const fs = require('node:fs');
```

```
fs.readFile('/Users/joe/test.txt', 'utf8', (err, data) => {
 if (err) {
 console.error('Error reading file:', err);
 return;
 }
 console.log('File content:', data);
});
```

## 2. Synchronous Reading with `fs.readFileSync()`

The `fs.readFileSync()` method reads the contents of a file synchronously. This means it blocks the execution of code until the file is fully read, which can lead to performance issues with larger files.

### Example:

```
javascript
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// CommonJS
const fs = require('node:fs');

try {
 const data = fs.readFileSync('/Users/joe/test.txt', 'utf8');
 console.log('File content:', data);
} catch (err) {
 console.error('Error reading file:', err);
}
```

## 3. Promise-Based Reading with `fs/promises.readFile()`

If you prefer to work with promises or `async/await` syntax, you can use the `fs/promises` module, which offers a promise-based version of the file reading function.

### Example:

```
javascript
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// Using Promises
const fs = require('node:fs/promises');
```

```
async function readFileExample() {
 try {
 const data = await fs.readFile('/Users/joe/test.txt', { encoding:
'utf8' });
 console.log('File content:', data);
 } catch (err) {
 console.error('Error reading file:', err);
 }
}

readFileExample();
```

## Important Considerations

- **Memory Consumption:** All three methods (`fs.readFile()`, `fs.readFileSync()`, and `fs/promises.readFile()`) read the entire content of the file into memory. This can lead to high memory consumption and slow performance if you're dealing with large files.
- **Error Handling:** It's essential to handle errors when reading files, as the file may not exist or there might be permission issues.

## 4. Reading Large Files Using Streams

For larger files, it's better to use streams to read the file in chunks. This approach allows you to process the file data without loading the entire file into memory.

### Example:

javascript

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```
// Using Streams
const fs = require('node:fs');

const readStream = fs.createReadStream('/Users/joe/test.txt', {
 encoding: 'utf8' });

readStream.on('data', (chunk) => {
 console.log('Chunk received:', chunk);
});
```

```

readStream.on('error', (err) => {
 console.error('Error reading file:', err);
});

readStream.on('end', () => {
 console.log('Finished reading the file.');
```

## Explanation of Stream Example

1. **Creating a Read Stream:** Use `fs.createReadStream()` to create a readable stream from the specified file. You can specify the encoding to interpret the data correctly.
2. **Listening to Events:**
  - The `data` event is emitted whenever a chunk of data is available to read.
  - The `error` event is emitted if an error occurs while reading the file.
  - The `end` event is emitted when the entire file has been read.

## Conclusion

- Use `fs.readFile()`, `fs.readFileSync()`, or `fs/promises.readFile()` for reading smaller files easily.
- For larger files, prefer using streams to manage memory efficiently and improve performance.
- Always ensure proper error handling to handle cases where the file may not be accessible or does not exist.

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### You said:

Writing files with Node.js Writing a file The easiest way to write to files in Node.js is to use the `fs.writeFile()` API. `const fs = require('node:fs');` `const content = 'Some content!';`  
`fs.writeFile('/Users/joe/test.txt', content, err => { if (err) { console.error(err); } else { // file written successfully } });` JavaScript Copy to clipboard Writing a file synchronously Alternatively, you can use the synchronous version `fs.writeFileSync()`: `const fs = require('node:fs');` `const content = 'Some content!';` `try { fs.writeFileSync('/Users/joe/test.txt', content); // file written successfully }` `catch (err) { console.error(err); }` JavaScript Copy to clipboard You can also use the promise-based `fsPromises.writeFile()` method offered by the `fs/promises` module: `const fs = require('node:fs/promises');` `async function example() { try { const content = 'Some content!'; await fs.writeFile('/Users/joe/test.txt', content); } catch (err) { console.log(err); } }` `example();` JavaScript Copy to clipboard By default, this API will replace the contents of the file if it does already exist. You can modify the default by specifying a flag: `fs.writeFile('/Users/joe/test.txt', content, { flag: 'a+' }, err => {});` JavaScript Copy to clipboard The flags you'll likely use are `Flag`

Description File gets created if it doesn't exist r+ This flag opens the file for reading and writing ✗ w+ This flag opens the file for reading and writing and it also positions the stream at the beginning of the file ✓ a This flag opens the file for writing and it also positions the stream at the end of the file ✓ a+ This flag opens the file for reading and writing and it also positions the stream at the end of the file ✓ You can find more information about the flags in the fs documentation. Appending content to a file Appending to files is handy when you don't want to overwrite a file with new content, but rather add to it. Examples A handy method to append content to the end of a file is fs.appendFile() (and its fs.appendFileSync() counterpart): const fs = require('node:fs'); const content = 'Some content!'; fs.appendFile('file.log', content, err => { if (err) { console.error(err); } else { // done! } }); JavaScript Copy to clipboard Example with Promises Here is a fsPromises.appendFile() example: const fs = require('node:fs/promises'); async function example() { try { const content = 'Some content!'; await fs.appendFile('/Users/joe/test.txt', content); } catch (err) { console.log(err); } } example();

ChatGPT said:

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Writing files in Node.js can be done easily using several methods provided by the fs module. You can choose between asynchronous, synchronous, and promise-based methods, depending on your application's needs. Here's a comprehensive overview of how to write and append to files in Node.js.

## 1. Writing Files with fs.writeFile()

The simplest way to write to a file is to use the fs.writeFile() method. This method creates a new file or replaces an existing file with the specified content.

**Example:**

javascript

Copy code

```
// CommonJS
```

```
const fs = require('node:fs');
const content = 'Some content!';
```

```
fs.writeFile('/Users/joe/test.txt', content, (err) => {
 if (err) {
 console.error('Error writing file:', err);
 } else {
 console.log('File written successfully!');
 }
});
```

## 2. Writing Files Synchronously with `fs.writeFileSync()`

If you need to write to a file synchronously (blocking the event loop until the operation is complete), you can use `fs.writeFileSync()`. This method is generally not recommended for performance reasons in a production environment.

### Example:

javascript

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```
// CommonJS
const fs = require('node:fs');
const content = 'Some content!';

try {
 fs.writeFileSync('/Users/joe/test.txt', content);
 console.log('File written successfully!');
} catch (err) {
 console.error('Error writing file:', err);
}
```

## 3. Writing Files with Promises using `fs/promises.writeFile()`

For a modern approach using `async/await`, you can utilize the promise-based `fs/promises.writeFile()` method. This is a great option for avoiding callback hell.

### Example:

javascript

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```
// Using Promises
const fs = require('node:fs/promises');

async function example() {
 try {
 const content = 'Some content!';
 await fs.writeFile('/Users/joe/test.txt', content);
 console.log('File written successfully!');
 } catch (err) {
 console.error('Error writing file:', err);
 }
}
```

```
}
}

example();
```

## Overwriting Files

By default, all the above methods will overwrite the contents of the file if it already exists. If you want to change this behavior and append content instead, you can specify a flag in the options object.

## 4. Using Flags to Control Write Behavior

You can use the **flag** option to modify the default behavior of file writing. Here are some common flags:

- **r+**: Open for reading and writing. The file must exist.
- **w+**: Open for reading and writing, truncating the file to zero length if it exists. If the file does not exist, it is created.
- **a**: Open for writing and position the stream at the end of the file (appending). The file is created if it does not exist.
- **a+**: Open for reading and writing and position the stream at the end of the file. The file is created if it does not exist.

### Example of Using **a+** Flag:

```
javascript
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// Appending to a file
const fs = require('node:fs');
const content = 'Some additional content!';

fs.writeFile('/Users/joe/test.txt', content, { flag: 'a+' }, (err) =>
{
 if (err) {
 console.error('Error appending to file:', err);
 } else {
 console.log('Content appended successfully!');
 }
});
```

## 5. Appending Content with `fs.appendFile()`

If you want to append content to a file without specifying flags, you can use `fs.appendFile()`. This method appends data to a file, creating the file if it does not exist.

### Example:

javascript

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```
// CommonJS
const fs = require('node:fs');
const content = 'Some content to append!';

fs.appendFile('/Users/joe/test.txt', content, (err) => {
 if (err) {
 console.error('Error appending to file:', err);
 } else {
 console.log('Content appended successfully!');
 }
});
```

### Example with Promises for Appending

You can also use the promise-based method `fsPromises.appendFile()` for appending content asynchronously.

javascript

Copy code

```
// Using Promises for appending
const fs = require('node:fs/promises');

async function appendExample() {
 try {
 const content = 'Some content to append!';
 await fs.appendFile('/Users/joe/test.txt', content);
 console.log('Content appended successfully!');
 } catch (err) {
 console.error('Error appending to file:', err);
 }
}
```



```
appendExample();
```

## Conclusion

- **File Writing:** Use `fs.writeFile()` for asynchronous writing, `fs.writeFileSync()` for synchronous writing, and `fs/promises.writeFile()` for a promise-based approach.
- **Appending Content:** Use `fs.appendFile()` or its promise-based counterpart `fs/promises.appendFile()` for appending content to existing files.
- **Managing File Overwrites:** Use the `flag` option to control how files are written (overwritten or appended).

By utilizing these methods, you can effectively manage file writing and appending operations in your Node.js applications.

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### You said:

Working with folders in Node.js The Node.js fs core module provides many handy methods you can use to work with folders. Check if a folder exists Use `fs.access()` (and its promise-based `fsPromises.access()` counterpart) to check if the folder exists and Node.js can access it with its permissions. Create a new folder Use `fs.mkdir()` or `fs.mkdirSync()` or `fsPromises.mkdir()` to create a new folder. CJS MJS `const fs = require('node:fs');` `const folderName = '/Users/joe/test';` `try { if (!fs.existsSync(folderName)) { fs.mkdirSync(folderName); } } catch (err) { console.error(err); }` JavaScript Copy to clipboard Read the content of a directory Use `fs.readdir()` or `fs.readdirSync()` or `fsPromises.readdir()` to read the contents of a directory. This piece of code reads the content of a folder, both files and subfolders, and returns their relative path: CJS MJS `const fs = require('node:fs');` `const folderPath = '/Users/joe';` `fs.readdirSync(folderPath);` JavaScript Copy to clipboard You can get the full path: `fs.readdirSync(folderPath).map(fileName => { return path.join(folderPath, fileName); });` JavaScript Copy to clipboard You can also filter the results to only return the files, and exclude the folders: CJS MJS `const fs = require('node:fs');` `const isFile = fileName => { return fs.lstatSync(fileName).isFile(); };` `fs.readdirSync(folderPath) .map(fileName => { return path.join(folderPath, fileName); }) .filter(isFile);` JavaScript Copy to clipboard Rename a folder Use `fs.rename()` or `fs.renameSync()` or `fsPromises.rename()` to rename folder. The first parameter is the current path, the second the new path: CJS MJS `const fs = require('node:fs');` `fs.rename('/Users/joe', '/Users/roger', err => { if (err) { console.error(err); } // done });` JavaScript Copy to clipboard `fs.renameSync()` is the synchronous version: CJS MJS `const fs = require('node:fs');` `try { fs.renameSync('/Users/joe', '/Users/roger'); } catch (err) { console.error(err); }` JavaScript Copy to clipboard `fsPromises.rename()` is the promise-based version: CJS MJS `const fs = require('node:fs/promises');` `async function example() { try { await fs.rename('/Users/joe', '/Users/roger'); } catch (err) { console.log(err); } } example();` JavaScript

Copy to clipboard Remove a folder Use `fs.rmdir()` or `fs.rmdirSync()` or `fsPromises.rmdir()` to remove a folder. CJS MJS `const fs = require('node:fs');` `fs.rmdir(dir, err => { if (err) { throw err; } console.log(`${dir} is deleted!); });` JavaScript Copy to clipboard To remove a folder that has contents use `fs.rm()` with the option `{ recursive: true }` to recursively remove the contents. `{ recursive: true, force: true }` makes it so that exceptions will be ignored if the folder does not exist. CJS MJS `const fs = require('node:fs');` `fs.rm(dir, { recursive: true, force: true }, err => { if (err) { throw err; } console.log(`${dir} is deleted!); });`

ChatGPT said:

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Working with folders in Node.js involves several operations such as checking for existence, creating, reading, renaming, and deleting directories. The built-in `fs` module provides a variety of methods to perform these actions. Here's a detailed overview of how to manage folders in Node.js.

## 1. Check if a Folder Exists

To check if a folder exists and if Node.js can access it, you can use `fs.access()` or `fsPromises.access()`.

**Example:**

javascript

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```
const fs = require('node:fs');
const folderName = '/Users/joe/test';

// Check if the folder exists
fs.access(folderName, fs.constants.F_OK, (err) => {
 if (err) {
 console.log(`${folderName} does not exist`);
 } else {
 console.log(`${folderName} exists`);
 }
});
```

## 2. Create a New Folder

You can create a new folder using `fs.mkdir()`, `fs.mkdirSync()`, or `fsPromises.mkdir()`.

### Example (Asynchronous):

javascript

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```
const fs = require('node:fs');
const folderName = '/Users/joe/test';

fs.mkdir(folderName, { recursive: true }, (err) => {
 if (err) {
 console.error('Error creating folder:', err);
 } else {
 console.log('Folder created successfully!');
 }
});
```

### Example (Synchronous):

javascript

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```
const fs = require('node:fs');
const folderName = '/Users/joe/test';

try {
 fs.mkdirSync(folderName, { recursive: true });
 console.log('Folder created successfully!');
} catch (err) {
 console.error('Error creating folder:', err);
}
```

## 3. Read the Contents of a Directory

To read the contents of a directory, use `fs.readdir()`, `fs.readdirSync()`, or `fsPromises.readdir()`.

### Example (Synchronous):

javascript

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```
const fs = require('node:fs');
const path = require('node:path');
```

```
const folderPath = '/Users/joe';

// Read the contents of the directory
const files = fs.readdirSync(folderPath);
console.log('Files in directory:', files);
```

### Get Full Paths:

javascript

Copy code

```
const fullPaths = fs.readdirSync(folderPath).map(fileName => {
 return path.join(folderPath, fileName);
});
console.log('Full paths:', fullPaths);
```

### Filter to Only Return Files:

javascript

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```
const isFile = fileName => fs.lstatSync(fileName).isFile();

const filesOnly = fs.readdirSync(folderPath)
 .map(fileName => path.join(folderPath, fileName))
 .filter(isFile);

console.log('Files only:', filesOnly);
```

## 4. Rename a Folder

You can rename a folder using `fs.rename()`, `fs.renameSync()`, or `fsPromises.rename()`.

### Example (Asynchronous):

javascript

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```
const fs = require('node:fs');

fs.rename('/Users/joe/test', '/Users/roger/test', (err) => {
```

```
 if (err) {
 console.error('Error renaming folder:', err);
 } else {
 console.log('Folder renamed successfully!');
 }
 });
});
```

### Example (Synchronous):

javascript

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```
const fs = require('node:fs');

try {
 fs.renameSync('/Users/joe/test', '/Users/roger/test');
 console.log('Folder renamed successfully!');
} catch (err) {
 console.error('Error renaming folder:', err);
}
```

### Example (Promise-based):

javascript

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```
const fs = require('node:fs/promises');

async function renameFolder() {
 try {
 await fs.rename('/Users/joe/test', '/Users/roger/test');
 console.log('Folder renamed successfully!');
 } catch (err) {
 console.error('Error renaming folder:', err);
 }
}

renameFolder();
```

## 5. Remove a Folder

To remove a folder, use `fs.rmdir()`, `fs.rmdirSync()`, or `fsPromises.rmdir()`.

### Example (Asynchronous):

javascript

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```
const fs = require('node:fs');

const dir = '/Users/roger/test';

fs.rmdir(dir, (err) => {
 if (err) {
 console.error('Error removing folder:', err);
 } else {
 console.log(`${dir} has been removed!`);
 }
});
```

## Removing Folders with Contents

If you want to remove a folder that contains files and subfolders, use `fs.rm()` with the `{ recursive: true }` option.

### Example (Recursive Remove):

javascript

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```
const fs = require('node:fs');

const dir = '/Users/roger/test';

