Node-tify TA project

— "Old soldiers never die--they just fade away."

Forward

I have a story, i.e. **TA**, but I won't tell you, not because it is insignificant, just because I don't want to... Being stagnated in a pond for over two decades, I became so accustomed to the placid posture of it. The ways of gearing things up, the steps to do things right which I was so acquaintance. They just deeply implanted in my brain unconsciously.

Two years ago, I came across the other *way* when I was finding means to *modernize* my artefacts. All my works proved to be in vain, as you may know, changing the clothes of a dying man doesn't prevent him from cessation, the only effect was to put a new shroud on an old carcase... At the first sight of the *way*, I was startled and dropped to faint immediately at it's velocity and delicacy... With tremendous mental exertion, I managed to finish **TA2**.

```
■ 命令提示字元 - cmd hostname
C:\Docker\TA2>make
Usage: make TARGET
TA2 Dockerize project automation helper version 2.0
Targets:
                         copy source files
                         build custom image
        build
                         start the app
        up
                         stop the app
        down
                         show running containers
        logs
                         app logs
                         cleanup source files
        cleanup
        config
                         edit configuration
C:\Docker\TA2>make up
Starting the app...
docker-compose up -d --remove-orphans
Creating network "ta2_default" with the default driver
Creating ta2_redis_1 ... done
Creating ta2_ta2_1
Creating ta2_ta2_2
                     ... done
                     ... done
Creating ta2_nginx_1 ... done
set COMPOSE_CONVERT_WINDOWS_PATHS=0
C:\Docker\TA2>
```

While sitting miserably doesn't change anything. I decided to renounce my old ways, my old days and search for new dream, new deed, of course, with new way.

I. HTTP - Back to Normal

ASP.NET Web Forms employs a simplified model to facilitate creation of web pages. The discussion of pros and cons is voluminous. The good things is it alleviates the burden of learning the underlay HTTP protocol, which gives novices a quick start. The bad things is, by default, you can not use HTTP verbs other than GET and POST^[2] and no intrinsic RESTFul URI support.

HTTP verbs such as PUT and DELETE are important when AJAX comes into play, RESTful URI are important when implementing API for front-end frameworks. While some strives to survive Web Forms in the Age of .NET 5/6+[1], others seek ways to migrate or quit.

When comparing .NET Core with NodeJS, my scale is not on any language or environment heritage. While .NET Core is still under heavy development, NodeJS attains a more mature and fast-growing society, it is lightweight and more flexible, fits for both Bare-metal and Docker deployment. As a bonus, NodeJS integrates seamlessly with MongoDB and Redis, some state-of-the-art packages can not do without.

II. npm - The Brothers NodeJS

```
Command Prompt
C:\Docker\na>node --version
v14.18.1
C:\Docker\na>npm --version
6.14.15
C:\Docker\na>npm help
Usage: npm <command>
where <command> is one of:
   access, adduser, audit, bin, bugs, c, cache, ci, cit,
    clean-install, clean-install-test, completion, config,
    create, ddp, dedupe, deprecate, dist-tag, docs, doctor,
    edit, explore, fund, get, help, help-search, hook, i, init,
    install, install-ci-test, install-test, it, link, list, ln,
    login, logout, ls, org, outdated, owner, pack, ping, prefix,
   profile, prune, publish, rb, rebuild, repo, restart, root,
   run, run-script, s, se, search, set, shrinkwrap, star, stars, start, stop, t, team, test, token, tst, un,
    uninstall, unpublish, unstar, up, update, v, version, view,
    whoami
npm <command> -h quick help on <command>
                  display full usage info
npm -1
npm help <term>
                  search for help on <term>
npm help npm
                   involved overview
```

```
npm init -y
npm install express
npm install nodemon --save-dev
npm install pm2 -g
npm install npm-check -g
npm help install
```

express

Express is a minimal and flexible Node.js web application framework that provides a robust set of features for web and mobile applications.

server.js

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

```
app.use('/task', taskRoute)
app.use('/user', userRoute)
...
app.listen(port, () => {
    console.log(`Application started on port ${port}`)
})
```

MongoDB

MongoDB is a source-available cross-platform document-oriented database program. Classified as a NoSQL database program, MongoDB uses JSON-like documents with optional schemas.

The flexibility of MongoDB as a schemaless database is one of its strengths. If we would like to be more restrictive and have a really fixed schema for the collection we need to add the additionalProperties: false parameter in the createCollection command.

```
db.createCollection( "people" , {
  validator: {
     $jsonSchema:
        bsonType: "object",
        additionalProperties: false,
        required: ["name", "age"],
        properties: {
           _id : {
              bsonType: "objectId" },
           name: {
              bsonType: "string",
              description: "required and must be a string" },
           age: {
              bsonType: "int",
              minimum: ∅,
              maximum: 100,
              description: "required and must be in the range 0-100" }
        }
    }
}})
```

In this case, we don't have flexibility, and that is the main benefit of having a NoSQL database like MongoDB. It's up to you to use it or not. It depends on the nature and goals of your application. I wouldn't recommend it in most cases.

