

Express - 4

PUT, DELETE and handling routes

Create a PUT request to update users data

```
app.put('/users/update', (req, res) => {  
  console.log(req.body)  
  const id = Number(req.body.id);  
  const username = req.body.username;  
  const userIndex = users.findIndex(user => user.id == id);  
  
  if(userIndex === -1)  
    return res.status(404).json({message: "User not found"})  
  
  users[userIndex].username = username;  
  res.json(users)  
})
```

Create a DELETE request to delete a user's data

```
app.delete('/users/delete/:id', (req, res) => {  
  const id = Number(req.params.id);  
  users = users.filter(user => user.id !== id);  
  res.json({message: "User successfully deleted"})  
})
```

Building Modular and Scalable Routes with `express.Router()`

What is `express.Router()`

- **Definition:**

- **`express.Router()`** is a class in Express.js that helps create modular, mountable route handlers.
- It provides a way to organize routes in a more structured manner.

- **Key Features**

- Segmentation or Splitting of route handling into modules.
- Supports middleware just like the main express application object.
- Enables cleaner and more maintainable code.

Steps to use express.Router()

1. In a new file create express.Router() object and save it in a variable

```
const router = express.Router();
```

2. Now instead of app we will use this router variable to create routes.

```
// Define routes  
router.get('/', (req, res) => {  
  res.send('GET /users');  
});
```

3. Now we will default export this router variable

```
module.exports = router;
```

Mounting a router

1. Now import the exported router from the respective file

```
const usersRouter = require('./routes/users');
```

2. Now use the router mounting syntax to use the router

```
app.use('/users', usersRouter);
```

This will make the routes defined in usersRouter accessible under /users path.