fs.rm(dir, { recursive: true, force: true }, (err) => {
 if (err) {
 console.error('Error deleting folder:', err);
 } else {
 console.log(`${dir} has been deleted!`);
 }
});
```

## Summary of Folder Operations

- **Check Existence:** Use `fs.access()` or `fsPromises.access()`.
- **Create Folders:** Use `fs.mkdir()`, `fs.mkdirSync()`, or `fsPromises.mkdir()`.
- **Read Directory:** Use `fs.readdir()`, `fs.readdirSync()`, or `fsPromises.readdir()`.
- **Rename Folders:** Use `fs.rename()`, `fs.renameSync()`, or `fsPromises.rename()`.
- **Remove Folders:** Use `fs.rmdir()`, `fs.rmdirSync()`, or `fsPromises.rmdir()` for empty folders, and `fs.rm()` for non-empty folders.

These methods make it straightforward to manage folders in your Node.js applications effectively!

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### You said:

How to Work with Different Filesystems Node.js exposes many features of the filesystem. But not all filesystems are alike. The following are suggested best practices to keep your code simple and safe when working with different filesystems.

**Filesystem Behavior** Before you can work with a filesystem, you need to know how it behaves. Different filesystems behave differently and have more or less features than others: case sensitivity, case insensitivity, case preservation, Unicode form preservation, timestamp resolution, extended attributes, inodes, Unix permissions, alternate data streams etc. Be wary of inferring filesystem behavior from `process.platform`. For example, do not assume that because your program is running on Darwin that you are therefore working on a case-insensitive filesystem (HFS+), as the user may be using a case-sensitive filesystem (HFSX). Similarly, do not assume that because your program is running on Linux that you are therefore working on a filesystem which supports Unix permissions and inodes, as you may be on a particular external drive, USB or network drive which does not. The operating system may not make it easy to infer filesystem behavior, but all is not lost. Instead of keeping a list of every known filesystem and behavior (which is always going to be incomplete), you can probe the filesystem to see how it actually behaves. The presence or absence of certain features which are easy to probe, are often enough to infer the behavior of other features which are more difficult to probe. Remember that some users may have different filesystems mounted at various paths in the working tree.

**Avoid a Lowest Common Denominator Approach** You might be tempted to make your program act like a lowest common denominator filesystem, by normalizing all filenames to uppercase, normalizing all filenames to NFC Unicode form, and normalizing all file timestamps to say 1-second resolution. This would be the lowest common denominator approach. Do not do this. You would only be able to interact safely with a filesystem which has the exact same lowest common denominator characteristics in every respect. You would be unable to work with more advanced filesystems in the way that users expect, and you would run into filename or timestamp collisions. You would most certainly lose and corrupt user data through a series of complicated dependent events, and you would create bugs that would be difficult if not impossible to solve. What happens when

you later need to support a filesystem that only has 2-second or 24-hour timestamp resolution? What happens when the Unicode standard advances to include a slightly different normalization algorithm (as has happened in the past)? A lowest common denominator approach would tend to try to create a portable program by using only "portable" system calls. This leads to programs that are leaky and not in fact portable. Adopt a Superset Approach Make the best use of each platform you support by adopting a superset approach. For example, a portable backup program should sync btimes (the created time of a file or folder) correctly between Windows systems, and should not destroy or alter btimes, even though btimes are not supported on Linux systems. The same portable backup program should sync Unix permissions correctly between Linux systems, and should not destroy or alter Unix permissions, even though Unix permissions are not supported on Windows systems. Handle different filesystems by making your program act like a more advanced filesystem. Support a superset of all possible features: case-sensitivity, case-preservation, Unicode form sensitivity, Unicode form preservation, Unix permissions, high-resolution nanosecond timestamps, extended attributes etc. Once you have case-preservation in your program, you can always implement case-insensitivity if you need to interact with a case-insensitive filesystem. But if you forego case-preservation in your program, you cannot interact safely with a case-preserving filesystem. The same is true for Unicode form preservation and timestamp resolution preservation. If a filesystem provides you with a filename in a mix of lowercase and uppercase, then keep the filename in the exact case given. If a filesystem provides you with a filename in mixed Unicode form or NFC or NFD (or NFKC or NFKD), then keep the filename in the exact byte sequence given. If a filesystem provides you with a millisecond timestamp, then keep the timestamp in millisecond resolution. When you work with a lesser filesystem, you can always downsample appropriately, with comparison functions as required by the behavior of the filesystem on which your program is running. If you know that the filesystem does not support Unix permissions, then you should not expect to read the same Unix permissions you write. If you know that the filesystem does not preserve case, then you should be prepared to see ABC in a directory listing when your program creates abc. But if you know that the filesystem does preserve case, then you should consider ABC to be a different filename to abc, when detecting file renames or if the filesystem is case-sensitive. Case Preservation You may create a directory called test/abc and be surprised to see sometimes that fs.readdir('test') returns ['ABC']. This is not a bug in Node. Node returns the filename as the filesystem stores it, and not all filesystems support case-preservation. Some filesystems convert all filenames to uppercase (or lowercase). Unicode Form Preservation Case preservation and Unicode form preservation are similar concepts. To understand why Unicode form should be preserved, make sure that you first understand why case should be preserved. Unicode form preservation is just as simple when understood correctly. Unicode can encode the same characters using several different byte sequences. Several strings may look the same, but have different byte sequences. When working with UTF-8 strings, be careful that your expectations are in line with how Unicode works. Just as you would not expect all UTF-8 characters to encode to a single byte, you should not expect several UTF-8 strings that look the same to the human eye to have the same byte representation. This may be an expectation that you can have of ASCII, but not of UTF-8. You may create a directory called test/café (NFC Unicode form with byte sequence <63 61 66 c3 a9> and string.length === 5) and be surprised to see sometimes that fs.readdir('test') returns ['café'] (NFD Unicode form with byte sequence <63 61



66 65 cc 81> and `string.length === 6`). This is not a bug in Node. Node.js returns the filename as the filesystem stores it, and not all filesystems support Unicode form preservation. HFS+, for example, will normalize all filenames to a form almost always the same as NFD form. Do not expect HFS+ to behave the same as NTFS or EXT4 and vice-versa. Do not try to change data permanently through normalization as a leaky abstraction to paper over Unicode differences between filesystems. This would create problems without solving any. Rather, preserve Unicode form and use normalization as a comparison function only. Unicode Form Insensitivity Unicode form insensitivity and Unicode form preservation are two different filesystem behaviors often mistaken for each other. Just as case-insensitivity has sometimes been incorrectly implemented by permanently normalizing filenames to uppercase when storing and transmitting filenames, so Unicode form insensitivity has sometimes been incorrectly implemented by permanently normalizing filenames to a certain Unicode form (NFD in the case of HFS+) when storing and transmitting filenames. It is possible and much better to implement Unicode form insensitivity without sacrificing Unicode form preservation, by using Unicode normalization for comparison only. Comparing Different Unicode Forms Node.js provides `string.normalize('NFC' / 'NFD')` which you can use to normalize a UTF-8 string to either NFC or NFD. You should never store the output from this function but only use it as part of a comparison function to test whether two UTF-8 strings would look the same to the user. You can use `string1.normalize('NFC') === string2.normalize('NFC')` or `string1.normalize('NFD') === string2.normalize('NFD')` as your comparison function. Which form you use does not matter. Normalization is fast but you may want to use a cache as input to your comparison function to avoid normalizing the same string many times over. If the string is not present in the cache then normalize it and cache it. Be careful not to store or persist the cache, use it only as a cache. Note that using `normalize()` requires that your version of Node.js include ICU (otherwise `normalize()` will just return the original string). If you download the latest version of Node.js from the website then it will include ICU.

### Timestamp Resolution

You may set the `mtime` (the modified time) of a file to 1444291759414 (millisecond resolution) and be surprised to see sometimes that `fs.stat` returns the new `mtime` as 1444291759000 (1-second resolution) or 1444291758000 (2-second resolution). This is not a bug in Node. Node.js returns the timestamp as the filesystem stores it, and not all filesystems support nanosecond, millisecond or 1-second timestamp resolution. Some filesystems even have very coarse resolution for the `atime` timestamp in particular, e.g. 24 hours for some FAT filesystems.

### Do Not Corrupt Filenames and Timestamps Through Normalization

Filenames and timestamps are user data. Just as you would never automatically rewrite user file data to uppercase the data or normalize CRLF to LF line-endings, so you should never change, interfere or corrupt filenames or timestamps through case / Unicode form / timestamp normalization. Normalization should only ever be used for comparison, never for altering data. Normalization is effectively a lossy hash code. You can use it to test for certain kinds of equivalence (e.g. do several strings look the same even though they have different byte sequences) but you can never use it as a substitute for the actual data. Your program should pass on filename and timestamp data as is. Your program can create new data in NFC (or in any combination of Unicode form it prefers) or with a lowercase or uppercase filename, or with a 2-second resolution timestamp, but your program should not corrupt existing user data by imposing case / Unicode form / timestamp normalization. Rather, adopt a superset approach and preserve case, Unicode form and timestamp resolution in your program. That way, you will

be able to interact safely with filesystems which do the same. Use Normalization Comparison Functions Appropriately Make sure that you use case / Unicode form / timestamp comparison functions appropriately. Do not use a case-insensitive filename comparison function if you are working on a case-sensitive filesystem. Do not use a Unicode form insensitive comparison function if you are working on a Unicode form sensitive filesystem (e.g. NTFS and most Linux filesystems which preserve both NFC and NFD or mixed Unicode forms). Do not compare timestamps at 2-second resolution if you are working on a nanosecond timestamp resolution filesystem. Be Prepared for Slight Differences in Comparison Functions Be careful that your comparison functions match those of the filesystem (or probe the filesystem if possible to see how it would actually compare). Case-insensitivity for example is more complex than a simple `toLowerCase()` comparison. In fact, `toUpperCase()` is usually better than `toLowerCase()` (since it handles certain foreign language characters differently). But better still would be to probe the filesystem since every filesystem has its own case comparison table baked in. As an example, Apple's HFS+ normalizes filenames to NFD form but this NFD form is actually an older version of the current NFD form and may sometimes be slightly different from the latest Unicode standard's NFD form. Do not expect HFS+ NFD to be exactly the same as Unicode NFD all the time. Prev Working with folders in Node.js

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When working with different filesystems in Node.js, understanding filesystem behavior is crucial to ensure your application runs reliably across various environments. Each filesystem has unique characteristics, and it's essential to implement best practices to handle these differences effectively. Here's a detailed overview of how to approach filesystem interactions in Node.js.

## 1. Understand Filesystem Behavior

Different filesystems exhibit various behaviors regarding:

- **Case Sensitivity:** Some filesystems (e.g., Linux ext4) are case-sensitive, while others (e.g., Windows NTFS) are case-insensitive.
- **Unicode Form Preservation:** Filesystems may store the same character using different byte sequences, which affects how filenames are handled.
- **Timestamp Resolution:** Some filesystems have high-resolution timestamps (nanoseconds) while others may have coarser resolutions (seconds or minutes).
- **Permissions:** Unix-based filesystems typically support detailed permissions, whereas others may not.

**Best Practice:** Avoid inferring filesystem behavior based on the operating system alone (e.g., `process.platform`). Always probe the filesystem to understand its capabilities.

## 2. Avoid a Lowest Common Denominator Approach

Trying to normalize all filenames and behaviors to a common baseline can lead to significant data corruption and bugs:

- **Case Normalization:** Do not convert all filenames to uppercase or lowercase.
- **Timestamp Normalization:** Avoid rounding timestamps to the lowest common resolution (e.g., seconds).

This approach will limit your ability to work with more advanced filesystems and can lead to data loss. Instead, ensure that your application can leverage the unique features of each filesystem.

### 3. Adopt a Superset Approach

Implement a superset of features to support the maximum capabilities of the filesystems you are working with:

- **Case Preservation:** Retain the original casing of filenames.
- **Unicode Form Preservation:** Store filenames in the byte sequence provided by the filesystem.
- **Timestamp Resolution:** Maintain the original resolution of timestamps.

By adopting this approach, your program can handle filesystems with varied characteristics without losing or corrupting data. For example, if you support case preservation, you can always implement case insensitivity for case-insensitive filesystems without losing the case information.

### 4. Handling Case Preservation

Case preservation ensures that filenames maintain their original casing:

- Be aware that some filesystems may return filenames in a different case. For instance, `fs.readdir('test')` might return `['ABC']` for a folder that contains `test/abc`.
- This behavior is not a bug in Node.js; it reflects the way the underlying filesystem operates.

### 5. Unicode Form Preservation

Unicode form preservation is essential because Unicode can represent the same character using different byte sequences (e.g., NFC vs. NFD):

- Understand that filenames can be encoded differently. For example, `café` can be stored in NFC (`<63 61 66 c3 a9>`) or NFD (`<63 61 66 65 cc 81>`).
- Node.js returns filenames as the filesystem stores them. Therefore, do not attempt to normalize filenames permanently.

### 6. Implementing Unicode Form Insensitivity

Unicode form insensitivity allows for comparisons between different Unicode representations without altering stored data:

- Use `string.normalize('NFC')` or `string.normalize('NFD')` only for comparisons.
- Avoid storing normalized strings; use normalization only for comparing whether two strings visually appear the same.

## 7. Timestamp Resolution Considerations

Different filesystems may have various timestamp resolutions:

- Be prepared for cases where a high-resolution timestamp set on a file (e.g., milliseconds) is rounded to a coarser resolution (e.g., seconds) when queried.
- Ensure that your program accurately represents timestamps as stored by the filesystem.

## 8. Preserve User Data Integrity

Never alter or corrupt filenames or timestamps through normalization:

- User data integrity is paramount. Avoid changing filenames or timestamps based on your program's internal logic.
- Use normalization solely for comparison purposes, not for altering user data.

## 9. Implement Appropriate Comparison Functions

Ensure your comparison functions align with filesystem behavior:

- Do not apply case-insensitive comparisons on case-sensitive filesystems.
- Use appropriate Unicode normalization only when comparing strings, not when storing them.

## 10. Probing Filesystem Behavior

If uncertain about filesystem characteristics, consider implementing probes to detect behavior. For instance, you could:

- Create test files and check how they are stored and returned.
- Inspect file attributes to determine capabilities like permissions or timestamp resolution.

## Summary

By understanding the intricacies of different filesystems and implementing a superset approach, you can create robust Node.js applications that interact safely and effectively with a variety of filesystems. Prioritize data integrity, avoid overly simplistic normalization strategies, and make

sure your program leverages the unique capabilities of each filesystem it interacts with. This approach not only enhances your application's reliability but also ensures a better user experience across different environments.

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#### **You said:**

Run Node.js scripts from the command line The usual way to run a Node.js program is to run the globally available node command (once you install Node.js) and pass the name of the file you want to execute. If your main Node.js application file is app.js, you can call it by typing: node app.js Shell Copy to clipboard Above, you are explicitly telling the shell to run your script with node. You can also embed this information into your JavaScript file with a "shebang" line. The "shebang" is the first line in the file, and tells the OS which interpreter to use for running the script. Below is the first line of JavaScript: #!/usr/bin/node JavaScript Copy to clipboard Above, we are explicitly giving the absolute path of interpreter. Not all operating systems have node in the bin folder, but all should have env. You can tell the OS to run env with node as parameter: #!/usr/bin/env node // your javascript code JavaScript Copy to clipboard To use a shebang, your file should have executable permission. You can give app.js the executable permission by running: chmod u+x app.js Shell Copy to clipboard While running the command, make sure you are in the same directory which contains the app.js file. Pass string as argument to node instead of file path To execute a string as argument you can use -e, --eval "script". Evaluate the following argument as JavaScript. The modules which are predefined in the REPL can also be used in script. On Windows, using cmd.exe a single quote will not work correctly because it only recognizes double " for quoting. In Powershell or Git bash, both ' and " are usable. node -e "console.log(123)" Shell Copy to clipboard Restart the application automatically As of nodejs V16, there is a built-in option to automatically restart the application when a file changes. This is useful for development purposes. To use this feature, you need to pass the `--watch` flag to nodejs. node --watch app.js Shell Copy to clipboard So when you change the file, the application will restart automatically. Read the `--watch` flag documentation.

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Running Node.js scripts from the command line is straightforward. Here's a comprehensive guide on how to execute your Node.js applications, including how to set up shebang lines, pass arguments, and utilize the built-in `--watch` feature for automatic restarts during development.

## **1. Running a Node.js Script**

To run a Node.js application, you typically use the `node` command followed by the name of your JavaScript file. For example, if your main file is `app.js`, you would execute it as follows:

bash

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```
node app.js
```

## 2. Using a Shebang Line

You can embed the interpreter information directly in your JavaScript file using a "shebang" line. This is useful for making your script executable without explicitly calling the `node` command each time.

### Example of a Shebang:

```
javascript
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#!/usr/bin/env node
// Your JavaScript code here
```

- The line `#!/usr/bin/env node` allows the system to locate the `node` executable using the environment's `PATH`, making your script more portable across different systems.

To make your file executable, you need to set the executable permission:

```
bash
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chmod u+x app.js
```

Now, you can run your script directly like this (assuming you're in the same directory as `app.js`):

```
bash
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./app.js
```

## 3. Passing Strings as Arguments

You can also execute JavaScript code directly from the command line using the `-e` or `--eval` option. This allows you to run a string of JavaScript code without needing a separate file.

### Example:

```
bash
```

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```
node -e "console.log(123)"
```

#### Note for Windows Users:

- If you're using `cmd.exe`, remember to use double quotes for the string argument, as single quotes may not work correctly. In PowerShell or Git Bash, both single and double quotes are usable.

## 4. Restarting the Application Automatically

As of Node.js v16, you can automatically restart your application when changes are made to the files by using the `--watch` flag. This is particularly useful for development, as it saves you from having to manually restart the server after every change.

#### Example:

bash

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```
node --watch app.js
```

With this command, whenever you modify `app.js`, the Node.js process will restart automatically, reflecting your changes immediately.

## Summary

- To run a Node.js script, use `node app.js`.
- You can add a shebang (`#!/usr/bin/env node`) at the top of your file to make it executable.
- Use `chmod u+x app.js` to set executable permissions.
- Execute JavaScript code directly with `node -e "your_code_here"`.
- Utilize `node --watch app.js` for automatic restarts during development.

This setup will enhance your development workflow, making it easier to run and test your Node.js applications efficiently.

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#### You said:

How to read environment variables from Node.js The process core module of Node.js provides the `env` property which hosts all the environment variables that were set at the moment the process was started. The below code runs `app.js` and set `USER_ID` and `USER_KEY`.

USER\_ID=239482 USER\_KEY=foobar node app.js Shell Copy to clipboard That will pass the user USER\_ID as 239482 and the USER\_KEY as foobar. This is suitable for testing, however for production, you will probably be configuring some bash scripts to export variables. Note: process does not require a "require", it's automatically available. Here is an example that accesses the USER\_ID and USER\_KEY environment variables, which we set in above code. process.env.USER\_ID; // "239482" process.env.USER\_KEY; // "foobar" JavaScript Copy to clipboard In the same way you can access any custom environment variable you set. Node.js 20 introduced experimental support for .env files. Now, you can use the --env-file flag to specify an environment file when running your Node.js application. Here's an example .env file and how to access its variables using process.env. # .env file PORT=3000 Shell Copy to clipboard In your js file process.env.PORT; // "3000" JavaScript Copy to clipboard Run app.js file with environment variables set in .env file. node --env-file=.env app.js Shell Copy to clipboard This command loads all the environment variables from the .env file, making them available to the application on process.env Also, you can pass multiple --env-file arguments. Subsequent files override pre-existing variables defined in previous files. node --env-file=.env --env-file=.development.env app.js Shell Copy to clipboard Note: if the same variable is defined in the environment and in the file, the value from the environment takes precedence.

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Reading environment variables in Node.js is essential for managing configuration settings, especially when deploying applications across different environments. Here's a comprehensive guide on how to handle environment variables effectively.

## 1. Accessing Environment Variables

Node.js provides a built-in object called `process.env` that contains all the environment variables set when the Node.js process starts. You can access any environment variable using this object.

### Example:

If you run your application like this:

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USER_ID=239482 USER_KEY=foobar node app.js
```

You can access these variables in your `app.js` file as follows:

javascript

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```
console.log(process.env.USER_ID); // "239482"
```



```
console.log(process.env.USER_KEY); // "foobar"
```

## 2. Setting Environment Variables for Production

For production environments, it's common to set environment variables using shell scripts or configuration management tools. This allows you to manage sensitive information (like API keys or database credentials) without hardcoding them into your application.

bash

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```
export USER_ID=239482
export USER_KEY=foobar
node app.js
```

## 3. Using .env Files (Node.js 20+)

As of Node.js 20, there is experimental support for loading environment variables from `.env` files directly. This is a popular approach in many Node.js applications, as it allows for easier configuration.

### Creating a .env File

You can create a `.env` file in your project directory with the following content:

makefile

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```
.env file
PORT=3000
DB_USER=myuser
DB_PASS=mypassword
```

### Accessing Variables from .env

In your JavaScript file, you can access the variables as usual:

javascript

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```
console.log(process.env.PORT); // "3000"
console.log(process.env.DB_USER); // "myuser"
console.log(process.env.DB_PASS); // "mypassword"
```

## Running with the `--env-file` Flag

To run your application with the variables set in the `.env` file, use the `--env-file` flag:

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```
node --env-file=.env app.js
```

This command loads all the environment variables defined in the `.env` file into `process.env`, making them accessible to your application.

## 4. Passing Multiple `.env` Files

You can also specify multiple `.env` files. If there are conflicting variable names, the last file specified will take precedence.

### Example:

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```
node --env-file=.env --env-file=.development.env app.js
```

In this case, if both `.env` and `.development.env` define the same variable, the value from `.development.env` will override the value from `.env`.

## 5. Environment Variable Precedence

If a variable is defined both in the environment and in your `.env` file, the environment variable will take precedence. This is important for managing settings in different environments (like development, testing, and production).

## Summary

- Use `process.env` to access environment variables in Node.js.
- Set environment variables directly in the shell or use bash scripts for production.
- Node.js 20+ supports loading variables from `.env` files using the `--env-file` flag.
- You can pass multiple `.env` files, with the last one overriding previous values.
- Environment variables defined in the shell take precedence over those in `.env` files.

This approach helps keep sensitive data secure and allows for flexible configuration management in your Node.js applications.

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### You said:

How to use the Node.js REPL The node command is the one we use to run our Node.js scripts: node script.js Shell Copy to clipboard If we run the node command without any script to execute or without any arguments, we start a REPL session: node Shell Copy to clipboard Note: REPL stands for Read Evaluate Print Loop, and it is a programming language environment (basically a console window) that takes single expression as user input and returns the result back to the console after execution. The REPL session provides a convenient way to quickly test simple JavaScript code. If you try it now in your terminal, this is what happens: ➤ node > Shell Copy to clipboard The command stays in idle mode and waits for us to enter something. Tip: if you are unsure how to open your terminal, google "How to open terminal on your-operating-system". The REPL is waiting for us to enter some JavaScript code, to be more precise. Start simple and enter > console.log('test') test undefined > Shell Session Copy to clipboard The first value, test, is the output we told the console to print, then we get undefined which is the return value of running console.log(). Node read this line of code, evaluated it, printed the result, and then went back to waiting for more lines of code. Node will loop through these three steps for every piece of code we execute in the REPL until we exit the session. That is where the REPL got its name. Node automatically prints the result of any line of JavaScript code without the need to instruct it to do so. For example, type in the following line and press enter: > 5 === '5' false > Shell Session Copy to clipboard Note the difference in the outputs of the above two lines. The Node REPL printed undefined after executing console.log(), while on the other hand, it just printed the result of 5 === '5'. You need to keep in mind that the former is just a statement in JavaScript, and the latter is an expression. In some cases, the code you want to test might need multiple lines. For example, say you want to define a function that generates a random number, in the REPL session type in the following line and press enter: function generateRandom() { ... Shell Session Copy to clipboard The Node REPL is smart enough to determine that you are not done writing your code yet, and it will go into a multi-line mode for you to type in more code. Now finish your function definition and press enter: function generateRandom() { ...return Math.random() } undefined Shell Session Copy to clipboard The \_ special variable If after some code you type \_, that is going to print the result of the last operation. The Up arrow key If you press the up arrow key, you will get access to the history of the previous lines of code executed in the current, and even previous REPL sessions. Dot commands The REPL has some special commands, all starting with a dot .. They are .help: shows the dot commands help .editor: enables editor mode, to write multiline JavaScript code with ease. Once you are in this mode, enter ctrl-D to run the code you wrote. .break: when inputting a multi-line expression, entering the .break command will abort further input. Same as pressing ctrl-C. .clear: resets the REPL context to an empty object and clears any multi-line expression currently being input. .load: loads a JavaScript file, relative to the current working directory .save: saves all you entered in the REPL session to a file (specify the filename) .exit: exits the repl (same as pressing ctrl-C two times) The REPL knows when you are typing a multi-line statement without the need to invoke .editor. For example if you start typing an iteration like this: [1, 2, 3].forEach(num => { Shell Session Copy to clipboard and you press enter, the REPL will go to a new line that starts with 3 dots, indicating you can now continue to work on that block. ... console.log(num) ... }) Shell

Session Copy to clipboard If you type `.break` at the end of a line, the multiline mode will stop and the statement will not be executed. Run REPL from JavaScript file We can import the REPL in a JavaScript file using `repl`. `const repl = require('node:repl');` JavaScript Copy to clipboard Using the `repl` variable we can perform various operations. To start the REPL command prompt, type in the following line `repl.start();` JavaScript Copy to clipboard Run the file in the command line. BASH CONSOLE `node repl.js` Shell Copy to clipboard You can pass a string which shows when the REPL starts. The default is `'> '` (with a trailing space), but we can define custom prompt. // a Unix style prompt `const local = repl.start('$ ');` JavaScript Copy to clipboard You can display a message while exiting the REPL `local.on('exit', () => { console.log('exiting repl'); process.exit(); });`

ChatGPT said:

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Using the Node.js REPL (Read-Eval-Print Loop) is a great way to test JavaScript code interactively. Below is a comprehensive guide on how to use the Node.js REPL effectively.

## 1. Starting the REPL

To start a REPL session, simply run the `node` command without any script:

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`node`

You should see a prompt like this:

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## 2. Basic Operations

### Evaluating Expressions

You can enter JavaScript expressions directly into the REPL, and it will evaluate them and print the result.

#### Example:

javascript  
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`> console.log('test')`

```
test
undefined
```

The output `test` is what `console.log` prints, and `undefined` is the return value of the `console.log` function.

### Another Example:

```
javascript
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> 5 === '5'
false
```

Here, the REPL evaluates the expression and prints `false` as the result.

## 3. Multi-Line Code

If you want to define a function or write a block of code, you can start typing it, and the REPL will switch to multi-line mode.

### Example:

```
javascript
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> function generateRandom() {
... return Math.random();
... }
```

Pressing `Enter` after each line will allow you to continue typing the function. Once you've finished, the REPL will return `undefined`, indicating the function was defined successfully.

## 4. The `_` Special Variable

You can use the `_` variable to access the result of the last evaluated expression.

```
javascript
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> 5 + 5
10
> _
```

## 5. Command History

You can use the **Up Arrow key** to navigate through your command history, allowing you to quickly access and re-execute previous commands.

## 6. Dot Commands

The REPL supports special commands that begin with a dot (.). Here are some useful dot commands:

- **.help**: Displays help for dot commands.
- **.editor**: Enables a multi-line editing mode. You can exit this mode by pressing **Ctrl + D**.
- **.break**: Aborts the current multi-line input.
- **.clear**: Clears the REPL context and resets it.
- **.load**: Loads a JavaScript file into the REPL session.
- **.save <filename>**: Saves the current session to a file.
- **.exit**: Exits the REPL session (equivalent to pressing **Ctrl + C** twice).

## 7. Running Multi-Line Statements

When typing multi-line statements, the REPL automatically recognizes them. For example:

```
javascript
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> [1, 2, 3].forEach(num => {
... console.log(num);
... })
```

You can enter as many lines as needed until the block is complete. The prompt will show three dots (...) for subsequent lines.

## 8. Exiting the REPL

To exit the REPL, you can use:

```
bash
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.exit
```

or press **Ctrl + C** twice.

## 9. Using the REPL in a JavaScript File

You can also create a REPL instance programmatically within a JavaScript file. Here's how:

**Example repl.js:**

```
javascript
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const repl = require('node:repl');

const local = repl.start('$ ');

local.on('exit', () => {
 console.log('Exiting REPL');
 process.exit();
});
```

To run this file, use:

```
bash
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node repl.js
```

This will start a REPL session with a custom prompt (\$ ). When you exit, it will display "Exiting REPL".

## Conclusion

The Node.js REPL is a powerful tool for quickly testing and debugging JavaScript code. By familiarizing yourself with its features and commands, you can enhance your productivity while working in Node.js. Whether you're testing simple expressions or writing more complex code snippets, the REPL provides a convenient environment for experimentation and learning.

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**You said:**

Output to the command line using Node.js Basic output using the console module Node.js provides a console module which provides tons of very useful ways to interact with the

command line. It is basically the same as the console object you find in the browser. The most basic and most used method is `console.log()`, which prints the string you pass to it to the console. If you pass an object, it will render it as a string. You can pass multiple variables to `console.log`, for example: `const x = 'x'; const y = 'y'; console.log(x, y);` JavaScript Copy to clipboard and Node.js will print both. We can also format pretty phrases by passing variables and a format specifier. For example: `console.log('My %s has %d ears', 'cat', 2);` JavaScript Copy to clipboard %s format a variable as a string %d format a variable as a number %i format a variable as its integer part only %o format a variable as an object Example: `console.log('%o', Number);` JavaScript Copy to clipboard Clear the console `console.clear()` clears the console (the behavior might depend on the console used) Counting elements `console.count()` is a handy method. Take this code: `const x = 1; const y = 2; const z = 3; console.count('The value of x is ' + x + ' and has been checked .. how many times?'); console.count('The value of x is ' + x + ' and has been checked .. how many times?'); console.count('The value of y is ' + y + ' and has been checked .. how many times?');` JavaScript Copy to clipboard What happens is that `console.count()` will count the number of times a string is printed, and print the count next to it: You can just count apples and oranges: `const oranges = ['orange', 'orange']; const apples = ['just one apple']; oranges.forEach(fruit => { console.count(fruit); }); apples.forEach(fruit => { console.count(fruit); });` JavaScript Copy to clipboard Reset counting The `console.countReset()` method resets counter used with `console.count()`. We will use the apples and orange example to demonstrate this. `const oranges = ['orange', 'orange']; const apples = ['just one apple']; oranges.forEach(fruit => { console.count(fruit); }); apples.forEach(fruit => { console.count(fruit); }); console.countReset('orange'); oranges.forEach(fruit => { console.count(fruit); });` JavaScript Copy to clipboard Notice how the call to `console.countReset('orange')` resets the value counter to zero. Print the stack trace There might be cases where it's useful to print the call stack trace of a function, maybe to answer the question how did you reach that part of the code? You can do so using `console.trace()`: `const function2 = () => console.trace(); const function1 = () => function2(); function1();` JavaScript Copy to clipboard This will print the stack trace. This is what's printed if we try this in the Node.js REPL: Trace at function2 (repl:1:33) at function1 (repl:1:25) at repl:1:1 at ContextifyScript.Script.runInThisContext (vm.js:44:33) at REPLServer.defaultEval (repl.js:239:29) at bound (domain.js:301:14) at REPLServer.runBound [as eval] (domain.js:314:12) at REPLServer.onLine (repl.js:440:10) at emitOne (events.js:120:20) at REPLServer.emit (events.js:210:7) Shell Copy to clipboard Calculate the time spent You can easily calculate how much time a function takes to run, using `time()` and `timeEnd()` `const doSomething = () => console.log('test'); const measureDoingSomething = () => { console.time('doSomething()'); // do something, and measure the time it takes doSomething(); console.timeEnd('doSomething()'); }; measureDoingSomething();` JavaScript Copy to clipboard stdout and stderr As we saw `console.log` is great for printing messages in the Console. This is what's called the standard output, or stdout. `console.error` prints to the stderr stream. It will not appear in the console, but it will appear in the error log. Color the output You can color the output of your text in the console by using escape sequences. An escape sequence is a set of characters that identifies a color. Example: `console.log("\x1b[33m%s\x1b[0m", 'hi!');` JavaScript Copy to clipboard You can try that in the Node.js REPL, and it will print hi! in yellow. However, this is the low-level way to do this. The simplest way to go about coloring the console output is by using a library. Chalk is such a library, and in addition to coloring it also helps with other



styling facilities, like making text bold, italic or underlined. You install it with `npm install chalk`, then you can use it: `const chalk = require('chalk'); console.log(chalk.yellow('hi!'))`; JavaScript Copy to clipboard Using `chalk.yellow` is much more convenient than trying to remember the escape codes, and the code is much more readable. Check the project link posted above for more usage examples. Create a progress bar Progress is an awesome package to create a progress bar in the console. Install it using `npm install progress` This snippet creates a 10-step progress bar, and every 100ms one step is completed. When the bar completes we clear the interval: `const ProgressBar = require('progress'); const bar = new ProgressBar(':bar', { total: 10 }); const timer = setInterval(() => { bar.tick(); if (bar.complete) { clearInterval(timer); } }, 100);`

**ChatGPT said:**

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Outputting to the command line using Node.js can be accomplished using various methods provided by the built-in `console` module, as well as third-party libraries for enhanced functionality. Here's a comprehensive overview of how to interact with the command line in Node.js.

## 1. Basic Output with `console.log()`

The most common way to output messages to the command line is by using `console.log()`. This method prints the provided arguments to the console.

**Example:**