Redis

Redis (Remote Dictionary Server) is an in-memory data structure store, used as a distributed, in-memory key-value database, cache and message broker, with optional durability.

The default server-side session storage, MemoryStore, is purposely not designed for a production environment. It will leak memory under most conditions, does not scale past a single process, and is meant for debugging and developing.

```
const session = require("express-session");
const Redis = require("ioredis");
// Local session
let sess = {
   secret: 'keyboard cat',
    resave: false,
    saveUninitialized: true,
    cookie: {
      maxAge: 30 * 60 * 1000  // in milliseconds
    }
// if Redis is defined, it should be Redis session
if (process.env.REDIS_URI)
    let RedisStore = require("connect-redis")(session);
    let RedisClient = new Redis(process.env.REDIS_URI);
    sess.store = new RedisStore({ client: RedisClient })
    RedisClient.on('connect', () => {
        console.log('Connected to Redis Server.')
        RedisClient.set('hello', format(new Date(), 'yyyy-MM-dd hh:mm:ss'));
    })
app.use(session(sess))
```

III. Mongoose - The importance of being Model



Mongoose provides a straight-forward, schema-based solution to model your application data. It includes built-in type casting, validation, query building, business logic hooks and more, out of the box.

task.js

```
const mongoose = require('mongoose');
const Schema = mongoose.Schema;
const TaskSchema = new Schema({
    taname: {
        type: String,
        required: true,
        index: true,
        lowercase: true
    },
    tatype: {
        type: String,
        required: true
    },
    tadate: {
        type: Number,
        required: true
    },
    taappnum: String,
    tafamrep: String,
    taremark: String
```

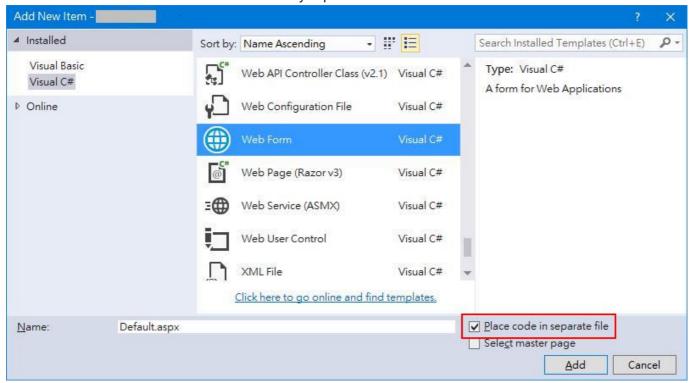
```
},
{
    timestamps: true
});

module.exports = mongoose.model('Task', TaskSchema);
```

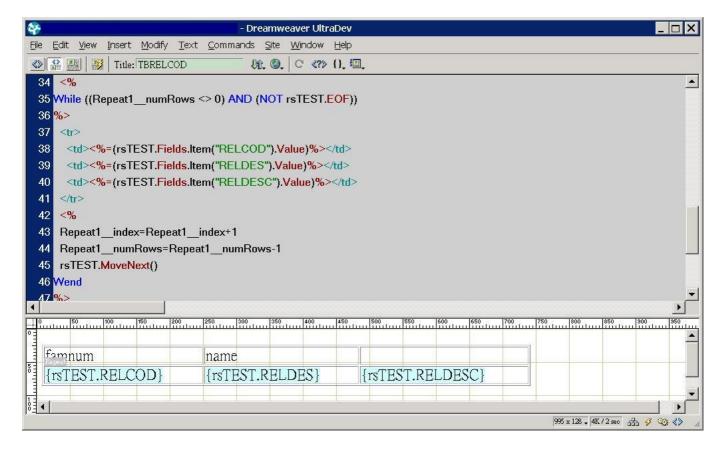
IV. EJS - A Taste of the Past

EJS is a simple templating language that lets you generate HTML markup with plain JavaScript. 7No religiousness about how to organize things. No reinvention of iteration and control-flow. It's just plain JavaScript.

One of the best feature of ASP.NET Web Forms is to enable user to place code in separate file, i.e. **code behind**. Source code and HTML code are cleanly separated.



