[Node](https://nodejs.org/) (or more formally Node.js) is an open-source, cross-platform, runtime environment that allows developers to create all kinds of server-side tools and applications in [JavaScript](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/JavaScript).

Other common web-development tasks are not directly supported by Node itself. If you want to add specific handling for different HTTP verbs (e.g. GET, POST, DELETE, etc.), separately handle requests at different URL paths.

[Express](https://expressjs.com/) is the most popular Node web framework, and is the underlying library for a number of other popular:

* Write handlers for requests with different HTTP verbs at different URL paths
* Set common web application settings like the port to use for connecting, and the location of templates that are used for rendering the response.
* Integrate with "view" rendering engines in order to generate responses by inserting data into templates.