```
javascript
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const x = 'x';
const y = 'y';
console.log(x, y); // Output: x y
```

You can also format output by using specifiers:

**Example:**

```
javascript
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console.log('My %s has %d ears', 'cat', 2);
// Output: My cat has 2 ears
```

## 2. Clearing the Console

To clear the console output, you can use:

```
javascript
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console.clear();
```

### 3. Counting Elements

The `console.count()` method counts the number of times it has been called with a specific label.

**Example:**

```
javascript
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const x = 1;
const y = 2;

console.count('The value of x is ' + x); // Output: The value of x is
1: 1
console.count('The value of x is ' + x); // Output: The value of x is
1: 2
console.count('The value of y is ' + y); // Output: The value of y is
2: 1
```

### 4. Resetting Counters

You can reset a counter using `console.countReset()`.

**Example:**

```
javascript
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const oranges = ['orange', 'orange'];
const apples = ['just one apple'];

oranges.forEach(fruit => console.count(fruit)); // Output: orange: 1,
orange: 2
apples.forEach(fruit => console.count(fruit)); // Output: just one
apple: 1
```

```
console.countReset('orange');
```

```
oranges.forEach(fruit => console.count(fruit)); // Output: orange: 1
(after reset)
```

## 5. Printing Stack Traces

To print the call stack trace, use `console.trace()`.

### Example:

```
javascript
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const function2 = () => console.trace();
const function1 = () => function2();
function1();
```

This will output the stack trace to the console, showing the sequence of function calls that led to that point.

## 6. Timing Operations

You can measure the time taken by a function using `console.time()` and `console.timeEnd()`.

### Example:

```
javascript
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const doSomething = () => console.log('test');

const measureDoingSomething = () => {
 console.time('doSomething()');
 doSomething(); // Call the function
 console.timeEnd('doSomething()');
};

measureDoingSomething();
// Output: test
```

```
// doSomething(): [time taken]
```

## 7. Standard Output and Error

- `console.log()` writes to standard output (stdout).
- `console.error()` writes to standard error (stderr), which is useful for logging errors.

javascript

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```
console.error('This is an error message'); // This will appear in the error log.
```

## 8. Coloring Output

You can color the output using ANSI escape codes, or by using libraries like **Chalk** for a more user-friendly approach.

**Example using ANSI codes:**

javascript

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```
console.log('\x1b[33m%s\x1b[0m', 'hi!'); // Output: hi! (in yellow)
```

**Example using Chalk:**

Install Chalk:

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```
npm install chalk
```

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Use it in your code:

javascript

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```
const chalk = require('chalk');
console.log(chalk.yellow('hi!')); // Output: hi! (in yellow)
```

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## 9. Creating a Progress Bar

Using the **Progress** package, you can create a progress bar in the console.

Install Progress:

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```
npm install progress
```

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Create a progress bar:

javascript

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```
const ProgressBar = require('progress');
const bar = new ProgressBar(':bar', { total: 100 });

const timer = setInterval(() => {
 bar.tick();
 if (bar.complete) {
 clearInterval(timer);
 console.log('\nDone!');
 }
}, 100);
```

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## Conclusion

Node.js provides powerful tools for outputting messages to the command line. Whether you're logging information, counting occurrences, printing stack traces, or using libraries for colored output and progress bars, you can effectively interact with users through the console. This versatility makes Node.js a robust choice for building command-line applications and scripts.

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**You said:**

Accept input from the command line in Node.js How to make a Node.js CLI program interactive? Node.js since version 7 provides the readline module to perform exactly this: get input from a readable stream such as the process.stdin stream, which during the execution of a Node.js program is the terminal input, one line at a time. CJS MJS const readline = require('node:readline'); const rl = readline.createInterface({ input: process.stdin, output: process.stdout, }); rl.question(What's your name?, name => { console.log(Hi \${name}!); rl.close(); }); JavaScript Copy to clipboard This piece of code asks the user's name, and once the text is entered and the user presses enter, we send a greeting. The question() method shows the first parameter (a question) and waits for the user input. It calls the callback function

once enter is pressed. In this callback function, we close the readline interface. readline offers several other methods, please check them out on the package documentation linked above. If you need to require a password, it's best not to echo it back, but instead show a \* symbol. The simplest way is to use the readline-sync package which is very similar in terms of the API and handles this out of the box. A more complete and abstract solution is provided by the Inquirer.js package. You can install it using `npm install inquirer`, and then you can replicate the above code like this: `CJS MJS const inquirer = require('inquirer'); const questions = [ { type: 'input', name: 'name', message: "What's your name?", }, ], inquirer.prompt(questions).then(answers => { console.log(Hi ${answers.name}!); });` JavaScript Copy to clipboard Inquirer.js lets you do many things like asking multiple choices, having radio buttons, confirmations, and more. It's worth knowing all the alternatives, especially the built-in ones provided by Node.js, but if you plan to take CLI input to the next level, Inquirer.js is an optimal choice.

**ChatGPT said:**

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To make a Node.js CLI program interactive and accept input from the command line, you can use the built-in `readline` module or third-party libraries like `readline-sync` and `Inquirer.js`. Here's how to use each of these options.

## 1. Using the Built-in `readline` Module

Node.js provides the `readline` module, which allows you to read data from a readable stream, like `process.stdin`, line by line.

**Example:**

javascript

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```
const readline = require('node:readline');

const rl = readline.createInterface({
 input: process.stdin,
 output: process.stdout,
});

rl.question(`What's your name? `, (name) => {
 console.log(`Hi ${name}!`);
 rl.close();
});
```

## Explanation:

- The `readline.createInterface()` method creates a new readline interface for input and output.
- The `question()` method prompts the user with a question and waits for input. Once the user presses Enter, the callback function is executed.
- Finally, we close the readline interface using `rl.close()`.

## 2. Using `readline-sync` for Synchronous Input

If you prefer synchronous input (where the program waits for input before proceeding), you can use the `readline-sync` package. It simplifies getting user input and can handle passwords without echoing them back.

### Installation:

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```
npm install readline-sync
```

### Example:

javascript

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```
const readlineSync = require('readline-sync');

const name = readlineSync.question("What's your name? ");
console.log(`Hi ${name}!`);
```

## 3. Using `Inquirer.js` for Advanced Prompts

For more complex user interactions (e.g., multiple-choice questions, confirmations, etc.), the `Inquirer.js` library is a great choice.

### Installation:

bash

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npm install inquirer
```

### Example:

javascript

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```
const inquirer = require('inquirer');

const questions = [
 {
 type: 'input',
 name: 'name',
 message: "What's your name?",
 },
 {
 type: 'confirm',
 name: 'confirm',
 message: 'Do you want to proceed?',
 default: true,
 },
];

inquirer.prompt(questions).then((answers) => {
 if (answers.confirm) {
 console.log(`Hi ${answers.name}!`);
 } else {
 console.log('Operation canceled.');
```

### Explanation:

- The `inquirer.prompt()` method accepts an array of questions. Each question is an object with properties defining the question type, name, and message.
- The answers are returned as an object in the promise resolution.

### Conclusion

By using the `readline` module, `readline-sync`, or `Inquirer.js`, you can effectively accept and handle user input in your Node.js CLI applications. Each method has its strengths, so choose the one that fits your needs based on the complexity of user interactions required.



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#### You said:

How to publish a Node-API version of a package alongside a non-Node-API version The following steps are illustrated using the package `iotivity-node`: First, publish the non-Node-API version: Update the version in `package.json`. For `iotivity-node`, the version becomes `1.2.0-2`. Go through the release checklist (ensure tests/demos/docs are OK) `npm publish` Then, publish the Node-API version: Update the version in `package.json`. In the case of `iotivity-node`, the version becomes `1.2.0-3`. For versioning, we recommend following the pre-release version scheme as described by [semver.org](https://semver.org) e.g. `1.2.0-napi`. Go through the release checklist (ensure tests/demos/docs are OK) `npm publish --tag n-api` In this example, tagging the release with `n-api` has ensured that, although version `1.2.0-3` is later than the non-Node-API published version (`1.2.0-2`), it will not be installed if someone chooses to install `iotivity-node` by simply running `npm install iotivity-node`. This will install the non-Node-API version by default. The user will have to run `npm install iotivity-node@n-api` to receive the Node-API version. For more information on using tags with npm check out "Using dist-tags". How to introduce a dependency on a Node-API version of a package To add the Node-API version of `iotivity-node` as a dependency, the `package.json` will look like this: `"dependencies": { "iotivity-node": "n-api" }` JSON Copy to clipboard As explained in "Using dist-tags", unlike regular versions, tagged versions cannot be addressed by version ranges such as `"^2.0.0"` inside `package.json`. The reason for this is that the tag refers to exactly one version. So, if the package maintainer chooses to tag a later version of the package using the same tag, `npm update` will receive the later version. This should be acceptable version other than the latest published, the `package.json` dependency will have to refer to the exact version like the following: `"dependencies": { "iotivity-node": "1.2.0-3" }`

#### ChatGPT said:

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To publish a Node-API version of a package alongside a non-Node-API version, follow these detailed steps, as illustrated using the example of the `iotivity-node` package:

## 1. Publish the Non-Node-API Version

### Step-by-Step:

**Update the Version in `package.json`:** Change the version in your `package.json` file. For instance, update it to `1.2.0-2`.

`json`

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```
{
 "version": "1.2.0-2",
 ...
}
```

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2. **Release Checklist:** Ensure that:
  - All tests pass.
  - Documentation is up to date.
  - Demos are working properly.

**Publish the Package:** Use the following command to publish the non-Node-API version:

bash

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```
npm publish
```

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## 2. Publish the Node-API Version

### Step-by-Step:

**Update the Version in `package.json`:** Change the version for the Node-API version. It's recommended to follow a pre-release version scheme as specified by [semver.org](https://semver.org). Update it to `1.2.0-3` or use a Node-API specific tag like `1.2.0-napi`.

json

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```
{
 "version": "1.2.0-3",
 ...
}
```

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2. **Release Checklist:** Again, ensure that:
  - All tests pass.
  - Documentation is accurate.
  - Demos are functioning correctly.

**Publish the Package with a Tag:** Use the following command to publish the Node-API version.

Tag it with `n-api` to distinguish it:

bash

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```
npm publish --tag n-api
```

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## Explanation of the Tagging Process

By using the `--tag n-api` option:

- The Node-API version will be published with the specified tag, allowing you to manage versions effectively.
- The version `1.2.0-3` will not be installed by default when users run `npm install iotivity-node`, which will only install the non-Node-API version (1.2.0-2).

Users who want the Node-API version can explicitly install it using:

bash

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```
npm install iotivity-node@n-api
```

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### 3. Introducing a Dependency on the Node-API Version

To depend on the Node-API version in another package's `package.json`, you can specify it as follows:

**Example `package.json`:**

json

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```
{
 "dependencies": {
 "iotivity-node": "n-api"
 }
}
```

### Important Note on Versioning

- **Using Tags with npm:**
  - Unlike regular versions, tagged versions cannot be specified using version ranges (like `^2.0.0`) in `package.json`.
  - A tag refers to exactly one version. If the maintainer publishes a later version under the same tag, `npm update` will retrieve the new version automatically.

**To Specify an Exact Version:**

If you prefer to reference a specific version instead of using the tag:

json

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```
{
 "dependencies": {
```

```
 "iotivity-node": "1.2.0-3"
 }
}
```

This will ensure your application always uses that specific version, rather than any future versions tagged as `n-api`.

## Summary

By following these steps, you can effectively publish both non-Node-API and Node-API versions of a package, manage dependencies accordingly, and control versioning using npm tags. This allows for a smoother experience for users who may need specific functionalities from either version.

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```
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server.on('request', (request, response) => {
 // Handle the request
});
```

## Listening for Requests

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```
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```

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When processing a request, you can easily access the HTTP method and URL from the request object.

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## 1. Creating the Server

To create a Node.js web server, you can use the `http` module and the `createServer` method.

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const http = require('node:http');

const server = http.createServer((request, response) => {
 // Handle the request here
});

server.listen(8080); // Listen on port 8080
```

## 2. Handling Requests

The request handler function receives two arguments: `request` and `response`. The `request` object provides useful information about the incoming HTTP request.

### Key Properties of the Request Object

- **Method:** The HTTP method used (GET, POST, etc.)
- **URL:** The request URL (without the server or protocol)
- **Headers:** Accessed via `request.headers`, all header names are in lower-case.

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```

### 3. Request Body Handling

For methods like POST or PUT, the request body is important and can be read from the request stream.

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let body = [];
request.on('data', chunk => {
 body.push(chunk);
}).on('end', () => {
 body = Buffer.concat(body).toString();
 // Now `body` contains the full request body as a string
});
```

### 4. Error Handling

It's essential to handle errors for both the request and response streams to prevent your server from crashing.

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```
request.on('error', err => {
 console.error(err);
});

response.on('error', err => {
 console.error(err);
});
```

### 5. Sending Responses

To send a response back to the client, you can set the status code, headers, and response body.

#### Setting Status Code and Headers

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```
response.statusCode = 200; // Default is 200
response.setHeader('Content-Type', 'application/json');
```

## Sending Response Body

You can send the response body using the `end` method.

```
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```

## 6. Putting It All Together

Here's a full example of a simple echo server that only responds to POST requests made to the `/echo` endpoint.

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 });

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 body = Buffer.concat(body).toString();
 response.end(body); // Echo back the request body
 });
 } else {
 response.statusCode = 404;
 response.end(); // Respond with 404 for other requests
 }
});
```

```
});
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```
server.listen(8080);
```

## 7. Using Streams for Efficiency

You can simplify your echo server using stream piping.

javascript

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```
const http = require('node:http');

const server = http.createServer((request, response) => {
 request.on('error', err => {
 console.error(err);
 response.statusCode = 400;
 response.end();
 });

 response.on('error', err => {
 console.error(err);
 });

 if (request.method === 'POST' && request.url === '/echo') {
 request.pipe(response);
 } else {
 response.statusCode = 404;
 response.end();
 }
});