While legacy ASP writes source code and HTML code side-by-side, i.e. **code beside**. Source code and HTML code can mess up easily.



index.ejs

```
<body>
  <%- include('header.ejs'); %>
  <%- include('create edit.ejs'); %>
  <hr>
  <h3><a href="/task">所有工作</a></h3>
  <% if (locals.tasks.length > 0 ) { %>
     <thead>
          >
             工作類型
             工作日期
             申請表編號
             家團代表
             工作備註
             </thead>
        <tdody><% locals.tasks.forEach( t => { %>
             >
                <%= t.tatype %>
                <%= t.tadate %>
                <%= t.taappnum %>
                <%= t.tafamrep %>
                <%= t.taremark %>
```

```
<form action="/task?id=<%= t._id %>" method="GET">
                               <input type="hidden" name="id" value="<%= t._id</pre>
%>">
                               <button type="submit">Edit</button>
                           </form>
                       <form action="/task/delete/<%= t. id %>?
_method=DELETE" method="POST">
                              <button type="submit" onclick="return confirm('Are</pre>
you sure?')">Delete
                               </button>
                           </form>
                       <% }) %>
           </tdody>
       <% } else { %>
       >沒有工作
    <% } %>
    <%- include('footer.ejs'); %>
</body>
```

V. PM2 - Get Job Done!

Since Node.js is built on top of the V8 JavaScript engine, it is single-threaded. So our app logic runs on one thread and hence doesn't fully utilize the available system resources.

This might not be a serious problem for event-based I/O calls, because the event loop is efficient enough for most use cases at moderate traffic loads. The problem occurs when we have a computationally intensive logic that might potentially block the thread or when we have a sudden spike in our traffic that could potentially increase the latency of our services.

http.js

```
console.timeEnd()
    res.end('About page')
}
else
    res.end('Error page')
})
server.listen(5000)
```

A request to /about will block subsequent / request.

PM2 internally uses the Node.js cluster module, but everything including the edge cases is handled for us and we don't even have to touch our existing code to get this working.

Local server

```
C:\Docker\na>pm2 examples

[PM2] pm2 usage examples:

Start and add a process to the pm2 process list:

$ pm2 start app.js --name app

Show the process list:

$ pm2 ls

Stop and delete a process from the pm2 process list:

$ pm2 delete app

Stop, start and restart a process from the process list:

$ pm2 stop app

$ pm2 start app

$ pm2 restart app

Clusterize an app to all CPU cores available:

$ pm2 start -i max
```

Start and daemonize an app, with a name and keeping watching on source changes (default).

```
pm2 start server.js --name na --watch
```

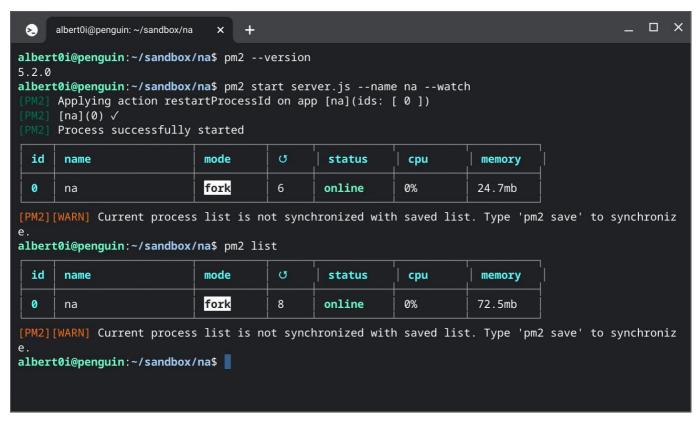
Stop a process

```
pm2 stop na
```

```
pm2 restart na
```

List all processes

```
pm2 list
```



Stop and delete a process from pm2 process list

```
pm2 delete na
```

Remote server

```
Command Prompt
C:\Docker\na>pm2 deploy help
 ----> Helper: Deployment with PM2
 Generate a sample ecosystem.config.js with the command
 $ pm2 ecosystem
 Then edit the file depending on your needs
 Commands:
   setup
                        run remote setup commands
                        update deploy to the latest release
   update
   revert [n]
                        revert to [n]th last deployment or 1
   curr[ent]
                        output current release commit
   prev[ious]
                        output previous release commit
   exec run <cmd>
                        execute the given <cmd>
                        list previous deploy commits
   list
   [ref]
                        deploy to [ref], the "ref" setting, or latest tag
 Basic Examples:
    First initialize remote production host:
   $ pm2 deploy ecosystem.config.js production setup
   Then deploy new code:
   $ pm2 deploy ecosystem.config.js production
```