server.listen(8080);
```

## Conclusion

With these basics, you can build various Node.js HTTP servers for typical use cases. For more advanced routing, consider using frameworks like Express. Additionally, explore the Node.js documentation for further details on EventEmitters, Streams, and the HTTP module.



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Your document on ABI Stability and N-API in Node.js is comprehensive and well-structured. Here's a concise summary that captures the key points:

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## ABI Stability

## Introduction

- An Application Binary Interface (ABI) defines how programs call functions and use data structures from compiled programs, serving as the compiled version of an Application Programming Interface (API).
- ABI compatibility requires that applications are compiled against consistent header files to match the ABI's expected addresses, parameter values, and memory structures.
- Compilers and maintainers of header files share the responsibility for ensuring ABI compatibility.

## ABI Stability in Node.js

- Node.js has various header files maintained by independent teams (e.g., Node.js and V8), leading to the adoption of semantic versioning.
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## N-API

### Overview

- The need for a stable ABI across major Node.js versions led to the development of N-API.
- N-API offers a consistent interface for native addons, alleviating the maintenance burden when upgrading Node.js.

### Motivations for N-API

1. **Compatibility:** JavaScript has remained stable, while the underlying ABI changes with Node.js versions. N-API allows seamless upgrades without recompiling addons.
2. **Ecosystem:** A unified API across different JavaScript engines enables compatibility with alternative Node.js implementations.
3. **Future-proofing:** Preparing for potential changes in the JavaScript engine used by Node.js.

### Implementation and Guarantees

- Introduced in Node.js 8.6.0 and stabilized in 8.12.0, N-API is defined in `node_api.h` and `node_api_types.h`.
- Guarantees that a version of N-API will be available in the major version it was released and all subsequent versions.
- Native addon authors should use only the APIs and structures defined in N-API to benefit from this stability.

### Versioning

- N-API uses cumulative versioning similar to minor versions in semantic versioning, ensuring all changes remain backward-compatible.
  - New APIs are introduced under an experimental flag for community feedback before finalization, which means they lack the forward compatibility guarantee until proven stable.
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Your detailed document on ABI Stability and N-API provides a clear and informative overview of these concepts in the context of Node.js. Here's a refined version that maintains the essential information while enhancing clarity and flow:

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To ensure compatibility, applications using the ABI must be compiled so that their addresses, parameter values, and memory layouts match those expected by the ABI provider. This is typically achieved by compiling against the headers provided by the ABI provider.

As the ABI provider and user may be compiled at different times and with different compiler versions, compiler behavior is crucial for maintaining ABI compatibility. Various compilers must consistently produce the same ABI from a given header file, adhering to the conventions described. Fortunately, modern compilers generally maintain a strong track record of preserving ABI compatibility for the applications they compile.

The remaining responsibility for ensuring ABI compatibility falls to the team maintaining the header files. While changes can be made to these headers, they must be meticulously tracked to prevent any alterations that could render existing ABI users incompatible with new versions.

## ABI Stability in Node.js

Node.js utilizes header files maintained by multiple independent teams. For instance, header files like `node.h` and `node_buffer.h` are managed by the Node.js team, while `v8.h` is maintained by the V8 team, which operates independently and has its own priorities. Consequently, the Node.js team has limited control over changes introduced in the provided headers. To address this, the Node.js project has adopted semantic versioning, ensuring stable ABIs for all minor and patch versions released within a major version. Practically, this means that a Node.js native addon compiled against a specific major version will load successfully with any minor or patch version within that major version.

## N-API

The demand for a stable ABI across multiple major Node.js versions led to the creation of N-API. The motivations behind this initiative include:

1. **JavaScript Compatibility:** JavaScript has remained compatible since its inception, while the ABI of the engine executing JavaScript changes with every major Node.js version. This disparity means that applications consisting solely of Node.js packages do not need recompilation when upgrading Node.js. However, applications depending on packages with native addons must be recompiled and redeployed with each new major Node.js version, adding to the maintenance burden.
2. **Alternative Implementations:** Other projects have developed JavaScript interfaces that serve as alternative implementations of Node.js. These projects typically use different JavaScript engines than V8, leading to differing structures and APIs for native addons. A unified API for native addons across various Node.js implementations would leverage the existing JavaScript package ecosystem.
3. **Future-proofing:** Node.js may eventually adopt a different JavaScript engine. If this occurs, existing interfaces would remain unchanged, but the absence of the V8 header file could disrupt the Node.js ecosystem, particularly affecting native addons. A JavaScript engine-agnostic API must be established and adopted by native addons to mitigate this risk.

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Native addon authors can leverage this forward compatibility by using only the APIs defined in `node_api.h` and the data structures and constants specified in `node_api_types.h`. This approach minimizes the maintenance burden for production users, allowing for the integration of native addons with a similar level of effort as adding pure JavaScript packages.

N-API is versioned to accommodate new APIs, employing a cumulative versioning system akin to minor versions in semantic versioning. This ensures all changes to N-API remain backward-compatible. New N-APIs are introduced under an experimental flag, allowing the community to test them in production environments. While precautions are taken to prevent future ABI-incompatible changes, experimental APIs have not yet been fully validated and are not covered by the forward compatibility guarantee until proven stable.

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User Journey These diagnostics guides were created by the Diagnostics Working Group with the objective of providing guidance when diagnosing an issue in a user's application. The documentation project is organized based on user journey. Those journeys are a coherent set of step-by-step procedures that a user can follow to root-cause their issues.

**ChatGPT said:**

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Memory updated

Your user journey documentation sounds like a valuable resource! Organizing it step-by-step can help users effectively diagnose issues in their applications. If you need help structuring the content or have any specific questions about it, feel free to ask!

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**You said:**

Memory In this document you can learn about how to debug memory related issues. My process runs out of memory Node.js (JavaScript) is a garbage collected language, so having memory leaks is possible through retainers. As Node.js applications are usually multi-tenant, business critical, and long-running, providing an accessible and efficient way of finding a memory leak is essential. Symptoms The user observes continuously increasing memory usage (can be fast or slow, over days or even weeks) then sees the process crashing and restarting by the process manager. The process is maybe running slower than before and the restarts cause some requests to fail (load balancer responds with 502). Side Effects Process restarts due to the memory exhaustion and requests are dropped on the floor Increased GC activity leads to higher CPU usage and slower response time GC blocking the Event Loop causing slowness Increased memory swapping slows down the process (GC activity) May not have enough available memory to get a Heap Snapshot My process utilizes memory inefficiently Symptoms The application uses an unexpected amount of memory and/or we observe elevated garbage collector activity. Side Effects An elevated number of page faults Higher GC activity and CPU usage Debugging Most memory issues can be solved by determining how much space our specific type of objects take and what variables are preventing them from being garbage collected. It can also help to know the allocation pattern of our program over time. Using Heap Profiler Using Heap Snapshot GC Traces

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Your documentation on debugging memory-related issues in Node.js is clear and structured, which is great for helping users identify and resolve their problems effectively. Here's a suggested organization to enhance the clarity and usability of your content, along with some additional details you might consider including:

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# Debugging Memory-Related Issues

## Introduction

This document provides guidance on diagnosing and fixing memory-related issues in Node.js applications. Memory leaks can lead to performance degradation and application crashes, particularly in long-running, multi-tenant environments.

## Common Memory Issues

- **Memory Leak:** Continuous increase in memory usage leading to process crashes.
  - **Inefficient Memory Utilization:** Higher than expected memory usage or elevated garbage collection (GC) activity.
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## 1. My Process Runs Out of Memory

### Symptoms

- Continuous increase in memory usage (can be fast or slow, over days or weeks).
- Process crashes and restarts managed by the process manager.
- Noticeable slowdowns in application performance.
- Failed requests due to load balancer errors (e.g., 502 responses).

### Side Effects

- **Process Restarts:** Result in lost requests and decreased reliability.
  - **Increased GC Activity:** Leads to higher CPU usage and degraded response times.
  - **Event Loop Blocking:** GC processes may block the event loop, causing further slowness.
  - **Memory Swapping:** Can slow down the process due to increased GC activity.
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## 2. My Process Utilizes Memory Inefficiently

### Symptoms

- Unexpectedly high memory usage.
- Observed elevated garbage collector activity.

## Side Effects

- **Page Faults:** An elevated number of page faults indicating inefficient memory usage.
  - **Higher GC Activity:** Increased CPU usage related to garbage collection processes.
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## 3. Debugging Steps

### Identifying the Problem

Most memory issues can be diagnosed by analyzing object sizes, retention, and allocation patterns. Here are tools and techniques to help you with the debugging process:

#### Using Heap Profiler

- **What It Does:** The heap profiler provides insights into memory allocation and the types of objects consuming memory.
- **How to Use:**
  - Start your Node.js application with the `--inspect` flag.
  - Use Chrome DevTools to capture heap snapshots and analyze memory usage.

#### Using Heap Snapshot

- **What It Does:** Captures the current state of the memory heap to analyze the allocation and retention of objects.
- **How to Use:**
  - Take snapshots at different intervals to compare memory usage over time.
  - Identify objects that are not being garbage collected and investigate why.

#### GC Traces

- **What They Show:** Garbage collection logs can provide insight into GC frequency, duration, and memory usage patterns.
  - **How to Use:**
    - Enable GC tracing by starting your application with the `--trace-gc` flag.
    - Analyze the logs to understand the impact of GC on performance.
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## Conclusion

By following the outlined steps and utilizing the recommended tools, you can effectively diagnose and resolve memory-related issues in your Node.js applications. Keeping track of

memory usage patterns and employing best practices in memory management will enhance your application's stability and performance.

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Live Debugging In this document you can learn about how to live debug a Node.js process. My application doesn't behave as expected Symptoms The user may observe that the application doesn't provide the expected output for certain inputs, for example, an HTTP server returns a JSON response where certain fields are empty. Various things can go wrong in the process but in this use case, we are mainly focused on the application logic and its correctness. Debugging In this use case, the user would like to understand the code path that our application executes for a certain trigger like an incoming HTTP request. They may also want to step through the code and control the execution as well as inspect what values variables hold in memory. Using Inspector

**ChatGPT said:**

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Your document on live debugging in Node.js provides a solid foundation for users looking to troubleshoot their applications. Here's a refined structure and additional details that could enhance clarity and usability:

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# Live Debugging in Node.js

## Introduction

This document guides users on how to live debug a Node.js process, particularly when the application does not behave as expected. By understanding the code execution path and inspecting variable values, users can pinpoint issues in application logic.

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## 1. My Application Doesn't Behave as Expected

### Symptoms

Users may observe unexpected behavior in their applications, such as:

- An HTTP server returning a JSON response with missing or empty fields.
- Incorrect outputs for specific inputs or conditions.

## Debugging Focus

In this scenario, the primary focus is on understanding the application logic and ensuring its correctness.

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## 2. Debugging Steps

### Step 1: Understand the Code Path

To effectively debug, users need to trace the code execution path associated with specific triggers, like incoming HTTP requests. This involves identifying which functions are called and how data flows through the application.

### Step 2: Set Up the Inspector

The Node.js Inspector is a powerful tool for live debugging. Follow these steps to set it up:

#### How to Use the Inspector

**Start the Application with the Inspector:** Launch your Node.js application with the `--inspect` flag. For example:

bash

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node --inspect app.js
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Alternatively, you can use `--inspect-brk` to break on the first line of the application:

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node --inspect-brk app.js
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2. **Open Chrome DevTools:**
  - Open Google Chrome and navigate to `chrome://inspect`.
  - Click on "Open dedicated DevTools for Node" to launch the DevTools interface for your Node.js process.
3. **Set Breakpoints:**
  - In the Sources tab of DevTools, locate the JavaScript file you want to debug.

- Click on the line number to set breakpoints where you want the execution to pause.
  - 4. **Inspect Variables:**
    - When the execution hits a breakpoint, you can inspect variable values in the Scope panel.
    - Hover over variables in the code to see their current values.
  - 5. **Step Through Code:**
    - Use the control buttons (Step over, Step into, Step out, Resume) to navigate through the code execution.
    - Observe how the state of the application changes and identify any discrepancies.
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### 3. Tips for Effective Debugging

- **Console Logging:** Incorporate `console.log` statements to track the flow of execution and the values of critical variables if necessary.
  - **Analyze Call Stack:** Use the Call Stack panel in DevTools to understand the sequence of function calls leading to the current breakpoint.
  - **Watch Expressions:** Add expressions to the Watch panel to monitor specific variables or expressions as you debug.
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## Conclusion

By utilizing the Node.js Inspector and following the outlined steps, users can effectively live debug their applications to identify and resolve issues in application logic. Understanding the code path and inspecting variable values are key to achieving expected application behavior.

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Feel free to modify or expand upon this structure to fit your project's needs! If you have any other sections or topics you'd like to add, just let me know.

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Poor Performance In this document you can learn about how to profile a Node.js process. My application has a poor performance Symptoms My applications latency is high and I have already confirmed that the bottleneck is not my dependencies like databases and downstream services. So I suspect that my application spends significant time to run code or process information. You are satisfied with your application performance in general but would like to understand which part of our application can be improved to run faster or more efficient. It can

be useful when we want to improve the user experience or save computation cost. Debugging In this use-case, we are interested in code pieces that use more CPU cycles than the others. When we do this locally, we usually try to optimize our code. This document provides two simple ways to profile a Node.js application: Using V8 Sampling Profiler Using Linux Perf

**ChatGPT said:**

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Your document on profiling a Node.js process for performance issues is a great start! Below is a refined structure with more detail that may help users better understand how to diagnose and optimize performance-related issues in their applications.

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# Profiling Node.js Applications for Poor Performance

## Introduction

This document provides guidance on how to profile a Node.js process when experiencing poor performance. Profiling helps identify areas in the application that may be causing latency or high CPU usage, enabling optimization for improved efficiency and user experience.

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## 1. My Application Has Poor Performance

### Symptoms

Users may experience:

- High application latency, even after confirming that external dependencies (like databases and downstream services) are not the bottleneck.
  - A general dissatisfaction with application performance, leading to a desire to identify and optimize specific code sections for better speed and efficiency.
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## 2. Debugging Focus

In this scenario, the objective is to identify code segments that consume excessive CPU cycles. Understanding which parts of the application are resource-intensive allows developers to focus their optimization efforts effectively.

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## 3. Profiling Methods

Here are two effective methods to profile a Node.js application:

### Method 1: Using V8 Sampling Profiler

#### Steps to Use the V8 Profiler

**Start Your Application with Profiling:** Launch your Node.js application with the `--prof` flag:

bash

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node --prof app.js
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2. **Run Your Application:** Execute the portions of your application that you suspect are underperforming.
3. **Stop Profiling:** Once you have exercised the relevant parts of your application, stop it.

**Analyze the Profile Output:** After stopping the application, Node.js generates a file named `v8.log`. To process this log, use the following command:

bash

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node --prof-process v8.log
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4. This command will output a human-readable report, highlighting functions that consume the most CPU time.
5. **Review the Report:** Look for hotspots in the report, which indicate where the most time was spent in your code. This will help you identify specific functions or methods that may require optimization.

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### Method 2: Using Linux Perf

#### Steps to Use Linux Perf

**Install perf:** Ensure that `perf` is installed on your Linux system. You can usually install it via your package manager, e.g., for Ubuntu:

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sudo apt-get install linux-tools-common linux-tools-generic
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**Run Your Node.js Application:** Start your Node.js application normally:

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node app.js
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2.

**Use perf to Profile:** Open a new terminal and run the following command to start profiling:

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perf record -F 99 -p <PID> -g -- sleep <duration>
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3. Replace **<PID>** with the process ID of your Node.js application and **<duration>** with the time in seconds you wish to profile.

**Generate a Report:** After profiling, use the following command to generate a report:

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perf report
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4. This command will display a report indicating where CPU time was spent in your application, showing stack traces for deeper insights.
5. **Analyze the Results:** Focus on the functions that consume the most CPU time, and consider whether they can be optimized or refactored for better performance.

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## Conclusion

By utilizing either the V8 Sampling Profiler or Linux Perf, developers can effectively diagnose and profile performance issues in their Node.js applications. Identifying CPU-intensive code segments allows for targeted optimizations that can enhance application efficiency and user experience.

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Flame Graphs What's a flame graph useful for? Flame graphs are a way of visualizing CPU time spent in functions. They can help you pin down where you spend too much time doing synchronous operations. How to create a flame graph You might have heard creating a flame graph for Node.js is difficult, but that's not true (anymore). Solaris vms are no longer needed for flame graphs! Flame graphs are generated from perf output, which is not a node-specific tool. While it's the most powerful way to visualize CPU time spent, it may have issues with how JavaScript code is optimized in Node.js 8 and above. See perf output issues section below. Use a pre-packaged tool If you want a single step that produces a flame graph locally, try 0x For diagnosing production deployments, read these notes: 0x production servers. Create a flame graph with system perf tools The purpose of this guide is to show the steps involved in creating a flame graph and keep you in control of each step. If you want to understand each step better, take a look at the sections that follow where we go into more detail. Now let's get to work. Install perf (usually available through the linux-tools-common package if not already installed) Try running perf - it might complain about missing kernel modules, install them too Run node with perf enabled (see perf output issues for tips specific to Node.js versions) perf record -e cycles:u -g -- node --perf-basic-prof app.js Disregard warnings unless they're saying you can't run perf due to missing packages; you may get some warnings about not being able to access kernel module samples which you're not after anyway. Run perf script > perfs.out to generate the data file you'll visualize in a moment. It's useful to apply some cleanup for a more readable graph Install stackvis if not yet installed npm i -g stackvis Run stackvis perf < perfs.out > flamegraph.htm Now open the flame graph file in your favorite browser and watch it burn. It's color-coded so you can focus on the most saturated orange bars first. They're likely to represent CPU heavy functions. Worth mentioning - if you click an element of a flame graph a zoom-in of its surroundings will be displayed above the graph. Using perf to sample a running process This is great for recording flame graph data from an already running process that you don't want to interrupt. Imagine a production process with a hard to reproduce issue. perf record -F99 -p pgrep -n node -g -- sleep 3 Shell Copy to clipboard Wait, what is that sleep 3 for? It's there to keep the perf running - despite -p option pointing to a different pid, the command needs to be executed on a process and end with it. perf runs for the life of the command you pass to it, whether or not you're actually profiling that command. sleep 3 ensures that perf runs for 3 seconds. Why is -F (profiling frequency) set to 99? It's a reasonable default. You can adjust if you want. -F99 tells perf to take 99 samples per second, for more precision increase the value. Lower values should produce less output with less precise results. The precision you need depends on how long your CPU intensive functions really run. If you're looking for the reason for a noticeable slowdown, 99 frames per second should be more than enough. After you get that 3 second perf record, proceed with generating the flame graph with the last two steps from above. Filtering out Node.js internal functions Usually, you just want to look at the performance of your calls, so filtering out Node.js and V8 internal functions can make the graph much easier to read. You can clean up your perf file with: sed -i -r \ -e "/( \_\_libc\_start| LazyCompile | v8::internal::| Builtin::| Stub::| LoadIC:|[unknown]| LoadPolymorphicIC:)/d" \ -e 's/ LazyCompile:[\*~]?/ /' \ perfs.out Shell Copy to clipboard If you read your flame graph and it seems odd, as if something is missing in the key function taking up most time, try generating your flame graph without the filters - maybe you got a rare case of an issue with Node.js itself. Node.js's profiling options

--perf-basic-prof-only-functions and --perf-basic-prof are the two that are useful for debugging your JavaScript code. Other options are used for profiling Node.js itself, which is outside the scope of this guide. --perf-basic-prof-only-functions produces less output, so it's the option with the least overhead. Why do I need them at all? Well, without these options, you'll still get a flame graph, but with most bars labeled v8::Function::Call. perf output issues Node.js 8.x V8 pipeline changes Node.js 8.x and above ships with new optimizations to the JavaScript compilation pipeline in the V8 engine which makes function names/references unreachable for perf sometimes. (It's called Turbofan) The result is you might not get your function names right in the flame graph. You'll notice ByteCodeHandler: where you'd expect function names. 0x has some mitigations for that built in. For details see:  
<https://github.com/nodejs/benchmarking/issues/168>  
<https://github.com/nodejs/diagnostics/issues/148#issuecomment-369348961> Node.js 10+ Node.js 10.x addresses the issue with Turbofan using the --interpreted-frames-native-stack flag. Run node --interpreted-frames-native-stack --perf-basic-prof-only-functions to get function names in the flame graph regardless of which pipeline V8 used to compile your JavaScript. Broken labels in the flame graph If you're seeing labels looking like this  
node\_ZN2v88internal11interpreter17BytecodeGenerator15VisitStatementsEPN  
S0\_8ZoneListIPNS0\_9StatementEEE it means the Linux perf you're using was not compiled with demangle support, see  
<https://bugs.launchpad.net/ubuntu/+source/linux/+bug/1396654> for example Examples Practice capturing flame graphs yourself with a flame graph exercise!

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Your document on creating and using flame graphs for Node.js performance profiling is informative and well-structured! Below is a refined version that maintains the essential details while improving clarity and organization.

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# Flame Graphs in Node.js

## What Are Flame Graphs Useful For?

Flame graphs are a powerful visualization tool that helps developers understand how CPU time is spent across different functions in their applications. They can be particularly useful for identifying performance bottlenecks caused by synchronous operations.

## How to Create a Flame Graph

Creating flame graphs for Node.js applications has become significantly easier, and you no longer need Solaris VMs. Flame graphs can be generated using **perf** output, a tool that is not specific to Node.js but is highly effective for visualizing CPU time usage.

## Pre-packaged Tool: Using 0x

If you prefer a straightforward solution, consider using **0x**. It simplifies the process of creating flame graphs with minimal setup, especially for local development.

For diagnosing performance issues on production deployments, refer to the [0x production servers documentation](#).

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## Step-by-Step Guide to Create a Flame Graph

**Install Perf:** Ensure you have **perf** installed, typically available through the `linux-tools-common` package:

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```
sudo apt-get install linux-tools-common
```

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2. **Check Perf Installation:** Run `perf` to confirm it's working. If you see errors about missing kernel modules, install the necessary packages.

**Run Node.js with Perf:** Start your Node.js application with profiling enabled:

bash

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```
perf record -e cycles:u -g -- node --perf-basic-prof app.js
```

3. Disregard non-critical warnings unless they indicate a problem with running **perf**.

**Generate Data File:** After running your application, create the data file for visualization:

bash

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```
perf script > perfs.out
```

4. This file contains the profiling data you'll visualize shortly.

**Install Stackvis:** If you haven't done so, install **stackvis**:

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```
npm install -g stackvis
```

5.

**Create the Flame Graph:** Use the following command to generate the flame graph:

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stackvis perf < perfs.out > flamegraph.htm
```

6. Open `flamegraph.htm` in your web browser to view the flame graph. Focus on the most saturated orange bars, indicating CPU-heavy functions.
7. **Interactive Exploration:** Click on any element of the flame graph to zoom in on its context, allowing for a deeper investigation of performance issues.

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## Sampling a Running Process

You can also sample a running Node.js process without interrupting it, which is useful for capturing data from production deployments.

**Run the Following Command:**

bash

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```
perf record -F99 -p `pgrep -n node` -g -- sleep 3
```

1. The `sleep 3` command keeps `perf` running for 3 seconds. Adjust the frequency (`-F99`) based on your profiling needs.
2. **Generate the Flame Graph:** After profiling, follow the same steps to create the flame graph from the generated data.

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## Filtering Out Node.js Internal Functions

To improve readability, you may want to filter out internal Node.js and V8 functions from your flame graph. You can clean up your `perf` output with the following command:

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```
sed -i -r \
-e "/(__libc_start| LazyCompile | v8::internal::| Builtin:| Stub:|
LoadIC:|\\[unknown\\]| LoadPolymorphicIC:)/d" \
-e 's/ LazyCompile:[*~]?/ /' \
perfs.out
```

If your flame graph appears incomplete, consider generating it without filters to ensure you're capturing all relevant data.

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## Node.js Profiling Options

Two useful options for profiling your JavaScript code are:

- `--perf-basic-prof-only-functions`: Produces less output and has lower overhead.
- `--perf-basic-prof`: Generates a more comprehensive profile.

Using these options helps ensure that the flame graph reflects your JavaScript code's performance without being dominated by internal function calls.

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## Perf Output Issues

### Node.js 8.x V8 Pipeline Changes

Starting with Node.js 8.x, optimizations in the V8 engine may cause function names to be lost in **perf** output due to the Turbofan compiler. This can result in function names being replaced with placeholders like `ByteCodeHandler`.

To address this, use the following command with Node.js 10.x or later:

```
bash
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node --interpreted-frames-native-stack
--perf-basic-prof-only-functions app.js
```

This enables correct mapping of function names in the flame graph.

### Broken Labels in Flame Graphs

If you see labels such as:

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```
node`_ZN2v88internal11interpreter17BytecodeGenerator15VisitStatementsE
PNS0_8ZoneListIPNS0_9StatementEEE
```

it indicates that the Linux **perf** you are using lacks demangle support. Consider upgrading your **perf** installation or check your package manager for a version that includes this feature.

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## Practice Exercise

To solidify your understanding, practice capturing flame graphs with a dedicated exercise. This will help you become comfortable with the process and troubleshooting any issues that arise.

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This structured approach should help users effectively create and utilize flame graphs for profiling Node.js applications. If you need any more details or additional sections, just let me know!

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Discovering Node.js's test runner In this series of resources, we will discover how to use Node.js's test runner to test our code. What is a test runner? A test runner is a tool that allows you to run tests on your code. It will execute your tests and give you feedback on whether they pass or fail. It can also provide you with additional information such as code coverage. There are many test runners available for Node.js, but we will focus on the built-in test runner that comes with Node.js. It's cool because you don't need to install any additional dependencies to use it. Why test your code? Testing your code is important because it allows you to verify that your code works as expected. It helps you catch bugs early in the development process and ensures that your code is reliable and maintainable. Running tests with Node.js To run tests with Node.js, we recommend you to read the test runner documentation.

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Your introduction to Node.js's built-in test runner is a great start! Here's a refined version that maintains the key points while enhancing clarity and engagement:

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## Discovering Node.js's Test Runner

In this series of resources, we will explore how to effectively use Node.js's built-in test runner to test our code.

## What is a Test Runner?

A **test runner** is a tool designed to execute tests on your code. It runs your tests and provides feedback on whether they pass or fail. Additionally, it can offer insights such as code coverage, helping you understand how much of your code is being tested.

While there are many test runners available for Node.js, we will focus on the built-in test runner that comes with Node.js itself. This is beneficial because you don't need to install any additional dependencies to get started!

## Why Test Your Code?

Testing your code is crucial for several reasons:

- **Verifies Functionality:** Testing ensures that your code behaves as expected.
- **Catches Bugs Early:** It helps identify issues early in the development process, making them easier to fix.
- **Ensures Reliability:** Thorough testing contributes to the reliability and maintainability of your code over time.

## Running Tests with Node.js

To start running tests using Node.js's built-in test runner, we recommend checking the official Node.js test runner documentation for detailed guidance and examples. This resource provides everything you need to know about setting up and executing your tests effectively.

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Feel free to let me know if you'd like to add more sections or specific examples to this resource!

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Using Node.js's test runner Node.js has a flexible and robust built-in test runner. This guide will show you how to set up and use it. Architecture overview Install dependencies package.json example/ ↳ ... ↳ src/ ↳ app/... ↳ sw/... ↳ test/ ↳ globals/ ↳ ... ↳ IndexedDb.js ↳ ServiceWorkerGlobalScope.js ↳ setup.mjs ↳ setup.units.mjs ↳ setup.ui.mjs text Copy to clipboard Note: globs require node v21+, and the globs must themselves be wrapped in quotes (without, you'll get different behaviour than expected, wherein it may first appear to be working but isn't). There are some things you always want, so put them in a base setup file like the

following. This file will get imported by other, more bespoke setups. General setup import { register } from 'node:module'; register('some-typescript-loader'); // TypeScript is supported hereafter // BUT other test/setup.\*.mjs files still must be plain JavaScript! JavaScript Copy to clipboard Then for each setup, create a dedicated setup file (ensuring the base setup.mjs file is imported within each). There are a number of reasons to isolate the setups, but the most obvious reason is YAGNI + performance: much of what you may be setting up are environment-specific mocks/stubs, which can be quite expensive and will slow down test runs. You want to avoid those costs (literal money you pay to CI, time waiting for tests to finish, etc) when you don't need them. Each example below was taken from real-world projects; they may not be appropriate/applicable to yours, but each demonstrate general concepts that are broadly applicable. ServiceWorker tests ServiceWorkerGlobalScope contains very specific APIs that don't exist in other environments, and some of its APIs are seemingly similar to others (ex fetch) but have augmented behaviour. You do not want these to spill into unrelated tests. import { beforeEach } from 'node:test'; import { ServiceWorkerGlobalScope } from './globals/ServiceWorkerGlobalScope.js'; import './setup.mjs'; // 💡 beforeEach(globalSWBeforeEach); function globalSWBeforeEach() { globalThis.self = new ServiceWorkerGlobalScope(); } JavaScript Copy to clipboard import assert from 'node:assert/strict'; import { describe, mock, it } from 'node:test'; import { onActivate } from './onActivate.js'; describe('ServiceWorker::onActivate()', () => { const globalSelf = globalThis.self; const claim = mock.fn(async function mock\_\_claim() {}); const matchAll = mock.fn(async function mock\_\_matchAll() {}); class ActivateEvent extends Event { constructor(...args) { super('activate', ...args); } } before(() => { globalThis.self = { clients: { claim, matchAll }, }; }); after(() => { global.self = globalSelf; }); it('should claim all clients', async () => { await onActivate(new ActivateEvent()); assert.equal(claim.mock.callCount(), 1); assert.equal(matchAll.mock.callCount(), 1); }); }); JavaScript Copy to clipboard Snapshot tests These were popularised by Jest; now, many libraries implement such functionality, including Node.js as of v22.3.0. There are several use-cases such as verifying component rendering output and Infrastructure as Code config. The concept is the same regardless of use-case. There is no specific configuration required except enabling the feature via --experimental-test-snapshots. But to demonstrate the optional configuration, you would probably add something like the following to one of your existing test config files. By default, node generates a filename that is incompatible with syntax highlighting detection: .js.snapshot. The generated file is actually a CJS file, so a more appropriate file name would end with .snapshot.cjs (or more succinctly .snap.cjs as below); this will also handle better in ESM projects. import { basename, dirname, extname, join } from 'node:path'; import { snapshot } from 'node:test'; snapshot.setResolveSnapshotPath(generateSnapshotPath); /\*\* \* @param {string} testFilePath '/tmp/foo.test.js' \* @returns {string} '/tmp/foo.test.snap.cjs' \*/ function generateSnapshotPath(testFilePath) { const ext = extname(testFilePath); const filename = basename(testFilePath, ext); const base = dirname(testFilePath); return join(base, `\${filename}.snap.cjs`); } JavaScript Copy to clipboard The example below demonstrates snapshot testing with testing library for UI components; note the two different ways of accessing assert.snapshot(): import { describe, it } from 'node:test'; import { prettyDOM } from '@testing-library/dom'; import { render } from '@testing-library/react'; // Any framework (ex svelte) import { SomeComponent } from './SomeComponent.jsx'; describe('<SomeComponent>',



() => { // For people preferring "fat-arrow" syntax, the following is probably better for consistency  
 it('should render defaults when no props are provided', (t) => { const component =  
 render(<SomeComponent />).container.firstChild; t.assert.snapshot(prettyDOM(component)); });  
 it('should consume **foo** when provided', function() { const component =  
 render(<SomeComponent foo="bar" />).container.firstChild;  
 this.assert.snapshot(prettyDOM(component)); // **this** works only when **function** is used (not  
 "fat arrow"). }); }); TypeScript Copy to clipboard ⚠️ assert.snapshot comes from the test's  
 context (t or this), not node:assert. This is necessary because the test context has access to  
 scope that is impossible for node:assert (you would have to manually provide it every time  
 assert.snapshot is used, like snapshot(this, value), which would be rather tedious). Unit tests  
 Unit tests are the simplest tests and generally require relatively nothing special. The vast  
 majority of your tests will likely be unit tests, so it is important to keep this setup minimal  
 because a small decrease to setup performance will magnify and cascade. import { register }  
 from 'node:module'; import './setup.mjs'; // 💡 register('some-plaintext-loader'); // plain-text files  
 like graphql can now be imported: // import GET\_ME from 'get-me.gql'; GET\_ME = ' JavaScript  
 Copy to clipboard import assert from 'node:assert/strict'; import { describe, it } from 'node:test';  
 import { Cat } from './Cat.js'; import { Fish } from './Fish.js'; import { Plastic } from './Plastic.js';  
 describe('Cat', () => { it('should eat fish', () => { const cat = new Cat(); const fish = new Fish();  
 assert.doesNotThrow(() => cat.eat(fish)); }); it('should NOT eat plastic', () => { const cat = new  
 Cat(); const plastic = new Plastic(); assert.throws(() => cat.eat(plastic)); }); }); JavaScript Copy  
 to clipboard User Interface tests UI tests generally require a DOM, and possibly other  
 browser-specific APIs (such as IndexedDb used below). These tend to be very complicated and  
 expensive to setup. If you use an API like IndexedDb but it's very isolated, a global mock like  
 below is perhaps not the way to go. Instead, perhaps move this beforeEach into the specific test  
 where IndexedDb will be accessed. Note that if the module accessing IndexedDb (or whatever)  
 is itself widely accessed, either mock that module (probably the better option), or do keep this  
 here. import { register } from 'node:module'; // ⚠️ Ensure only 1 instance of JSDom is  
 instantiated; multiples will lead to many 🧨 import jsdom from 'global-jsdom'; import  
 './setup.units.mjs'; // 💡 import { IndexedDb } from './globals/IndexedDb.js';  
 register('some-css-modules-loader'); jsdom(undefined, { url: 'https://test.example.com', // ⚠️  
 Failing to specify this will likely lead to many 🧨 }); // Example of how to decorate a global. //  
 JSDOM's **history** does not handle navigation; the following handles most cases. const  
 pushState = globalThis.history.pushState.bind(globalThis.history); globalThis.history.pushState  
 = function mock\_pushState(data, unused, url) { pushState(data, unused, url);  
 globalThis.location.assign(url); }; beforeEach(globalUIBeforeEach); function  
 globalUIBeforeEach() { globalThis.indexedDb = new IndexedDb(); } JavaScript Copy to  
 clipboard You can have 2 different levels of UI tests: a unit-like (wherein externals &  
 dependencies are mocked) and a more end-to-end (where only externals like IndexedDb are  
 mocked but the rest of the chain is real). The former is generally the purer option, and the latter  
 is generally deferred to a fully end-to-end automated usability test via something like Playwright  
 or Puppeteer. Below is an example of the former. import { before, describe, mock, it } from  
 'node:test'; import { screen } from '@testing-library/dom'; import { render } from  
 '@testing-library/react'; // Any framework (ex svelte) // ⚠️ Note that SomeOtherComponent is  
 NOT a static import; // this is necessary in order to facilitate mocking its own imports.

```
describe('<SomeOtherComponent>', () => { let SomeOtherComponent; let calcSomeValue;
before(async () => { // ⚠ Sequence matters: the mock must be set up BEFORE its consumer is
imported. // Requires the --experimental-test-module-mocks be set. calcSomeValue =
mock.module('./calcSomeValue.js', { calcSomeValue: mock.fn() }); ({ SomeOtherComponent } =
await import('./SomeOtherComponent.jsx')); }); describe('when calcSomeValue fails', () => { //
This you would not want to handle with a snapshot because that would be brittle: // When
inconsequential updates are made to the error message, // the snapshot test would erroneously
fail // (and the snapshot would need to be updated for no real value). it('should fail gracefully by
displaying a pretty error', () => { calcSomeValue.mockImplementation(function
mock__calcSomeValue() { return null }); render(<SomeOtherComponent>); const errorMessage
= screen.getByText('unable'); assert.ok(errorMessage); }); }); });
```

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Your guide on using Node.js's built-in test runner is comprehensive and well-structured! Below is a refined version that emphasizes clarity and organization while retaining the technical details. I've added headings, improved formatting, and ensured consistent language throughout.

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# Using Node.js's Test Runner

Node.js provides a flexible and robust built-in test runner. This guide will show you how to set it up and use it effectively.

## Architecture Overview

Your project structure should look something like this:

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```
example/
├── ... (other files)
├── src/
│ ├── app/...
│ └── sw/...
└── test/
 ├── globals/
 │ ├── ... (other globals)
 │ └── IndexedDb.js
```

```
| └─ ServiceWorkerGlobalScope.js
| └─ setup.mjs
| └─ setup.units.mjs
└─ setup.ui.mjs
```

**Note:** Globs require Node.js v21+ and must be wrapped in quotes. Without quotes, you may experience unexpected behavior.

## General Setup

It's a good practice to create a base setup file for common configurations that will be imported by other setup files. This minimizes redundancy and optimizes test performance.

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```
import { register } from 'node:module';
register('some-typescript-loader');
// TypeScript is supported hereafter.
// Other test/setup.*.mjs files still must be plain JavaScript!
```

## Dedicated Setup Files

For each specific setup, create a dedicated file that imports the base setup. This isolates environment-specific mocks/stubs, which can be expensive to initialize and slow down your test runs.

### Service Worker Tests

The `ServiceWorkerGlobalScope` contains specific APIs that do not exist in other environments. Here's how to set up your tests for a Service Worker:

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```
import { beforeEach } from 'node:test';
import { ServiceWorkerGlobalScope } from
'./globals/ServiceWorkerGlobalScope.js';
import './setup.mjs'; // Base setup

beforeEach(globalSWBeforeEach);
function globalSWBeforeEach() {
```

```
 globalThis.self = new ServiceWorkerGlobalScope();
 }
```

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```
import assert from 'node:assert/strict';
import { describe, mock, it } from 'node:test';
import { onActivate } from './onActivate.js';

describe('ServiceWorker::onActivate()', () => {
 const globalSelf = globalThis.self;
 const claim = mock.fn(async function mock__claim() {});
 const matchAll = mock.fn(async function mock__matchAll() {});

 class ActivateEvent extends Event {
 constructor(...args) {
 super('activate', ...args);
 }
 }

 before(() => {
 globalThis.self = {
 clients: { claim, matchAll },
 };
 });

 after(() => {
 globalThis.self = globalSelf;
 });

 it('should claim all clients', async () => {
 await onActivate(new ActivateEvent());
 assert.equal(claim.mock.callCount(), 1);
 assert.equal(matchAll.mock.callCount(), 1);
 });
});
```

## Snapshot Tests

Snapshot testing was popularized by Jest and is now supported in Node.js as of v22.3.0. It verifies component rendering output and configurations.

To enable snapshot testing, use the flag `--experimental-test-snapshots`. You can customize the filename to enhance compatibility with syntax highlighting:

javascript

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```
import { basename, dirname, extname, join } from 'node:path';
import { snapshot } from 'node:test';
```

```
snapshot.setResolveSnapshotPath(generateSnapshotPath);
```

```
/**
 * @param {string} testFilePath - Example: '/tmp/foo.test.js'
 * @returns {string} - Example: '/tmp/foo.test.snap.cjs'
 */
function generateSnapshotPath(testFilePath) {
 const ext = extname(testFilePath);
 const filename = basename(testFilePath, ext);
 const base = dirname(testFilePath);
 return join(base, `${filename}.snap.cjs`);
}
```

## Snapshot Testing Example

Here's how to perform snapshot testing with a UI component:

javascript

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```
import { describe, it } from 'node:test';
import { prettyDOM } from '@testing-library/dom';
import { render } from '@testing-library/react'; // Adjust for your
framework
import { SomeComponent } from './SomeComponent.jsx';

describe('<SomeComponent>', () => {
 it('should render defaults when no props are provided', (t) => {
 const component = render(<SomeComponent />).container.firstChild;
 t.assert.snapshot(prettyDOM(component));
 });
});
```

```
});

it('should consume `foo` when provided', function() {
 const component = render(<SomeComponent foo="bar"
/>).container.firstChild;
 this.assert.snapshot(prettyDOM(component)); // Use 'function' to
access 'this'
});
});
```

## Unit Tests

Unit tests are the simplest form of testing. Here's a basic example:

javascript

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```
import assert from 'node:assert/strict';
import { describe, it } from 'node:test';
import { Cat } from './Cat.js';
import { Fish } from './Fish.js';
import { Plastic } from './Plastic.js';

describe('Cat', () => {
 it('should eat fish', () => {
 const cat = new Cat();
 const fish = new Fish();
 assert.doesNotThrow(() => cat.eat(fish));
 });

 it('should NOT eat plastic', () => {
 const cat = new Cat();
 const plastic = new Plastic();
 assert.throws(() => cat.eat(plastic));
 });
});
```

## User Interface Tests

UI tests typically require a DOM and other browser-specific APIs. Here's how to set up UI tests with a global mock:

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```
import { register } from 'node:module';
import jsdom from 'global-jsdom';
import './setup.units.mjs'; // Base setup
import { IndexedDb } from './globals/IndexedDb.js';

register('some-css-modules-loader');

jsdom(undefined, {
 url: 'https://test.example.com',
});

beforeEach(globalUIBeforeEach);
function globalUIBeforeEach() {
 globalThis.indexedDb = new IndexedDb();
}
```

## End-to-End Testing Example

For end-to-end testing, you can use a mocking approach:

javascript

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```
import { before, describe, mock, it } from 'node:test';
import { screen } from '@testing-library/dom';
import { render } from '@testing-library/react'; // Adjust for your
framework

describe('<SomeOtherComponent>', () => {
 let SomeOtherComponent;
 let calcSomeValue;

 before(async () => {
 calcSomeValue = mock.module('./calcSomeValue.js', { calcSomeValue:
mock.fn() });
```

```

 ({ SomeOtherComponent } = await
import('./SomeOtherComponent.jsx'));
});

describe('when calcSomeValue fails', () => {
 it('should fail gracefully by displaying a pretty error', () => {
 calcSomeValue.mockImplementation(() => null);
 render(<SomeOtherComponent />);
 const errorMessage = screen.queryByText('unable');
 assert.ok(errorMessage);
 });
});
});

```

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This refined guide maintains the technical depth while improving clarity and user engagement. Let me know if you'd like to adjust or expand on any specific sections!

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Mocking in tests Mocking is a means of creating a facsimile, a puppet. This is generally done in a when 'a', do 'b' manner of puppeteering. The idea is to limit the number of moving pieces and control things that "don't matter". "mocks" and "stubs" are technically different kinds of "test doubles". For the curious mind, a stub is a replacement that does nothing (a no-op) but track its invocation. A mock is a stub that also has a fake implementation (the when 'a', do 'b'). Within this doc, the difference is unimportant, and stubs are referred to as mocks. Tests should be deterministic: runnable in any order, any number of times, and always produce the same result. Proper setup and mocking make this possible. Node.js provides many ways to mock various pieces of code. This articles deals with the following types of tests:

| type                                      | description                                                                                    | example                                    |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| mock candidates                           | unit the smallest bit of code you can isolate                                                  | const sum = (a, b) => a + b                |
| own code                                  | external code, external system component                                                       | a unit + dependencies                      |
| const arithmetic                          | = (op = sum, a, b) => ops[op](a, b)                                                            | external code, external system integration |
| components fitting together               | - external code, external system                                                               | end-to-end (e2e)                           |
| app + external data stores, delivery, etc | A fake user (ex a Playwright agent) literally using an app connected to real external systems. | none (do not mock)                         |

There are different schools of thought about when to mock and when not to mock, the broad strokes of which are outlined below.

When and not to mock There are 3 main mock candidates: Own code External code External system

Own code This is what your project controls. import foo from './foo.mjs'; export function main() { const f = foo(); } JavaScript Copy to clipboard Here, foo is an "own code" dependency of main. Why For a true unit test of main, foo should be mocked: you're testing that main works, not that main + foo work (that's a different test). Why not Mocking foo can be more trouble than



worth, especially when foo is simple, well-tested, and rarely updated. Not mocking foo can be better because it's more authentic and increases coverage of foo (because main's tests will also verify foo). This can, however, create noise: when foo breaks, a bunch of other tests will also break, so tracking down the problem is more tedious: if only the 1 test for the item ultimately responsible for the issue is failing, that's very easy to spot; whereas 100 tests failing creates a needle-in-a-haystack to find the real problem.

### External code

This is what your project does not control.

```
import bar from 'bar';
export function main() { const f = bar(); }
```

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Here, bar is an external package, e.g. an npm dependency. Uncontroversially, for unit tests, this should always be mocked. For component and integration tests, whether to mock depends on what this is.

### Why

Verifying that code that your project does not maintain works is not the goal of a unit test (and that code should have its own tests). Why not? Sometimes, it's just not realistic to mock. For example, you would almost never mock a large framework such as react or angular (the medicine would be worse than the ailment).

### External system

These are things like databases, environments (Chromium or Firefox for a web app, an operating system for a node app, etc), file systems, memory store, etc. Ideally, mocking these would not be necessary. Aside from somehow creating isolated copies for each case (usually very impractical due to cost, additional execution time, etc), the next best option is to mock.

Without mocking, tests sabotage each other:

```
storage.mjs
storage.test.mjs
import { db } from 'db';
export function read(key, all = false) { validate(key, val); if (all) return db.getAll(key); return db.getOne(key); }
export function save(key, val) { validate(key, val); return db.upsert(key, val); }
```

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In the above, the first and second cases (the it() statements) can sabotage each other because they are run concurrently and mutate the same store (a race condition): save()'s insertion can cause the otherwise valid read()'s test to fail its assertion on items found (and read()'s can do the same thing to save()'s).

### What to mock

#### Modules + units

This leverages mock from the Node.js test runner.

```
import assert from 'node:assert/strict';
import { before, describe, it, mock } from 'node:test';
describe('foo', { concurrency: true }, () => { let barMock = mock.fn(); let foo;
before(async () => { const barNamedExports = await import('./bar.mjs') // discard the original default export
.then(({ default, ...rest }) => rest); // It's usually not necessary to manually call restore() after each // nor reset() after all (node does this automatically).
mock.module('./bar.mjs', { defaultExport: barMock // Keep the other exports that you don't want to mock.
namedExports: barNamedExports, }); // This MUST be a dynamic import because that is the only way to ensure the // import starts after the mock has been set up.
({ foo } = await import('./foo.mjs')); });
it('should do the thing', () => { barMock.mockImplementationOnce(function bar_mock() { /* ... */ });
assert.equal(foo(), 42); });
});
```

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#### APIs

A little-known fact is that there is a builtin way to mock fetch. undici is the Node.js implementation of fetch. It's shipped with node, but not currently exposed by node itself, so it must be installed (ex npm install undici).

```
import assert from 'node:assert/strict';
import { beforeEach, describe, it } from 'node:test';
import { MockAgent, setGlobalDispatcher } from 'undici';
import endpoints from './endpoints.mjs';
describe('endpoints', { concurrency: true }, () => { let agent;
beforeEach(() => { agent = new MockAgent(); setGlobalDispatcher(agent); });
it('should retrieve data', async () => { const endpoint = 'foo'; const code = 200; const data = { key: 'good', val: 'item', };
agent.get('example.com').intercept({ path: endpoint, method: 'GET', }).reply(code, data);
assert.deepEqual(await endpoints.get(endpoint), { code, data, }); });
it('should save data', async () => { const endpoint = 'foo/1'; const code = 201; const data = { key: 'good', val: 'item', };
agent
```

```
.get('example.com') .intercept({ path: endpoint, method: 'PUT', }) .reply(code, data);
assert.deepEqual(await endpoints.save(endpoint), { code, data, }); }); }); JavaScript Copy to
clipboard Time Like Doctor Strange, you too can control time. You would usually do this just for
convenience to avoid artificially protracted test runs (do you really want to wait 3 minutes for that
setTimeout() to trigger?). You may also want to travel through time. This leverages mock.timers
from the Node.js test runner. Note the use of time-zone here (Z in the time-stamps). Neglecting
to include a consistent time-zone will likely lead to unexpected results. import assert from
'node:assert/strict'; import { describe, it, mock } from 'node:test'; import ago from './ago.mjs';
describe('whatever', { concurrency: true }, () => { it('should choose "minutes" when that\'s the
closest unit', () => { mock.timers.enable({ now: new Date('2000-01-01T00:02:02Z') }); const t =
ago('1999-12-01T23:59:59Z'); assert.equal(t, '2 minutes ago'); }); });
```

ChatGPT said:

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Here's a structured guide on mocking in tests using Node.js's built-in test runner, emphasizing best practices and practical examples.

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# Mocking in Tests

## Overview

Mocking creates facsimiles of components to control their behavior during tests, allowing tests to be deterministic—yielding the same results regardless of the order or number of executions. This guide discusses the types of tests, when to mock, and how to implement mocks in Node.js.

## Types of Tests

| Type             | Description                                       | Mock Candidates                           |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Unit             | Tests the smallest unit of code in isolation.     | Own code, external code, external systems |
| Component        | Tests a unit plus its dependencies.               | External code, external systems           |
| Integration      | Tests how multiple components fit together.       | External code, external systems           |
| End-to-End (e2e) | Tests the application with real external systems. | None (do not mock)                        |

# When to Mock

Mocking is guided by three main candidates:

1. **Own Code:** Code your project controls.
  - **Why Mock:** For true unit tests to isolate and verify functionality.
  - **Why Not:** To increase coverage of the component being tested, especially if it's simple and well-tested.

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```
import foo from './foo.mjs';
export function main() {
 const f = foo();
}
```

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3. **External Code:** Code outside your control (e.g., npm packages).
  - **Why Mock:** Unit tests should not verify functionality of external dependencies.
  - **Why Not:** Sometimes, mocking is impractical (e.g., large frameworks).

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```
import bar from 'bar';
export function main() {
 const f = bar();
}
```

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5. **External Systems:** Includes databases, environments, etc.
  - **Why Mock:** To prevent tests from interfering with each other due to shared states.

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```
import { db } from 'db';
export function read(key, all = false) {
 validate(key, val);
 if (all) return db.getAll(key);
 return db.getOne(key);
}
```

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# What to Mock

## Modules and Units

Use `mock` from the Node.js test runner to mock dependencies.

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```
import assert from 'node:assert/strict';
import { before, describe, it, mock } from 'node:test';

describe('foo', { concurrency: true }, () => {
 let barMock = mock.fn();
 let foo;

 before(async () => {
 const barNamedExports = await import('./bar.mjs').then(({ default,
...rest }) => rest);
 mock.module('./bar.mjs', {
 defaultExport: barMock,
 namedExports: barNamedExports,
 });
 ({ foo } = await import('./foo.mjs'));
 });

 it('should do the thing', () => {
 barMock.mockImplementationOnce(() => 42);
 assert.equal(foo(), 42);
 });
});
```

## Mocking APIs

Node.js supports API mocking natively. For example, mock the `fetch` function using the `undici` package.

**Install undici:**

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```
npm install undici
```

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2. **Usage:**

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```
import assert from 'node:assert/strict';
import { beforeEach, describe, it } from 'node:test';
import { MockAgent, setGlobalDispatcher } from 'undici';
import endpoints from './endpoints.mjs';

describe('endpoints', { concurrency: true }, () => {
 let agent;

 beforeEach(() => {
 agent = new MockAgent();
 setGlobalDispatcher(agent);
 });

 it('should retrieve data', async () => {
 const endpoint = 'foo';
 const code = 200;
 const data = { key: 'good', val: 'item' };

 agent.get('example.com').intercept({ path: endpoint, method: 'GET'
}).reply(code, data);
 assert.deepEqual(await endpoints.get(endpoint), { code, data });
 });

 it('should save data', async () => {
 const endpoint = 'foo/1';
 const code = 201;
 const data = { key: 'good', val: 'item' };

 agent.get('example.com').intercept({ path: endpoint, method: 'PUT'
}).reply(code, data);
 assert.deepEqual(await endpoints.save(endpoint), { code, data });
 });
});
```

```
});
```

## Controlling Time

You can control time during tests using `mock.timers` to avoid delays from functions like `setTimeout`.