Setup

```
pm2 deploy production setup
```

Edit ecosystem.config.js

```
module.exports = {
    apps : [{
      name: "na",
      script: 'server.js',
      instances: 4,
      exec_mode: "cluster",
      watch: '.',
      env_production: {
        NODE ENV: "production"
      }
    }],
    deploy : {
      production : {
        key: "../ssh-key-2022-05-09(2).pem",
        user : 'ubuntu',
        host: '140.238.40.147',
        ssh_options: "StrictHostKeyChecking=no",
        ref : 'origin/main',
        repo : 'https://github.com/Albert0i/na.git',
        path : '/home/ubuntu/na',
        'pre-setup' : '',
```

```
'post-setup' : '',
    'pre-deploy-local': '',
    'pre-deploy' : '',
    'post-deploy' : 'npm install && pm2 reload ecosystem.config.js --env
production '
    }
  }
};
```

- 1. exec mode: "cluster" tells PM2 to use the Node.js cluster module to execute the code.
- 2. instances:0 when this is set to 0, PM2 will automatically spawn a number of child processes that are equal to the available number of cores. Respawning on termination is handled out of the box. It is important to note that, we could spawn more child processes than the number of CPU cores available, but that wouldn't be a good idea, because it would create a scheduling overhead and in that way, we might end up doing worse than better.
- 3. "post-deploy": "npm install && pm2 reload ecosystem.config.js -env production" the key thing to note here is pm2 reload which will make a zero-downtime deployment by adopting a rolling deployment approach where the instances are stoped and launched with the latest changes one after the other.
- 4. It is also interesting to note that the config can have multiple Node applications within the app array (think of a **microservices** scenario).

Deploy

```
pm2 deploy production
```

Update

```
pm2 deploy production update
pm2 deploy production update --force
```

```
Command Prompt
C:\Docker\na>pm2 deploy production update
--> Deploying to production environment
 -> on host 140.238.40.147
 o deploying origin/main
 o executing pre-deploy-local
 o hook pre-deploy
 o fetching updates
 o full fetch
Fetching origin
From https://github.com/Albert0i/na
                                -> origin/main
  cac2856..46df42e main
 o resetting HEAD to origin/main
HEAD is now at 46df42e minor tipo fix
 o executing post-deploy `npm install && pm2 reload ecosystem.config.js --env production`
up to date, audited 156 packages in 753ms
18 packages are looking for funding
  run `npm fund` for details
found 0 vulnerabilities
[PM2] Applying action reloadProcessId on app [na](ids: [ 0, 1, 2, 3 ])
[PM2] [na](0) 🛭
[PM2] [na](1) 🛭
[PM2] [na](2) 🛭
[PM2] [na](3) 🗈
 o successfully deployed origin/main
 -> Success
C:\Docker\na>
```

List previous deploy commits

```
pm2 deploy production list
```

Execute the given command

```
pm2 deploy production exec pm2 list
```

VI. Summary

PM2 is a daemon process manager that will help you manage and keep your application online. Getting started with PM2 is straightforward, it is offered as a simple and intuitive CLI, installable via NPM.

Previously, we've talked about how to setup Docker swarm on Oracle Cloud (Free Tier) and deploy a NodeJS app on it. As a lightweight alternative, PM2 can be used to launch your app or deploy your code to remote host.

Links online

http

https

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VIII. Appendix

.env file

```
# Server port
PORT = 3000

# Server port (optional https)
PORT_HTTPS = 3443

# Server limit
MAX_REQUEST_PER_MINUTE = 100

# MongoDB
MONGODB_URI = "mongodb+srv://your_mongodb_server_url"

# Redis (optional)
REDIS_URI = "redis://your_redis_server_url"
```

source tree

```
— taskController.js
  └─ userController.js
ecosystem.config.js
  ├─ Naomi_Party_in_TAIPEI.jpg
  ─ asp-era-1.JPG
  — code_behind_beside.JPG
  ├─ npm.JPG
  ├── pm2_deploy_help.JPG
  pm2_deploy_production_update.JPG
  ├── pm2_examples.JPG
    - pm2_list.JPG
  L_ ta2.JPG
- middleware
  — auth.js
- model
  ├─ Option.js
   — Task.js
  └─ User.js
package-lock.json
- package.json
- public
  ├─ 404.png
  — favicon.ico
  └─ styles.css
- routes
  ├─ taskRoute.js
  └─ userRoute.js
- server.js
- ssl
  - cert.pem
  └─ key.pem
- views
  ─ 404.ejs
   — partials
     ├─ footer.ejs
     └─ header.ejs
   — task
     — create_edit.ejs
      ├─ index.ejs
     └─ options.ejs
  L— user
      ├─ login.ejs
      └─ signup.ejs
```

promise.js

```
const myFunc = (param) => {
  return new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
   if (param)
     resolve('success');
   else
```

```
reject('fail');
});

myFunc(true)
.then(data => {console.log(data)})
.catch(err => {console.log(err)})

const myFuncSync = async (param) => {
   try { return await myFunc(param) }
   catch (err) { console.error(err); }
   }
myFuncSync(false)
```

output

```
success
fail
```

EOF (2022/08/31)