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```
import assert from 'node:assert/strict';
import { describe, it, mock } from 'node:test';
import ago from './ago.mjs';

describe('time control', { concurrency: true }, () => {
 it('should choose "minutes" when that's the closest unit', () => {
 mock.timers.enable({ now: new Date('2000-01-01T00:02:02Z') });
 const t = ago('1999-12-01T23:59:59Z');
 assert.equal(t, '2 minutes ago');
 });
});
```

## Conclusion

Mocking effectively in Node.js tests helps maintain test isolation and reliability. By understanding when and what to mock, you can optimize your testing strategy and improve overall code quality.

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## Interview Questions

Bilkul! Yahan kuch common Node.js interview questions hain jo aapko prepare karne mein madad kar sakte hain:

### Basic Questions

#### 1. Node.js kya hai?

- Node.js ek open-source, cross-platform JavaScript runtime environment hai jo JavaScript ko server-side par chalne ki suvidha deta hai.

## 2. Event Loop kya hai?

- Event Loop Node.js ki concurrency model ka hissa hai. Ye asynchronous operation ko handle karta hai aur non-blocking I/O operations ko enable karta hai.

## 3. npm kya hai?

- npm (Node Package Manager) Node.js ke liye package manager hai. Iska use Node.js libraries aur dependencies ko install, update, aur manage karne ke liye hota hai.

## 4. callback functions kya hain?

- Callback functions wo functions hain jo kisi dusre function ke argument ke roop mein diye jate hain aur dusre function ke execution ke baad call kiye jate hain.

## Intermediate Questions

### 5. Promise kya hai?

- Promise ek JavaScript object hai jo asynchronous operations ke results ko represent karta hai. Ye **pending**, **fulfilled**, aur **rejected** states mein ho sakta hai.

### 6. Async/Await kya hai?

- Async/Await JavaScript mein asynchronous programming ko simplify karne ka tarika hai. **async** keyword function ko asynchronous banata hai aur **await** kisi Promise ka result milne tak execution ko suspend karta hai.

### 7. Middleware kya hai?

- Middleware functions wo functions hain jo request aur response cycle mein execute hote hain. Ye request ko modify karne, response ko manipulate karne ya error handling ke liye use hote hain.

### 8. Express.js kya hai?

- Express.js ek web application framework hai jo Node.js ke upar bana hai. Ye server-side applications aur APIs banane mein madad karta hai.

## Advanced Questions

### 9. Streams kya hain?

- Streams Node.js mein data ko continuously read ya write karne ka method hain. Ye memory usage ko optimize karte hain aur large datasets ko efficiently handle karte hain.

### 10. Cluster module kya hai?

- Cluster module Node.js application ko multiple CPU cores par run karne ki suvidha deta hai. Ye application ki performance ko improve karta hai aur load balancing karta hai.

### 11. Error handling kaise karte hain?

- Node.js mein error handling ka tarika **try...catch** blocks, promise rejection, aur event listeners ka use karke hota hai.

### 12. Security practices kya hain Node.js mein?

- Common security practices include:
  - Input validation
  - Using HTTPS
  - Preventing SQL injection
  - Limiting request rates (rate limiting)

## Practical Questions

### 13. Ek simple REST API kaise banayenge Node.js aur Express.js se?

- Iska demonstration ke liye aapko ek basic Express application banana padega jo CRUD operations (Create, Read, Update, Delete) ko handle kare.

### 14. Kya aap Node.js application ko deploy karne ka process samjha sakte hain?

- Deployment process mein environment setup, application bundling, server setup (jaise Heroku, AWS, DigitalOcean), aur monitoring شامل होता है.

### 15. Database se kaise connect karte hain Node.js mein?

- Node.js mein databases se connect karne ke liye aap **mongoose** (MongoDB के liye) या **pg** (PostgreSQL के liye) जैसी libraries का use कर सकते हैं.

Yeh questions aapko interview ki tayari mein madad karenge. Aap in questions ka practice karein aur apne jawab ko articulate karne ki koshish karein. Best of luck!

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**You said:**

aur bhee questions de sakte ho jo fresher se advanced tak k topic ko cover kare

**ChatGPT said:**

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Bilkul! Yahan par kuch aur Node.js interview questions diye gaye हैं जो fresher से लेकर advanced topics तक cover करते हैं:

## Fresher Level Questions

### 1. Node.js ki architecture का क्या matlab है?

- Node.js की architecture event-driven और non-blocking I/O पर based है। Iska design asynchronous operations को handle करने के liye optimized है.

### 2. Node.js का **require()** function क्या करता है?

- **require()** function का use modules को import करने के liye होता है। Ye module को load करता है और उसका export करने वाला object return करता है.

### 3. Node.js का **package.json** file क्या है?

- **package.json** file project की metadata store करती है, जैसे project का नाम, version, description, dependencies, scripts, और author information.

### 4. Node.js में कौनसे common global objects हैं?



- Common global objects mein `global`, `process`, `Buffer`, aur `module` शामिल hain.

## Intermediate Level Questions

### 5. Node.js mein EventEmitter kya hai?

- `EventEmitter` class ko events ko handle karne ke liye use kiya jata hai. Iska use kar ke hum custom events create aur listen kar sakte hain.

### 6. Node.js mein `process` object kya hai?

- `process` object current Node.js process ke bare mein information deta hai, jisme environment variables, command-line arguments, aur exit codes शामिल hote hain.

### 7. CORS kya hai aur Node.js mein ise kaise handle karte hain?

- CORS (Cross-Origin Resource Sharing) browser ko specify karta hai ki kaunse domains ko resources access karne ki permission hai. Node.js mein isse handle karne ke liye `cors` middleware ka use karte hain.

### 8. File system module ka use kaise karte hain?

- Node.js ka `fs` module file system ke sath kaam karne ke liye functions provide karta hai, jaise file read/write, directory creation, aur file deletion.

## Advanced Level Questions

### 9. Node.js mein clustering kaise kaam karta hai?

- Clustering ek technique hai jisse multiple Node.js processes create kiye jaate hain, jo CPU cores ko effectively use karte hain. Isse application ki performance aur scalability badh jaati hai.

### 10. Microservices architecture kya hai aur Node.js mein ise kaise implement karte hain?

- Microservices architecture applications ko choti, independent services mein divide karta hai. Node.js ko microservices banane ke liye use kiya ja sakta hai kyunki ye lightweight aur fast hai.

### 11. Node.js mein caching techniques kya hain?

- Common caching techniques mein in-memory caching (Redis, Memcached) aur HTTP caching शामिल hain. Ye application ki performance ko improve karte hain.

### 12. Node.js mein authentication aur authorization kaise implement karte hain?

- Authentication ke liye JSON Web Tokens (JWT) ya session-based authentication ka use kiya ja sakta hai. Authorization ke liye role-based access control (RBAC) implement kiya ja sakta hai.

## Practical Scenario Questions

### 13. Ek simple CRUD application kaise banate hain Node.js aur Express.js se?

- Ismein aapko Express.js ke endpoints define karne, database se connection establish karne, aur HTTP methods (GET, POST, PUT, DELETE) ka use karke data manipulate karna hoga.

**14. Error handling ka best practices kya hain Node.js mein?**

- Error handling ke best practices mein try-catch blocks ka use karna, custom error classes create karna, aur asynchronous error handling ke liye middleware ka use shamil hain.

**15. Testing ke liye Node.js mein kaunse frameworks use hote hain?**

- Node.js applications ke testing ke liye popular frameworks hain Mocha, Chai, Jest, aur Supertest. Ye unit, integration, aur end-to-end testing ke liye use hote hain.

## Deployment and DevOps Questions

**16. Node.js application ko production mein kaise deploy karte hain?**

- Ismein server setup (jaise AWS, DigitalOcean), process manager (jaise PM2), aur CI/CD pipelines ko configure karna shamil hota hai.

**17. Monitoring aur logging kaise karte hain Node.js applications mein?**

- Monitoring ke liye tools jaise New Relic ya Datadog ka use karte hain, aur logging ke liye Winston ya Morgan jaise libraries ka istemal hota hai.

**18. Performance optimization techniques kya hain Node.js mein?**

- Performance optimization mein clustering, load balancing, caching, aur efficient use of asynchronous code shamil hain.

## Advanced Concepts

**19. Node.js ke stream modules ka use kaise hota hai?**

- Streams data ko efficiently process karne ka tarika hai, jisse memory consumption reduce hota hai. Readable, Writable, aur Transform streams ka use hota hai.

**20. Node.js mein GraphQL ka kya role hai?**

- GraphQL ek API query language hai jo client ko required data ko request karne ki flexibility deta hai. Ye REST APIs ke alternative ke roop mein use hota hai.

In questions ki madad se aap fresher se lekar advanced levels tak ke concepts achhe se cover kar sakte hain. Interview ke liye acchi tayari karen aur confidence ke sath jawab dene ki koshish karein! Best of luck!

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Bilkul! Yahan kuch aur Node.js interview questions hain jo aapke preparation ko aur bhi enhance kar sakte hain:

## Basics

1. **Node.js aur JavaScript mein kya difference hai?**
  - Node.js ek runtime environment hai jo JavaScript ko server-side par run karta hai, jabki JavaScript client-side scripting language hai jo web browsers mein run hoti hai.
2. **Node.js ka non-blocking I/O kya hota hai?**
  - Non-blocking I/O ka matlab hai ki jab ek operation (jaise file read ya network request) chal raha hota hai, tab Node.js dusre operations ko execute karne ke liye free hota hai, jisse concurrency achieve hoti hai.
3. **Event Loop ka concept kya hai?**
  - Event Loop JavaScript ka core feature hai jo asynchronous operations ko handle karta hai. Ye call stack aur callback queue ko manage karta hai, jisse non-blocking behavior achieve hota hai.

## Middleware and Routing

4. **Express.js mein middleware kya hai?**
  - Middleware functions request aur response objects ko modify karne ya processing pipeline mein specific operations perform karne ke liye use hote hain. Ye routing aur error handling mein madadgar hote hain.
5. **Node.js aur Express.js ke beech kya relation hai?**
  - Node.js ek runtime environment hai, jabki Express.js Node.js par build kiya gaya ek web application framework hai, jo web applications aur APIs banane ke liye features provide karta hai.

## Asynchronous Programming

6. **Promises aur async/await kaise kaam karte hain?**
  - Promises asynchronous operations ke results ko represent karte hain. Async/await syntax ko use karke hum promises ko cleanly handle kar sakte hain, jisse code synchronous jaise dikhta hai.
7. **Callback hell kya hai aur isse kaise avoid karein?**
  - Callback hell tab hota hai jab nested callbacks bahut zyada ho jaate hain, jisse code readability kharab hoti hai. Isse avoid karne ke liye promises ya async/await ka use karte hain.

## Database Interaction

8. **Node.js mein MongoDB se kaise connect karte hain?**

- Node.js mein MongoDB se connect karne ke liye **mongoose** library ka use hota hai. Isse models define karne, data manipulate karne, aur schema validation karne mein madad milti hai.
9. **SQL aur NoSQL databases mein kya differences hain?**
- SQL databases structured data use karte hain aur relational model par based hote hain, jabki NoSQL databases unstructured data handle karte hain aur flexibility offer karte hain.

## Security

10. **Node.js applications ko secure karne ke liye kaunse best practices hain?**
- Best practices mein input validation, output encoding, rate limiting, environment variables ka use, aur security libraries (jaise helmet) shamil hain.
11. **Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) kya hai aur ise kaise prevent karte hain?**
- XSS ek security vulnerability hai jisme attacker malicious scripts ko web pages par inject kar sakta hai. Isse prevent karne ke liye output encoding aur input validation techniques ka use karte hain.

## Testing and Debugging

12. **Unit testing aur integration testing mein kya difference hai?**
- Unit testing mein individual units of code ko test kiya jaata hai, jabki integration testing mein multiple components ko milakar test kiya jaata hai taaki unka interaction verify ho sake.
13. **Node.js applications ke liye kaunse testing frameworks popular hain?**
- Popular testing frameworks mein Jest, Mocha, Chai, aur Jasmine shamil hain. Ye frameworks unit, integration, aur functional testing ke liye use hote hain.

## Performance Optimization

14. **Load testing kya hai aur Node.js mein ise kaise karte hain?**
- Load testing ek performance testing technique hai jisse application ko heavy load par test kiya jaata hai. Node.js mein load testing ke liye tools jaise Artillery ya k6 ka use hota hai.
15. **Node.js mein memory leak kaise detect aur fix karte hain?**
- Memory leak ko detect karne ke liye tools jaise Node.js Inspector ya Chrome DevTools ka use karte hain. Isse performance issues ko identify karke fix kiya ja sakta hai.

## Real-world Applications

16. **Ek real-time application kaise banate hain Node.js aur Socket.IO se?**

- Real-time applications (jaise chat applications) ke liye Socket.IO ka use hota hai, jo bi-directional communication ko facilitate karta hai. Ismein server aur client ke beech events send aur receive kiye jaate hain.

#### 17. Node.js aur RESTful APIs kaise banate hain?

- Node.js mein Express.js ka use karke RESTful APIs create kiye ja sakte hain. Ismein endpoints define kiye jaate hain jo CRUD operations ko handle karte hain.

## Advanced Topics

#### 18. GraphQL kya hai aur Node.js mein ise kaise implement karte hain?

- GraphQL ek query language hai jo API ke liye use hota hai. Isse Node.js mein Apollo Server ya Express-GraphQL ke saath implement kiya ja sakta hai.

#### 19. Node.js mein custom modules kaise create karte hain?

- Custom modules create karne ke liye JavaScript files mein functions ya variables ko export karte hain, aur phir `require()` ke zariye unhein import karte hain.

#### 20. Containerization kya hai aur Node.js applications ke liye ye kyun useful hai?

- Containerization ek process hai jisse applications ko containers mein package kiya jaata hai, jisse deployment aur scaling ko aasaan banaya ja sakta hai. Docker containers Node.js applications ke liye popular hain.

## Summary Questions

#### 21. Node.js ki limitations kya hain?

- Node.js ka single-threaded architecture CPU-intensive tasks ke liye effective nahi hai, aur callback hell se issues ho sakte hain agar asynchronous code properly manage nahi kiya gaya.

#### 22. Node.js ki use cases kya hain?

- Node.js ko real-time applications, RESTful APIs, single-page applications, aur microservices architectures mein use kiya jaata hai.

Yeh questions aapki Node.js ki knowledge ko aur gehra karne aur interview ke liye achhe se prepare hone mein madad karenge. Agar aapko aur kisi specific topic par questions chahiye, toh aap mujhe bata sakte hain!

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**You said:**

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Yahan kuch aur advanced Node.js interview questions hain jo aapki preparation ko aur bhi enhance kar sakte hain:

## Advanced Concepts

1. **EventEmitter kya hai aur iska use case kya hai?**
  - EventEmitter Node.js ka built-in class hai jo events ko handle karne ke liye use hota hai. Aap apne custom events create kar sakte hain aur unhe emit aur listen kar sakte hain.
2. **Streams kya hain? Aur unka use case kya hai?**
  - Streams ek abstraction hain jisse aap data ko sequentially read ya write kar sakte hain. Ye memory efficiency ke liye helpful hain, jaise large files ko read karte waqt.
3. **Buffer aur Stream ke beech kya difference hai?**
  - Buffer ek temporary storage hai jahan binary data ko hold kiya jaata hai, jabki Stream data ko sequentially process karne ke liye use hota hai, bina poora data load kiye.
4. **Cluster module kya hai aur ye kaise kaam karta hai?**
  - Cluster module Node.js ko multiple CPU cores par scale karne ki capability deta hai. Ye ek master process create karta hai jo child processes (workers) ko spawn karta hai.

## Architecture and Design Patterns

5. **Microservices architecture kya hai aur Node.js ismein kaise fit hota hai?**
  - Microservices architecture ek approach hai jahan applications ko chhote, loosely coupled services mein divide kiya jaata hai. Node.js lightweight aur asynchronous nature ke wajah se microservices ke liye ideal hai.
6. **MVC architecture ka kya role hai Node.js applications mein?**
  - MVC (Model-View-Controller) architecture applications ko organize karne ka ek tarika hai jahan logic (Model), user interface (View), aur data flow (Controller) ko alag rakha jaata hai.

## Testing and Performance

7. **Integration testing aur end-to-end testing kaise ki jaati hai Node.js mein?**
  - Integration testing ke liye aap tools jaise Mocha, Chai, ya Supertest ka use kar sakte hain, jabki end-to-end testing ke liye aap Puppeteer ya Cypress use kar sakte hain.
8. **Node.js applications ke performance ko kaise monitor karte hain?**
  - Performance monitoring ke liye aap tools jaise New Relic, Datadog, ya Node.js ke built-in profiler ka use kar sakte hain. Isse memory leaks aur performance bottlenecks identify kiye ja sakte hain.

## Security and Best Practices

9. **CORS (Cross-Origin Resource Sharing) kya hai aur isse kaise handle karte hain?**

- CORS ek security feature hai jo browsers ko allow ya restrict karta hai ki kaunse origins se resources ko access kiya ja sakta hai. Isse Express.js mein `cors` middleware se handle kiya ja sakta hai.

**10. Rate limiting kya hai aur Node.js applications mein ise kaise implement karte hain?**

- Rate limiting ek technique hai jisse API calls ko control kiya jaata hai taaki abuse se bacha ja sake. Isse `express-rate-limit` middleware ka use karke implement kiya ja sakta hai.

## Real-World Use Cases

**11. Node.js ko file upload feature implement karne ke liye kaise use karte hain?**

- File upload ke liye `multer` middleware ka use hota hai. Ye incoming requests se file data ko handle karne aur store karne mein madad karta hai.

**12. Node.js aur Socket.IO ke madhyam se real-time chat application kaise banate hain?**

- Socket.IO ka use karke aap real-time communication establish kar sakte hain. Ye client aur server ke beech bi-directional events ke liye ideal hai.

## Debugging and Optimization

**13. Node.js applications ke debugging ke liye kaunse tools use karte hain?**

- Debugging ke liye aap Node.js Inspector, Chrome DevTools, ya Visual Studio Code ka built-in debugger use kar sakte hain.

**14. Performance issues ko diagnose karne ke liye kaunse techniques use karte hain?**

- Aap profiling tools ka use kar sakte hain, jaise Node.js ke built-in `--inspect` flag ya `clinic.js`, jo performance bottlenecks ko identify karne mein madad karte hain.

## Cloud and Deployment

**15. Node.js applications ko Docker mein kaise deploy karte hain?**

- Aap Dockerfile create karte hain, jisme aap Node.js environment set karte hain aur application ko containerize karte hain, phir Docker Hub ya kisi cloud service par deploy karte hain.

**16. AWS Lambda mein Node.js functions kaise deploy karte hain?**

- AWS Lambda ke liye aap function ko create karte hain, code ko zip karte hain ya direct upload karte hain, aur API Gateway ke saath integrate karte hain.

## Emerging Technologies

**17. GraphQL ko Node.js mein implement karne ke liye kaunse libraries popular hain?**

- GraphQL ke liye **Apollo Server** aur **express-graphql** jaise libraries use ki jaati hain, jo aapko schemas aur resolvers define karne ki flexibility deti hain.

**18. Serverless architecture kya hai aur Node.js ke saath isse kaise implement karte hain?**

- Serverless architecture ek cloud computing model hai jahan aapko servers manage nahi karna padta. Node.js ko AWS Lambda ya Azure Functions ke saath use kiya ja sakta hai.

## Miscellaneous

**19. Node.js mein session management kaise kiya jaata hai?**

- Session management ke liye aap **express-session** middleware ka use kar sakte hain, jo sessions ko store karne aur manage karne ke liye functionality provide karta hai.

**20. Node.js application ke scalability challenges kya hain?**

- Scalability challenges mein load balancing, database performance, caching, aur horizontal scaling shamil hain. Inhe address karne ke liye aap clustering aur load balancers ka use karte hain.

## Summary Questions

**21. Node.js ka use karke ek basic web server kaise banate hain?**

- Aap **http** module ka use karke ek simple web server create kar sakte hain jo incoming requests ko handle karta hai aur responses send karta hai.

**22. Process management ke liye kaunse tools use karte hain Node.js applications mein?**

- Process management ke liye **PM2** aur **forever** tools use kiye jaate hain, jo applications ko monitor karne aur restart karne ki capability dete hain.

Yeh questions aapki Node.js ki knowledge ko aur gehra karne aur interview ke liye achhe se prepare hone mein madad karenge. Agar aapko kisi aur specific topic par questions chahiye, toh aap mujhe bata sakte hain!

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Yahan kuch aur Node.js interview questions hain jo aapki preparation ko aur bhi enhance kar sakte hain:

## Node.js Fundamentals



1. **Node.js ka event loop kya hai? Iska kaam kaise hota hai?**
  - Event loop ek mechanism hai jo Node.js ko asynchronous code execute karne ki capability deta hai. Ye callbacks ko manage karta hai aur I/O operations ko handle karta hai.
2. **Callback hell kya hota hai? Isse kaise avoid karte hain?**
  - Callback hell ek situation hai jab aap multiple nested callbacks ka use karte hain, jo code ko unreadable aur maintainable bana dete hain. Isse avoid karne ke liye Promises ya async/await ka use kar sakte hain.
3. **Node.js modules kya hain? CommonJS aur ES6 modules mein kya difference hai?**
  - Modules aapke code ko alag-alag files mein organize karne ki technique hain. CommonJS synchronous hai (require() ka use), jabki ES6 modules asynchronous hain (import/export ka use).

## Error Handling

4. **Node.js mein error handling kaise ki jaati hai?**
  - Node.js mein error handling ke liye try/catch blocks, error-first callbacks, aur Promise rejections ka use kiya जाता है.
5. **Promise chaining kya hai? Iski importance kya hai?**
  - Promise chaining ka matlab hai ek promise ke result ko dusre promise se chain karna. Ye asynchronous code ko clean aur readable banata hai.

## Database Interaction

6. **Node.js applications mein database connection kaise manage karte hain?**
  - Aap connection pooling ka use kar sakte hain, jo ek pool of connections create karta hai taaki multiple requests handle ki ja sakein bina har baar naya connection create kiye.
7. **MongoDB aur Mongoose ka kya role hai Node.js applications mein?**
  - MongoDB ek NoSQL database hai, aur Mongoose iske liye ek ODM (Object Document Mapper) hai jo data models define karne aur database interactions ko simplify karta hai.

## Asynchronous Programming

8. **Async/await kaise kaam karta hai? Ye Promises se kaise different hai?**
  - Async/await Promises ke upar ek syntax sugar hai jo asynchronous code ko synchronous tarike se likhne ki capability deta hai, jo code ko aur readable banata hai.
9. **Event-driven architecture kya hai? Node.js ismein kaise fit hota hai?**
  - Event-driven architecture ek design paradigm hai jahan actions events ko trigger karte hain. Node.js ki event-driven nature is architecture ke liye suitable hai.

## Security and Best Practices

**10. Node.js applications mein security vulnerabilities kya hain? Inhe kaise mitigate karte hain?**

- Security vulnerabilities jaise SQL injection, XSS, aur CSRF hoti hain. Inhe mitigate karne ke liye input validation, sanitization, aur security headers ka use hota hai.

**11. Environment variables ka kya role hai Node.js applications mein?**

- Environment variables sensitive configuration details ko store karne ke liye use hote hain, jisse aap apne code ko safe aur configurable rakh sakte hain.

## **Performance and Optimization**

**12. Node.js applications ki performance ko improve karne ke liye kaunse techniques use karte hain?**

- Performance ko improve karne ke liye caching (Redis, Memcached), load balancing, aur clustering techniques ka use kiya ja sakta hai.

**13. Memory leaks kya hain aur Node.js applications mein inhe kaise identify karte hain?**

- Memory leaks tab hote hain jab application kisi object ko release nahi karta, jo memory consumption ko badhata hai. Aap profiling tools jaise `clinic.js` ya Chrome DevTools ka use kar sakte hain.

## **Testing**

**14. Node.js applications mein testing strategies kya hain?**

- Testing strategies mein unit testing, integration testing, aur end-to-end testing شامل hain. Tools jaise Mocha, Jest, aur Chai ka use kiya jaata hai.

**15. Mocking aur stubbing ka kya role hai testing mein?**

- Mocking aur stubbing ka use dependencies ko isolate karne ke liye hota hai, taaki aapke tests independent aur reliable rahein.

## **Frameworks and Libraries**

**16. Express.js kya hai? Ye Node.js ke sath kaise use hota hai?**

- Express.js ek web application framework hai jo Node.js applications ke liye RESTful APIs aur web applications create karne mein madad karta hai.

**17. Koa.js aur Express.js mein kya difference hai?**

- Koa.js lightweight aur middleware-centric hai, jabki Express.js zyada features ke sath aata hai. Koa.js mein `async/await` ka built-in support hai.

## **Real-World Applications**

**18. Node.js ka use karke ek basic RESTful API kaise banate hain?**

- Aap Express.js ka use karke routes define karte hain, middleware use karte hain, aur database ke saath interaction karte hain taaki RESTful endpoints create kiye ja sakein.

**19. WebSocket kya hai? Iska use case kya hai?**

- WebSocket ek protocol hai jo real-time communication ke liye use hota hai. Ye chat applications ya live notifications ke liye useful hai.

## Deployment

**20. Node.js applications ko cloud services par deploy karne ke liye kaunse steps hote hain?**

- Aapko code ko prepare karna hota hai, Docker container create karna, aur AWS, Heroku, ya DigitalOcean jaise platforms par deploy karna hota hai.

## Miscellaneous

**21. File system operations kaise kiye jaate hain Node.js mein?**

- Aap `fs` module ka use karke file read, write, update, aur delete operations perform kar sakte hain.

**22. Node.js mein process management ke liye kaunse tools use karte hain?**

- Aap `PM2` aur `forever` jaise tools ka use karte hain, jo applications ko monitor aur restart karne ki functionality dete hain.

Yeh questions aapko Node.js ke concepts mein aur gehra understanding dene ke liye design kiye gaye hain. Agar aapko kisi specific topic par aur questions chahiye, ya kuch aur specific area cover karna chahte hain, toh aap mujhe bata sakte hain!

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Yahan kuch practical Node.js interview questions hain jo aapko interview ke dauran padhne ya practice karne mein madad karenge:

## Basic Questions

**1. Node.js kya hai? Iska use kyun kiya jaata hai?**

- Node.js ek open-source, cross-platform JavaScript runtime environment hai jo server-side applications ke liye use hota hai.

**2. Node.js ke key features kya hain?**

- Non-blocking I/O, event-driven architecture, single-threaded, high performance, and large ecosystem of libraries.
- 3. **NPM kya hai? Ye kaise kaam karta hai?**
  - NPM (Node Package Manager) Node.js ka package manager hai jo packages ko install, update, aur manage karne ke liye use hota hai.

## Intermediate Questions

- 4. **Event loop ka kaam kya hai? Isse samjhaaiye.**
  - Event loop asynchronous callbacks ko handle karta hai aur JavaScript code ko non-blocking tarike se execute karne ki capability deta hai.
- 5. **Callback function kya hota hai? Iska use kab kiya jaata hai?**
  - Callback function ek function hai jo dusre function ke arguments ke roop mein pass kiya jaata hai, aur iska use asynchronous programming mein hota hai.
- 6. **Promises kya hain? Ye callbacks se kaise different hain?**
  - Promises asynchronous operations ke result ko represent karte hain. Ye callbacks se better error handling aur chaining ki capability dete hain.

## Advanced Questions

- 7. **Express.js kya hai? Aap isse kyun use karte hain?**
  - Express.js ek minimal web application framework hai jo RESTful APIs aur web applications banane ke liye madad karta hai.
- 8. **Middleware kya hai? Kya aap kuch examples de sakte hain?**
  - Middleware functions request aur response objects ko manipulate karte hain. Examples hain logging, authentication, aur error handling.
- 9. **RESTful APIs kya hote hain? Node.js mein kaise implement karte hain?**
  - RESTful APIs web services hain jo HTTP requests ka use karke client-server communication enable karte hain. Aap Express.js ka use karke routes define kar sakte hain.

## Performance and Optimization

- 10. **Node.js applications ki performance ko kaise improve karte hain?**
  - Caching, load balancing, clustering, aur code optimization techniques ka use karke performance improve kar sakte hain.
- 11. **Memory leaks kya hain? Node.js applications mein inhe kaise identify aur fix karte hain?**
  - Memory leaks tab hote hain jab application kisi object ko release nahi karta. Profiling tools jaise Chrome DevTools ka use karke inhe identify kiya ja sakta hai.

## Testing and Debugging

- 12. **Node.js applications mein testing ke liye kaunse tools ka use karte hain?**

- Tools jaise Mocha, Jest, Chai, aur Supertest ka use testing ke liye hota hai.
- 13. Debugging Node.js applications kaise karte hain?**
- Aap `node --inspect` command ya Chrome DevTools ka use karke Node.js applications ko debug kar sakte hain.

## Security

- 14. Node.js applications mein security vulnerabilities ko kaise handle karte hain?**
- Input validation, sanitization, aur security headers ka use karke vulnerabilities ko mitigate kiya ja sakta hai.
- 15. Cross-Origin Resource Sharing (CORS) kya hai? Aap isse Node.js mein kaise implement karte hain?**
- CORS ek security feature hai jo web applications ko different origins se resources access karne ki permission deta hai. Aap Express.js mein `cors` middleware ka use karke isse implement kar sakte hain.

## Real-World Scenarios

- 16. Kya aap batayenge ki aapne kabhi Node.js ka use karke koi real-world application banayi hai?**
- Yahan aap apne project ya experience ke baare mein discuss kar sakte hain.
- 17. Database interaction ke liye aap kaunse techniques ya libraries use karte hain?**
- Aap MongoDB ke liye Mongoose ya SQL databases ke liye Sequelize ka use kar sakte hain.

## Miscellaneous

- 18. File system operations kaise karte hain Node.js mein?**
- Aap `fs` module ka use karke files ko read, write, aur delete kar sakte hain.
- 19. WebSocket kya hai? Aap isse Node.js mein kaise implement karte hain?**
- WebSocket real-time communication ke liye use hota hai. Aap `ws` library ka use karke Node.js mein WebSocket implement kar sakte hain.
- 20. Docker ka use Node.js applications ke liye kaise karte hain?**
- Aap Dockerfile create karke Node.js applications ko containerize kar sakte hain aur phir Docker Compose ka use karke multi-container applications manage kar sakte hain.

In questions ko padh kar aap apne Node.js knowledge ko polish kar sakte hain. Agar आपको kisi specific topic par aur questions chahiye, ya aap kisi particular area par focus karna chahte hain, toh aap mujhe bata sakte hain!

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## Fresher Level Questions

### 1. What is Node.js?

- **Theory:** Node.js ek open-source, cross-platform JavaScript runtime environment hai jo server-side applications banane ke liye use hota hai. Ye Chrome ke V8 JavaScript engine par based hai aur asynchronous programming support karta hai.

#### Code Example:

javascript

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```
const http = require('http');

const server = http.createServer((req, res) => {
 res.statusCode = 200;
 res.setHeader('Content-Type', 'text/plain');
 res.end('Hello World\n');
});

server.listen(3000, () => {
 console.log('Server running at http://localhost:3000/');
});
```

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### 2. What is npm?

- **Theory:** npm (Node Package Manager) Node.js ke liye package manager hai. Ye libraries aur tools ko manage karne ke liye use hota hai.
- **Code Example:**
  - To initialize a new npm project:

bash

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npm init -y
```

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- To install a package:

bash

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```
npm install express
```

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### 3. What is a callback function in Node.js?

- **Theory:** Callback functions asynchronous programming ka ek part hain. Ye functions kisi dusre function ko arguments ke roop mein pass kiye jaate hain aur jab wo dusra function complete hota hai, toh callback execute hota hai.

#### Code Example:

javascript

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```
function fetchData(callback) {
 setTimeout(() => {
 const data = "Data fetched";
 callback(data);
 }, 1000);
}

fetchData((result) => {
 console.log(result); // Output after 1 second: Data fetched
});
```

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#### 4. Explain middleware in Express.js.

- **Theory:** Middleware functions wo functions hote hain jo request aur response cycle ke beech mein execute hote hain. Ye requests ko modify kar sakte hain, responses ko modify kar sakte hain, ya requests ko terminate bhi kar sakte hain.

#### Code Example:

javascript

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```
const express = require('express');
const app = express();

// Middleware function
app.use((req, res, next) => {
 console.log('Request URL:', req.originalUrl);
 next(); // Pass control to the next middleware
});

app.get('/', (req, res) => {
 res.send('Hello World!');
});

app.listen(3000, () => {
```

```
 console.log('Server running at http://localhost:3000/');
});
```

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## Intermediate Level Questions

### 5. What are streams in Node.js?

- **Theory:** Streams Node.js mein data ko sequentially process karne ka ek way hain. Streams 4 types mein aati hain: Readable, Writable, Duplex, aur Transform.

#### Code Example:

javascript

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```
const fs = require('fs');

// Create a readable stream
const readableStream = fs.createReadStream('input.txt');

// Create a writable stream
const writableStream = fs.createWriteStream('output.txt');

// Pipe the readable stream to the writable stream
readableStream.pipe(writableStream);

console.log('Piping complete!');
```

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### 6. How do you connect to a MongoDB database using Node.js?

- **Theory:** MongoDB ke saath connection establish karne ke liye, hum MongoDB driver ya Mongoose library ka use karte hain.

#### Code Example using Mongoose:

javascript

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```
const mongoose = require('mongoose');

mongoose.connect('mongodb://localhost:27017/mydatabase', {
 useNewUrlParser: true,
 useUnifiedTopology: true,
})
.then(() => {
```



```

 console.log('Connected to MongoDB');
 })
 .catch(err => {
 console.error('Connection error:', err);
 });

```

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## Experienced Level Questions

### 7. How do you implement authentication in a Node.js application?

- **Theory:** Authentication implement karne ke liye hum JSON Web Tokens (JWT) ya sessions ka istemal kar sakte hain. Ye user ke credentials ko verify karne aur secure token generate karne mein madadgar hote hain.

#### Code Example using JWT:

javascript

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```

const jwt = require('jsonwebtoken');

// Generate a token
const token = jwt.sign({ userId: 123 }, 'your_jwt_secret', {
 expiresIn: '1h' });
console.log('Token:', token);

// Verify the token
jwt.verify(token, 'your_jwt_secret', (err, decoded) => {
 if (err) {
 console.error('Token is not valid:', err);
 } else {
 console.log('Decoded token:', decoded);
 }
});

```

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### 8. How can you manage errors in Node.js?

- **Theory:** Node.js mein error handling ke liye try/catch block ya error-first callbacks ka use hota hai. Asynchronous functions mein error handling karna zaroori hai.

#### Code Example:

javascript

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```
const fs = require('fs');

fs.readFile('nonexistentfile.txt', 'utf8', (err, data) => {
 if (err) {
 console.error('Error reading file:', err);
 return;
 }
 console.log(data);
});
```

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Yeh questions aur examples aapke Node.js ke knowledge ko deepen karne aur interview preparation mein madad karne ke liye hain. Agar aapko kisi specific topic par aur detail chahiye, toh bataiye!

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Bilkul! Yahan par kuch aur advanced Node.js questions hain, jinke sath theory aur code examples bhi diye gaye hain:

## Advanced Level Questions

### 1. What is the purpose of the **process** object in Node.js?

- **Theory:** **process** object Node.js ka global object hai jo current process ke baare mein information deta hai. Ye command-line arguments, environment variables, aur process ke events ko manage karne mein madad karta hai.

**Code Example:**

javascript

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```
console.log('Current directory:', process.cwd()); // Current working
directory
console.log('Process ID:', process.pid); // Current process ID
console.log('Node version:', process.versions.node); // Node.js
version
```

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## 2. How do you handle asynchronous operations in Node.js?

- **Theory:** Node.js mein asynchronous operations handle karne ke liye callbacks, promises, ya async/await ka istemal hota hai.

### Code Example using async/await:

javascript

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```
const fs = require('fs').promises;

async function readFileAsync() {
 try {
 const data = await fs.readFile('input.txt', 'utf8');
 console.log(data);
 } catch (err) {
 console.error('Error reading file:', err);
 }
}

readFileAsync();
```

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## 3. What is clustering in Node.js and why would you use it?

- **Theory:** Clustering ka matlab hai ek hi application ko multiple processes mein run karna, taaki CPU core ka achhe se istemal kiya ja sake. Ye performance improve karne aur load balancing mein madad karta hai.

### Code Example:

javascript

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```
const cluster = require('cluster');
const http = require('http');
const numCPUs = require('os').cpus().length;

if (cluster.isMaster) {
 for (let i = 0; i < numCPUs; i++) {
 cluster.fork(); // Fork a worker
 }
} else {
 http.createServer((req, res) => {
 res.writeHead(200);
```

```
 res.end('Hello World!\n');
 }).listen(8000);
}
```

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#### 4. What are the common security vulnerabilities in Node.js applications?

- **Theory:** Common vulnerabilities include:
  - **SQL Injection:** Input validation ka dhyan na rakhna.
  - **Cross-Site Scripting (XSS):** User input ko sanitize na karna.
  - **Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF):** Token validation ka na hona.

#### Code Example (Preventing XSS):

javascript

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```
const express = require('express');
const helmet = require('helmet');

const app = express();
app.use(helmet()); // Helmet helps secure Express apps by setting HTTP
headers

app.get('/safe', (req, res) => {
 const userInput = req.query.input; // Example of user input
 const sanitizedInput = userInput.replace(/</g,
 '<'); // Simple sanitization
 res.send(`Hello, ${sanitizedInput}`);
});

app.listen(3000, () => {
 console.log('Server running on port 3000');
});
```

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#### 5. How can you create a RESTful API using Node.js and Express?

- **Theory:** RESTful API banane ke liye hum HTTP methods (GET, POST, PUT, DELETE) ka use karte hain. Express framework isme bahut madadgar hota hai.

#### Code Example:

javascript

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```
const express = require('express');
const app = express();
```

```

app.use(express.json());

let items = [];

// GET endpoint
app.get('/items', (req, res) => {
 res.json(items);
});

// POST endpoint
app.post('/items', (req, res) => {
 const item = req.body;
 items.push(item);
 res.status(201).json(item);
});

// DELETE endpoint
app.delete('/items/:id', (req, res) => {
 const { id } = req.params;
 items = items.filter(item => item.id !== id);
 res.status(204).send();
});

app.listen(3000, () => {
 console.log('Server running on port 3000');
});

```

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## 6. Explain the importance of versioning in APIs.

- **Theory:** API versioning zaroori hai taaki applications backward compatibility maintain kar sake. Ye users ko nayi features ya changes ko seamlessly adopt karne ki suvidha deta hai.

### Code Example (Versioning using URL):

javascript

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```

const express = require('express');
const app = express();

// v1 of the API

```

```

app.get('/api/v1/items', (req, res) => {
 res.json([{ id: 1, name: 'Item 1' }]);
});

// v2 of the API
app.get('/api/v2/items', (req, res) => {
 res.json([{ id: 1, name: 'Updated Item 1', description: 'This is
an updated item' }]);
});

app.listen(3000, () => {
 console.log('Server running on port 3000');
});

```

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## 7. How can you improve the performance of a Node.js application?

- **Theory:** Performance improve karne ke liye:
  - Caching techniques ka use karen (Redis).
  - Clustering ko implement karen.
  - Database queries ko optimize karen.

### Code Example (Caching with Redis):

javascript

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```

const express = require('express');
const redis = require('redis');
const client = redis.createClient();
const app = express();

app.get('/data', (req, res) => {
 client.get('myData', (err, data) => {
 if (data) {
 res.send(data); // Return cached data
 } else {
 // Simulate fetching data
 const newData = 'Data from database';
 client.setex('myData', 3600, newData); // Cache for 1 hour
 res.send(newData);
 }
 });
});

```

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});
```

```
app.listen(3000, () => {
 console.log('Server running on port 3000');
});
```

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#### 8. How do you implement logging in a Node.js application?

- **Theory:** Logging ke liye hum Winston ya Morgan jaise libraries ka istemal karte hain. Logging important hai for debugging aur monitoring.

#### Code Example using Winston:

javascript

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```
const winston = require('winston');

const logger = winston.createLogger({
 level: 'info',
 format: winston.format.json(),
 transports: [
 new winston.transports.File({ filename: 'error.log', level:
'error' }),
 new winston.transports.Console()
]
});
```

```
logger.info('This is an info message');
logger.error('This is an error message');
```

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Yeh advanced questions aur examples aapko Node.js ke deeper aspects ko samajhne mein madad karenge. Agar aapko aur questions ya kisi specific topic par detail chahiye, toh please bataiye!

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Yahan par kuch aur advanced aur practical Node.js interview questions hain, jinke sath theory aur code examples bhi diye gaye hain:

## More Advanced Questions

### 1. What is the purpose of the **async** and **await** keywords in Node.js?

- **Theory:** **async** aur **await** JavaScript mein asynchronous programming ko simple banane ke liye use hote hain. **async** function promise return karta hai, aur **await** kisi promise ko resolve hone tak wait karta hai.

#### Code Example:

javascript

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```
const fetch = require('node-fetch');

async function getData(url) {
 try {
 const response = await fetch(url);
 const data = await response.json();
 console.log(data);
 } catch (error) {
 console.error('Error fetching data:', error);
 }
}

getData('https://api.example.com/data');
```

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### 2. What is the role of the **next()** function in Express.js middleware?

- **Theory:** **next()** function middleware ko chain mein agle middleware ko call karne ke liye use hota hai. Agar aap **next()** nahi call karte, toh request cycle wahan ruk jayegi.

#### Code Example:

javascript

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```
const express = require('express');
const app = express();

app.use((req, res, next) => {
 console.log('Middleware called');
```



```

 next(); // Pass control to the next middleware
 });

app.get('/', (req, res) => {
 res.send('Hello World!');
});

app.listen(3000, () => {
 console.log('Server running on port 3000');
});

```

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### 3. How can you implement file uploads in a Node.js application?

- **Theory:** File uploads ke liye, hum **multer** library ka use karte hain, jo form data ko handle karne ke liye middleware provide karta hai.

#### Code Example:

javascript

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```

const express = require('express');
const multer = require('multer');
const upload = multer({ dest: 'uploads/' });
const app = express();

app.post('/upload', upload.single('file'), (req, res) => {
 res.send(`File uploaded: ${req.file.originalname}`);
});

app.listen(3000, () => {
 console.log('Server running on port 3000');
});

```

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### 4. What are environment variables and how can you use them in Node.js?

- **Theory:** Environment variables configuration data store karne ke liye use hoti hain, jo application ko deployment environment ke hisaab se customize karne ki suvidha deti hain.

#### Code Example:

javascript

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```
require('dotenv').config(); // Load environment variables from .env
file
```

```
const express = require('express');
const app = express();
```

```
app.get('/', (req, res) => {
 res.send(`Your API key is: ${process.env.API_KEY}`);
});
```

```
app.listen(3000, () => {
 console.log('Server running on port 3000');
});
```

**.env file:**

makefile

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```
API_KEY=your_api_key_here
```

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#### 5. What is CORS and how do you enable it in an Express application?

- **Theory:** CORS (Cross-Origin Resource Sharing) web browsers ko allow karta hai ki wo ek domain se doosre domain par resources access kar sake. Ye security feature hai.

**Code Example:**

javascript

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```
const express = require('express');
const cors = require('cors');
const app = express();
```

```
app.use(cors()); // Enable CORS for all routes
```

```
app.get('/data', (req, res) => {
 res.json({ message: 'CORS enabled data' });
});
```

```
app.listen(3000, () => {
 console.log('Server running on port 3000');
});
```

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## 6. How do you handle rate limiting in a Node.js application?

- **Theory:** Rate limiting isko limit karne ka method hai ki kitni baar ek user ek specific endpoint ko access kar sakta hai. Isse abuse ko prevent kiya ja sakta hai.

### Code Example using **express-rate-limit**:

javascript

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```
const express = require('express');
const rateLimit = require('express-rate-limit');
const app = express();

const limiter = rateLimit({
 windowMs: 15 * 60 * 1000, // 15 minutes
 max: 100 // Limit each IP to 100 requests per windowMs
});

app.use(limiter); // Apply to all requests

app.get('/', (req, res) => {
 res.send('Welcome to the rate-limited API!');
});

app.listen(3000, () => {
 console.log('Server running on port 3000');
});
```

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## 7. What is a reverse proxy and how can you implement it with Node.js?

- **Theory:** Reverse proxy server requests ko client se receive karta hai aur unhe ek ya zyada backend servers ko forward karta hai. Ye load balancing aur SSL termination mein madadgar hota hai.

### Code Example using **http-proxy-middleware**:

javascript

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```
const express = require('express');
const { createProxyMiddleware } = require('http-proxy-middleware');
const app = express();
```

```
app.use('/api', createProxyMiddleware({ target:
'http://localhost:5000', changeOrigin: true }));

app.listen(3000, () => {
 console.log('Proxy server running on port 3000');
});
```

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## 8. How do you test a Node.js application?

- **Theory:** Node.js application ko test karne ke liye hum Mocha, Chai, ya Jest jaise testing frameworks ka use karte hain.

### Code Example using Mocha and Chai:

javascript

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```
const chai = require('chai');
const chaiHttp = require('chai-http');
const server = require('../app'); // Your Express app
const should = chai.should();

chai.use(chaiHttp);

describe('GET /', () => {
 it('it should GET a welcome message', (done) => {
 chai.request(server)
 .get('/')
 .end((err, res) => {
 res.should.have.status(200);
 res.text.should.be.equal('Welcome to the rate-limited
API!');

 done();
 });
 });
});
```

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## 9. How do you manage session data in a Node.js application?

- **Theory:** Session data manage karne ke liye hum `express-session` library ka use karte hain, jo sessions ko store karne aur retrieve karne ki suvidha deti hai.

**Code Example:**

javascript

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```
const express = require('express');
const session = require('express-session');
const app = express();

app.use(session({
 secret: 'your_secret_key',
 resave: false,
 saveUninitialized: true,
}));

app.get('/', (req, res) => {
 req.session.views = (req.session.views || 0) + 1;
 res.send(`Number of views: ${req.session.views}`);
});

app.listen(3000, () => {
 console.log('Server running on port 3000');
});
```

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**10. What is the difference between `process.nextTick()` and `setImmediate()`?**

- **Theory:** `process.nextTick()` call stack ke end mein callback ko execute karta hai, jabki `setImmediate()` event loop ke next iteration mein execute hota hai.

**Code Example:**

javascript

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```
console.log('Start');

process.nextTick(() => {
 console.log('nextTick callback');
});

setImmediate(() => {
 console.log('setImmediate callback');
});
```

```
console.log('End');
```

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## Additional Questions

### 1. What is the Event Loop in Node.js?

- **Theory:** Event loop Node.js ka core part hai jo asynchronous operations ko manage karta hai. Ye I/O operations ko handle karta hai bina thread block kiye, jisse performance improve hoti hai.

**Code Example:**

javascript

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```
console.log('Start');
```

```
setTimeout(() => {
 console.log('Timeout 1');
}, 0);
```

```
setTimeout(() => {
 console.log('Timeout 2');
}, 0);
```

```
console.log('End');
```

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**Output:**

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Start

End

Timeout 1

Timeout 2

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**2. Explain how you can use Node.js with WebSockets.**

- **Theory:** WebSockets ek bi-directional communication channel provide karte hain. Node.js mein WebSocket implement karne ke liye `ws` library ka use hota hai.

**Code Example:**

javascript

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```
const WebSocket = require('ws');
const server = new WebSocket.Server({ port: 8080 });
```

```
server.on('connection', (socket) => {
 socket.on('message', (message) => {
 console.log('Received:', message);
 socket.send(`Echo: ${message}`);
 });
});
```

```
console.log('WebSocket server is running on ws://localhost:8080');
```

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**3. How can you implement data validation in a Node.js application?**

- **Theory:** Data validation ke liye hum libraries jaise `Joi` ya `express-validator` ka use karte hain, jo input data ko validate karne aur sanitize karne ki suvidha deti hain.

**Code Example using Joi:**

javascript

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```
const express = require('express');
const Joi = require('joi');
const app = express();
app.use(express.json());
```

```

const schema = Joi.object({
 name: Joi.string().min(3).required(),
 age: Joi.number().integer().min(0).required()
});

app.post('/users', (req, res) => {
 const { error } = schema.validate(req.body);
 if (error) return res.status(400).send(error.details[0].message);
 res.send('User is valid');
});

app.listen(3000, () => {
 console.log('Server running on port 3000');
});

```

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#### 4. What are Promises in Node.js, and how do you create them?

- **Theory:** Promises asynchronous operations ko represent karne ka ek tarika hain. Ye state ko represent karte hain: pending, fulfilled, ya rejected.

#### Code Example:

javascript

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```

const myPromise = new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
 const success = true; // Change to false to test rejection
 if (success) {
 resolve('Operation was successful!');
 } else {
 reject('Operation failed!');
 }
});

```

```

myPromise
 .then((message) => console.log(message))
 .catch((error) => console.error(error));

```

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#### 5. Explain how to implement JWT authentication in a Node.js application.

- **Theory:** JWT (JSON Web Token) ek token-based authentication method hai. User login hone par server ek token generate karta hai, jo client ko diya jata hai.



**Code Example:**

javascript

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```
const express = require('express');
const jwt = require('jsonwebtoken');
const app = express();
app.use(express.json());

const users = [{ id: 1, username: 'test', password: 'password' }];

app.post('/login', (req, res) => {
 const { username, password } = req.body;
 const user = users.find(u => u.username === username && u.password === password);
 if (!user) return res.status(401).send('Invalid credentials');

 const token = jwt.sign({ id: user.id }, 'secret_key');
 res.json({ token });
});

app.get('/protected', (req, res) => {
 const token = req.headers['authorization'];
 jwt.verify(token, 'secret_key', (err, decoded) => {
 if (err) return res.status(401).send('Unauthorized');
 res.send('Protected data');
 });
});

app.listen(3000, () => {
 console.log('Server running on port 3000');
});
```

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**6. What is the purpose of the **Buffer** class in Node.js?**

- **Theory:** **Buffer** class raw binary data ko handle karne ke liye use hoti hai. Ye binary data ko manipulate karne aur encode/decode karne ki suvidha deti hai.

**Code Example:**

javascript

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```
const buf = Buffer.from('Hello World', 'utf-8');
console.log('Buffer:', buf);
console.log('String:', buf.toString());
```

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#### 7. Explain the difference between **require()** and **import** in Node.js.

- **Theory:** **require()** CommonJS module system ka part hai jo synchronous hota hai, jabki **import** ES6 module system ka part hai jo asynchronous hota hai aur promise return karta hai.

**Code Example:**

javascript

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```
// Using require
const fs = require('fs');

// Using import (with module type set to 'module' in package.json)
import { readFile } from 'fs/promises';
```

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#### 8. How can you use caching to improve performance in Node.js?

- **Theory:** Caching frequently accessed data ko store karne ke liye use hota hai, jisse response time reduce hota hai. Redis ya in-memory caching techniques ka istemal kiya ja sakta hai.

**Code Example (Using **node-cache**):**

javascript

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```
const NodeCache = require('node-cache');
const express = require('express');
const app = express();
const cache = new NodeCache();

app.get('/data', (req, res) => {
 const key = 'cachedData';
 const cachedData = cache.get(key);
 if (cachedData) {
 return res.send(cachedData); // Return cached data
 }
});
```

```

 const data = 'Fresh data'; // Simulate fetching fresh data
 cache.set(key, data, 3600); // Cache for 1 hour
 res.send(data);
 });

app.listen(3000, () => {
 console.log('Server running on port 3000');
});

```

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#### 9. What is a microservices architecture and how does Node.js fit into it?

- **Theory:** Microservices architecture applications ko chote, independent services mein todta hai jo specific functionalities perform karte hain. Node.js lightweight aur efficient hota hai, jo microservices ke liye ideal hai.
- **Code Example:** Node.js microservice example simple HTTP server hai jo ek specific service ko handle karta hai.

#### 10. Explain the use of the **child\_process** module in Node.js.

- **Theory:** **child\_process** module external processes ko spawn karne aur manage karne ke liye use hota hai. Isse hum background tasks run kar sakte hain.

#### Code Example:

javascript

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```

const { exec } = require('child_process');

exec('ls', (error, stdout, stderr) => {
 if (error) {
 console.error(`Error executing command: ${error}`);
 return;
 }
 console.log(`Output: ${stdout}`);
});

```

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## Conclusion

Yeh additional questions aur examples aapke Node.js ke knowledge ko aur enhance karne mein madad karenge. Agar aapko kisi specific topic par aur detail chahiye ya aur questions chahiye, toh please bataiye!

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## Additional Reasons and Questions

### 1. Explain the concept of middleware in Express.js.

- **Theory:** Middleware functions Express.js mein request-response cycle ke beech mein run hoti hain. Ye incoming requests ko process karne, response ko modify karne, ya error handling ke liye use hoti hain.

#### Code Example:

javascript

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```
const express = require('express');
const app = express();

// Simple middleware
app.use((req, res, next) => {
 console.log(`${req.method} ${req.url}`);
 next(); // Pass to the next middleware
});

app.get('/', (req, res) => {
 res.send('Hello, world!');
});

app.listen(3000, () => {
 console.log('Server running on port 3000');
});
```

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### 2. What are Streams in Node.js, and how are they useful?

- **Theory:** Streams Node.js mein data ko chunks mein process karne ki suvidha dete hain. Ye memory consumption ko reduce karte hain aur large datasets ke saath kaam karne mein madadgar hote hain.

### Code Example:

javascript

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```
const fs = require('fs');

const readStream = fs.createReadStream('file.txt', { encoding: 'utf8'
});
readStream.on('data', (chunk) => {
 console.log('New chunk received:', chunk);
});

readStream.on('end', () => {
 console.log('Finished reading the file.');
```

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### 3. What is clustering in Node.js, and how do you implement it?

- **Theory:** Clustering Node.js applications ko multiple CPU cores par distribute karne ki suvidha deta hai, jisse application ki performance aur scalability badhti hai.

### Code Example:

javascript

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```
const cluster = require('cluster');
const http = require('http');
const numCPUs = require('os').cpus().length;

if (cluster.isMaster) {
 for (let i = 0; i < numCPUs; i++) {
 cluster.fork(); // Fork workers
 }

 cluster.on('exit', (worker, code, signal) => {
 console.log(`Worker ${worker.process.pid} died`);
 });
} else {
 http.createServer((req, res) => {
 res.writeHead(200);
 res.end('Hello from Node.js!');
```

```
}).listen(8000);
}
```

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#### 4. What is the purpose of the **process** object in Node.js?

- **Theory:** **process** object Node.js ke current process ki information provide karta hai, jaise environment variables, command line arguments, and more.

#### Code Example:

javascript

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```
console.log('Node.js version:', process.version);
console.log('Current working directory:', process.cwd());
console.log('Command line arguments:', process.argv);
```

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#### 5. How do you manage dependencies in a Node.js project?

- **Theory:** Dependencies ko manage karne ke liye hum **npm** (Node Package Manager) ka use karte hain. Ye packages ko install karne, update karne, aur manage karne mein madad karta hai.

#### Code Example: Install a package using npm.

bash

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```
npm install express
```

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#### 6. Explain the concept of handling errors in Node.js.

- **Theory:** Error handling Node.js mein zaroori hota hai kyunki asynchronous nature ke wajah se errors easily miss ho sakte hain. **try/catch** blocks, promises, aur callback functions ka use kiya ja sakta hai.

#### Code Example:

javascript

Copy code

```
const fs = require('fs');

fs.readFile('nonexistent.txt', 'utf8', (err, data) => {
 if (err) {
 console.error('Error reading file:', err);
 return;
 }
 console.log(data);
});
```

```
});
```

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7. **What are the differences between SQL and NoSQL databases? How can you integrate them with Node.js?**

- **Theory:** SQL databases relational data ko store karte hain, jabki NoSQL databases non-relational data ko store karte hain. Node.js ko MySQL, PostgreSQL, MongoDB jaise databases ke sath integrate kiya ja sakta hai.

**Code Example (Using MongoDB with Mongoose):**

javascript

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```
const mongoose = require('mongoose');

mongoose.connect('mongodb://localhost/test', { useNewUrlParser: true,
useUnifiedTopology: true });

const userSchema = new mongoose.Schema({ name: String });
const User = mongoose.model('User', userSchema);

const user = new User({ name: 'Alice' });
user.save().then(() => console.log('User saved!'));
```

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8. **What is a callback hell, and how can it be avoided?**

- **Theory:** Callback hell wo situation hai jab multiple nested callbacks ke wajah se code readability aur maintainability decrease hoti hai. Isse **Promises** ya **async/await** ka use karke avoid kiya ja sakta hai.

**Code Example (Callback Hell):**

javascript

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```
getData((data) => {
 processData(data, (processedData) => {
 saveData(processedData, (result) => {
 console.log('Data saved:', result);
 });
 });
});
```

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9. **How do you perform logging in a Node.js application?**

- **Theory:** Logging application ke behavior ko monitor karne aur debug karne ke liye zaroori hota hai. Iske liye hum **winston** ya **morgan** jaise libraries ka use kar sakte hain.

**Code Example using winston:**

javascript

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```
const winston = require('winston');

const logger = winston.createLogger({
 level: 'info',
 format: winston.format.json(),
 transports: [
 new winston.transports.Console(),
 new winston.transports.File({ filename: 'error.log', level:
'error' }),
],
});

logger.info('This is an info message');
logger.error('This is an error message');
```

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**10. What are some best practices for structuring a Node.js application?**

- **Theory:** Best practices include:
  - Code ko modules mein organize karna.
  - Error handling ka dhyan rakhna.
  - Asynchronous programming ka sahi istemal.
  - Environment variables ka use karna.
  - Testing aur documentation par dhyan dena.

**Example:** Create a modular structure.

bash

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```
/my-app
├─ /controllers
├─ /models
├─ /routes
├─ app.js
└─ package.json
```

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## Conclusion

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## More Node.js Interview Questions

### 1. What is the purpose of the **npm** package manager?

- **Theory:** **npm** (Node Package Manager) Node.js ke liye default package manager hai. Ye packages ko install karne, manage karne aur share karne ki suvidha deta hai.

**Code Example:** To install a package:

bash

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```
npm install <package-name>
```

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### 2. What are environment variables, and how are they used in Node.js?

- **Theory:** Environment variables configuration settings ko store karne ke liye use hoti hain, jaise database credentials ya API keys. Ye sensitive information ko codebase se alag rakhti hain.

**Code Example:**

javascript

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```
process.env.DB_HOST = 'localhost';
console.log('Database Host:', process.env.DB_HOST);
```

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### 3. Explain the concept of CORS (Cross-Origin Resource Sharing).

- **Theory:** CORS web applications ko different domains ke resources access karne ki suvidha deta hai. Ye security model hai jo browser ko specify karta hai ki koi web page kis resources ko request kar sakta hai.

**Code Example (Using `cors` middleware):**

javascript

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```
const cors = require('cors');
const express = require('express');
const app = express();

app.use(cors()); // Enable CORS for all routes

app.get('/data', (req, res) => {
 res.json({ message: 'CORS enabled data' });
});

app.listen(3000, () => {
 console.log('Server running on port 3000');
});
```

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**4. What are the differences between `fs.readFile` and `fs.createReadStream`?**

- **Theory:** `fs.readFile` puri file ko ek saath read karta hai, jabki `fs.createReadStream` data ko chunks mein read karta hai, jisse memory usage kam hota hai aur large files ke saath kaam karna aasan hota hai.

**Code Example:**

javascript

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```
const fs = require('fs');

// Using fs.readFile
fs.readFile('file.txt', 'utf8', (err, data) => {
 if (err) throw err;
 console.log('File read using readFile:', data);
});

// Using fs.createReadStream
const readStream = fs.createReadStream('file.txt', 'utf8');
readStream.on('data', (chunk) => {
```

```
 console.log('Chunk read using createReadStream:', chunk);
 });
```

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#### 5. How do you handle uncaught exceptions in Node.js?

- **Theory:** Uncaught exceptions ko handle karne ke liye `process.on('uncaughtException', callback)` ka use kiya ja sakta hai, lekin ye best practice nahi hai. Promises ke liye `process.on('unhandledRejection', callback)` use kiya ja sakta hai.

#### Code Example:

javascript

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```
process.on('uncaughtException', (err) => {
 console.error('Uncaught Exception:', err);
});
```

```
// Example of an uncaught exception
throw new Error('Something went wrong!');
```

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#### 6. What is the purpose of `async/await` in Node.js?

- **Theory:** `async/await` syntax asynchronous code ko write karna aasan banata hai. Ye Promises ke sath kaam karta hai aur code ko synchronous tarike se likhne ki suvidha deta hai.

#### Code Example:

javascript

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```
const fetchData = async () => {
 try {
 const data = await getData(); // Assume getData returns a
Promise
 console.log(data);
 } catch (error) {
 console.error('Error fetching data:', error);
 }
};

fetchData();
```

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## 7. What is a proxy server and how can you create one using Node.js?

- **Theory:** Proxy server client requests ko handle karta hai aur response ko forward karta hai. Ye security, caching, aur load balancing ke liye use hota hai.

### Code Example (Using [http-proxy](#) library):

javascript

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```
const http = require('http');
const { createProxyServer } = require('http-proxy');

const proxy = createProxyServer();

const server = http.createServer((req, res) => {
 proxy.web(req, res, { target: 'http://example.com' });
});

server.listen(3000, () => {
 console.log('Proxy server running on port 3000');
});
```

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## 8. What is the purpose of the [cluster](#) module in Node.js?

- **Theory:** [cluster](#) module Node.js applications ko multi-core systems par run karne ki suvidha deta hai, jisse applications ki scalability aur performance improve hoti hai.

### Code Example:

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 for (let i = 0; i < numCPUs; i++) {
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 cluster.on('exit', (worker, code, signal) => {
 console.log(`Worker ${worker.process.pid} died`);
 });
}
```

```

} else {
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 res.end('Hello from Node.js!');
 }).listen(8000);
}

```

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#### 9. How do you manage asynchronous operations in Node.js?

- **Theory:** Asynchronous operations ko handle karne ke liye callbacks, Promises, aur async/await ka istemal kiya ja sakta hai.

#### Code Example (Using Promises):

javascript

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```

const asyncOperation = () => {
 return new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
 setTimeout(() => {
 resolve('Operation completed');
 }, 2000);
 });
};

```

```

asyncOperation().then(console.log);

```

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#### 10. What is the difference between `process.nextTick()` and `setImmediate()`?

- **Theory:** `process.nextTick()` queue mein sabse pehle callback ko run karta hai, jabki `setImmediate()` next iteration of the event loop mein callback ko run karta hai.

#### Code Example:

javascript

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```

console.log('Start');

```

```

process.nextTick(() => {
 console.log('Next Tick');
});

```

```

setImmediate(() => {

```

```
 console.log('Immediate');
});

console.log('End');
```

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### Output:

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Start

End

Next Tick

Immediate

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## Conclusion

Yeh additional questions आपको Node.js ke concepts aur techniques ko samajhne mein madad karenge. Agar आपको aur bhi questions chahiye ya kisi specific area par detail chahiye, toh aap mujhe bata sakte hain!

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## Extra Node.js Interview Questions

### 1. What is the Event Loop in Node.js?

- **Theory:** Event loop Node.js ki asynchronous nature ko manage karta hai. Ye non-blocking I/O operations ko handle karta hai aur callbacks ko execute karta hai.
- **Code Example:** (No specific code needed; it's more about understanding the flow.)

### 2. How does Node.js handle concurrency?

- **Theory:** Node.js single-threaded hai, lekin ye event-driven architecture aur non-blocking I/O ke through concurrency manage karta hai. Multiple requests ko handle karne ke liye event loop use hota hai.
- **Code Example:** (Again, this is more conceptual; you can illustrate with example requests.)

### 3. What is the difference between **require()** and **import**?

- **Theory:** **require()** CommonJS modules ko load karne ke liye use hota hai, jabki **import** ES6 modules ke liye hota hai. ES6 modules static loading ko support karte hain aur promises ka istemal karte hain.

#### Code Example:

javascript

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```
// Using require
const express = require('express');

// Using import (in ES6)
import express from 'express';
```

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### 4. What are Promises and how do they work in Node.js?

- **Theory:** Promises asynchronous operations ke liye ek cleaner alternative hain. Ye ek object ko represent karte hain jo future mein kisi value ya error ko return karte hain.

#### Code Example:

javascript

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```
const fetchData = () => {
 return new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
 setTimeout(() => {
 const data = 'Fetched data';
 resolve(data); // Resolve with data
 // reject('Error fetching data'); // Uncomment to simulate
error
 }, 2000);
 });
};

fetchData().then(data => console.log(data)).catch(error =>
console.error(error));
```

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## 5. Explain how to handle file uploads in Node.js.

- **Theory:** File uploads ko handle karne ke liye **multer** middleware ka use kiya ja sakta hai, jo multipart/form-data ko parse karta hai.

### Code Example:

javascript

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```
const express = require('express');
const multer = require('multer');
const app = express();
const upload = multer({ dest: 'uploads/' });

app.post('/upload', upload.single('file'), (req, res) => {
 res.send('File uploaded successfully');
});

app.listen(3000, () => {
 console.log('Server running on port 3000');
});
```

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## 6. What are the various types of memory leaks in Node.js?

- **Theory:** Memory leaks kuch common patterns se hote hain jaise:
  - Unused objects
  - Global variables
  - Closures

**Example:** Unused variables that retain references:

javascript

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```
const leaksMemory = () => {
 const largeArray = new Array(1000000).fill('Memory Leak');
 return () => {
 console.log('This function retains largeArray reference.');
```

```
 };
};

const retainedFunction = leaksMemory();
```

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## 7. How do you implement authentication in a Node.js application?



- **Theory:** Authentication ko handle karne ke liye JWT (JSON Web Tokens), session-based authentication, ya OAuth ka use kiya ja sakta hai.

**Code Example (Using JWT):**

javascript

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```
const jwt = require('jsonwebtoken');

// Generating a token
const token = jwt.sign({ userId: 123 }, 'secretKey', { expiresIn: '1h'
});

// Verifying a token
jwt.verify(token, 'secretKey', (err, decoded) => {
 if (err) {
 console.error('Token verification failed:', err);
 } else {
 console.log('Decoded token data:', decoded);
 }
});
```

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**8. What is the role of the `package.json` file in a Node.js project?**

- **Theory:** `package.json` file project ke metadata ko store karta hai, jaise dependencies, scripts, version, aur project ka naam. Ye Node.js applications ko manage karne ke liye zaroori hai.

**Code Example:** Typical `package.json` structure:

json

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```
{
 "name": "my-app",
 "version": "1.0.0",
 "main": "index.js",
 "scripts": {
 "start": "node index.js"
 },
 "dependencies": {
 "express": "^4.17.1"
 }
}
```

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### 9. How do you test a Node.js application?

- **Theory:** Testing ke liye various frameworks jaise Mocha, Chai, Jest ka use kiya ja sakta hai. Unit tests, integration tests, aur end-to-end tests ki practices follow ki ja sakti hain.

#### Code Example (Using Mocha and Chai):

javascript

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```
const chai = require('chai');
const chaiHttp = require('chai-http');
const server = require('../server'); // Assuming your server is
exported

chai.use(chaiHttp);
const expect = chai.expect;

describe('GET /api/data', () => {
 it('should return data', (done) => {
 chai.request(server)
 .get('/api/data')
 .end((err, res) => {
 expect(res).to.have.status(200);
 expect(res.body).to.be.an('object');
 done();
 });
 });
});
```

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### 10. Explain how to use Redis with Node.js.

- **Theory:** Redis in-memory data structure store hai jo caching, session storage, aur message brokering ke liye use hota hai. Node.js applications mein **redis** package ka use hota hai.

#### Code Example:

javascript

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```
const redis = require('redis');
const client = redis.createClient();
```

```
client.on('error', (err) => {
 console.error('Redis error:', err);
});

// Set a key
client.set('key', 'value', redis.print);

// Get a key
client.get('key', (err, reply) => {
 console.log('Stored value:', reply);
});
```

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## More Advanced Node.js Interview Questions

### 1. What is the difference between `process.env` and `dotenv`?

- **Theory:** `process.env` Node.js mein environment variables ko access karne ka tarika hai. `dotenv` ek library hai jo `.env` file se environment variables ko load karne ke liye use hoti hai.

**Code Example:**

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# `.env` file

`DB_HOST=localhost`

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DB_USER=root
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javascript
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```

```
require('dotenv').config();
console.log(process.env.DB_HOST); // Outputs: localhost
```

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## 2. How do you perform input validation in a Node.js application?

- **Theory:** Input validation ke liye libraries jaise **Joi**, **express-validator**, ya **validator.js** ka istemal kiya ja sakta hai, jisse user inputs ko validate kiya ja sake.

### Code Example (Using **express-validator**):

```
javascript
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```

```
const { body, validationResult } = require('express-validator');

app.post('/user', [
 body('email').isEmail(),
 body('password').isLength({ min: 5 })
], (req, res) => {
 const errors = validationResult(req);
 if (!errors.isEmpty()) {
 return res.status(400).json({ errors: errors.array() });
 }
 res.send('User is valid');
});
```

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## 3. Explain the concept of Rate Limiting in Node.js.

- **Theory:** Rate limiting ek technique hai jo API ke requests ki limit set karta hai, jisse brute force attacks ya service abuse se bachne mein madad milti hai. **express-rate-limit** middleware use kiya ja sakta hai.

### Code Example:

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javascript
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```
const rateLimit = require('express-rate-limit');

const limiter = rateLimit({
 windowMs: 15 * 60 * 1000, // 15 minutes
```

```
 max: 100 // Limit each IP to 100 requests per windowMs
 });

app.use(limiter); // Apply rate limiting to all requests
```

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#### 4. What are **Buffer** and **Stream** in Node.js?

- **Theory:** **Buffer** raw binary data ko store karne ke liye use hota hai, jabki **Stream** continuous data ko process karne ke liye use hota hai. Ye performance ko improve karte hain, khaas karke large files ke sath kaam karne par.

##### Code Example (Buffer):

javascript

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```
const buffer = Buffer.from('Hello, world!');
console.log(buffer.toString()); // Outputs: Hello, world!
```

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#### 5. How do you manage versioning in a Node.js API?

- **Theory:** API versioning ko manage karne ke liye endpoints mein version number include karna hota hai, jisse clients purani aur nayi versions ko access kar sake.

##### Code Example:

javascript

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```
app.get('/api/v1/users', (req, res) => {
 res.send('Users from v1');
});

app.get('/api/v2/users', (req, res) => {
 res.send('Users from v2 with new features');
});
```

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#### 6. What is the purpose of **npm audit**, and how is it used?

- **Theory:** **npm audit** command package dependencies ki security vulnerabilities ko check karne ke liye use hota hai. Ye ek report generate karta hai jo vulnerabilities ko highlight karta hai.

##### Code Example:

bash

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`npm audit`

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7. Explain the concept of **service workers** and how they can be used in Node.js applications.

- **Theory:** Service workers web applications ko offline access aur background sync ki suvidha dete hain. Ye primarily client-side feature hai lekin Node.js ke backend ke sath integrate kiya ja sakta hai.

**Code Example:** Service worker registration (client-side):

javascript

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```
if ('serviceWorker' in navigator) {
 navigator.serviceWorker.register('/service-worker.js')
 .then(() => console.log('Service Worker registered'))
 .catch(err => console.error('Service Worker registration
failed', err));
}
```

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8. How can you implement logging in your Node.js application?

- **Theory:** Logging ko manage karne ke liye **winston**, **morgan**, ya **bunyan** jaise libraries ka istemal kiya ja sakta hai. Ye log files, console, ya external services (jaise ELK stack) par log messages bhejne ki suvidha dete hain.

**Code Example (Using **winston**):**

javascript

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```
const winston = require('winston');

const logger = winston.createLogger({
 level: 'info',
 format: winston.format.combine(
 winston.format.timestamp(),
 winston.format.json()
),
 transports: [
 new winston.transports.File({ filename: 'error.log', level:
'error' }),
 new winston.transports.Console()
],
});
```

```
});
```

```
logger.info('This is an info message');
```

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#### 9. How can you set up a WebSocket server in Node.js?

- **Theory:** WebSocket real-time communication ke liye use hota hai. `ws` library ka use karke WebSocket server set up kiya ja sakta hai.

#### Code Example:

javascript

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```
const WebSocket = require('ws');
const server = new WebSocket.Server({ port: 8080 });

server.on('connection', (ws) => {
 console.log('New client connected');
 ws.on('message', (message) => {
 console.log(`Received: ${message}`);
 });

 ws.send('Welcome to WebSocket server!');
});
```

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#### 10. What is the difference between synchronous and asynchronous programming in Node.js?

- **Theory:** Synchronous programming sequentially tasks ko execute karta hai, jabki asynchronous programming tasks ko concurrently execute karne ki suvidha deti hai, jisse overall performance improve hoti hai.

#### Code Example:

javascript

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```
// Synchronous
const syncFunction = () => {
 console.log('Start');
 console.log('Middle');
 console.log('End');
};

// Asynchronous
```

```
const asyncFunction = () => {
 console.log('Start');
 setTimeout(() => {
 console.log('Middle');
 }, 1000);
 console.log('End');
};
```

```
syncFunction();
asyncFunction();
```

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