

Lecture 07: Build Code Reviewer



What Are We Building?

We're building an **AI-powered Code Review Agent** that can:

1. **Scan** entire folders of code (HTML, CSS, JavaScript)
2. **Read** all files automatically
3. **Find** bugs, security issues, and bad code
4. **Fix** the problems by rewriting the files
5. **Report** what was fixed

Think of it as your personal code assistant that reviews your projects and fixes issues automatically!



Why This Project?

Real-World Problem:

- Developers make mistakes (bugs, security holes, bad practices)
- Manually reviewing code is slow and boring
- We need an automated assistant

What You'll Learn:

1. How to work with files and folders programmatically
 2. How AI can interact with your computer safely
 3. Function calling - giving AI "tools" to use
 4. Building practical CLI applications
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Understanding File Systems (First Principles)

What is a File System?

Imagine your computer is a huge library:

- **Files** = Books (index.html, app.js, styles.css)
- **Folders** = Shelves/Sections (src/, components/, utils/)
- **Paths** = Addresses to find books

Example structure:

```
my-website/ └── index.html └── styles.css └── js/ | └── app.js | └── utils.js  
          └── images/ └── logo.png
```

Understanding Paths

What is a Path?

A path is the **address** to reach a file or folder.

Real-World Analogy:

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Your home address: Country → State → City → Street → House Number Computer pa  
th: Drive → Folder → Subfolder → File
```

Two Types of Paths:

1. Absolute Path (Full Address)

Starting from the root of your computer:

```
/home/rohit/projects/my-website/index.html C:\Users\Rohit\projects\my-website  
\index.html
```

Like saying: "Start from your country, go to your state, then city..."

2. Relative Path (From Current Location)

Starting from where you are now:

```
js/app.js (go into js folder, find app.js) ../images/logo.png (go up one level, then into images)
```

Like saying: "From where you're standing, go to the next room..."

Node.js Modules: `fs` vs `path`

The Key Difference:

<code>path</code> Module	<code>fs</code> Module
Works with ADDRESSES (strings)	Works with ACTUAL FILES (disk)
Like using a GPS	Like being a delivery person
Just text manipulation	Actually touches files
Fast (no disk access)	Slower (reads/writes disk)
Doesn't need file to exist	File must exist

The `path` Module

Purpose:

Works with file/folder paths as **text strings**.

Think of it as:

A GPS that helps you build and understand addresses, but never actually goes to those locations.

When to Use `path`:

- Building file paths
- Getting file extensions
- Extracting filenames
- Converting between path formats

Why It's Needed:

Problem: Different operating systems use different separators:

```
Windows: C:\Users\Rohit\project\src\index.js Linux: /home/rohit/project/src/index.js Mac: /Users/rohit/project/src/index.js
```

Solution: `path` handles this automatically!

Mental Model:

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Question: Do I need to build/analyze an ADDRESS? Answer: Use `path` Examples:  
- Combine "src" + "components" + "Button.js" → Use path - Get ".js" from "Button.js" → Use path - Get filename from full path → Use path - Build full path from pieces → Use path
```

The `fs` Module

Purpose:

Interacts with **actual files and folders** on your disk.

Think of it as:

A delivery person who actually goes to addresses, opens mailboxes, delivers packages, and checks what's there.

When to Use `fs`:

- Reading file contents

- Writing to files
- Checking if file exists
- Listing files in a folder
- Creating/deleting files

Mental Model:

Question: Do I need to ACCESS actual files on disk? Answer: Use `fs` Example
s:
- Read what's inside a file → Use fs
- Check if file exists → Use fs
- List all files in a folder → Use fs
- Write data to a file → Use fs
- Check if something is a file or folder → Use fs

Q How They Work Together

Common Pattern:

Step 1: Use `path` to build the address

Build: "src" + "components" + "Button.js" Result: "src/components/Button.js"

Step 2: Use `fs` to actually access the file

Read: Read the content of "src/components/Button.js" Result: "import React from 'react'..."

Analogy:

Planning a Trip:

- Using `path` = Looking at a map, planning your route
 - "Which roads connect these cities?"
 - "What's the distance?"
 - Works even if you haven't traveled yet!
 - Using `fs` = Actually driving the route
 - "Is there traffic right now?"
 - "Is this road closed?"
 - You MUST be on the road to know!
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🎯 Quick Decision Guide

Use `path` when:

- Working with filenames/paths as text
- Building paths from pieces
- Extracting parts of paths (extension, filename, directory)
- Converting between path formats
- File doesn't need to exist

Use `fs` when:

- Reading file contents
 - Writing to files
 - Checking if files exist
 - Listing directory contents
 - Creating/deleting files
 - Checking file properties (size, type, permissions)
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Understanding Nested File Structures

Visual Example:

```
my-website/ |-- index.html |-- css/ | |-- main.css | |-- responsive.css |-- js/ | |-- app.js | |-- utils/ | | |-- api.js | | |-- helpers.js | |-- components/ | |-- Header.js | |-- Footer.js | |-- images/ | |-- logo.png
```

How to Read All Files:

Concept: Recursion (going deeper and deeper)

Process:

1. Start at `my-website/`
2. Look inside: find `index.html`, `css/`, `js/`, `images/`
3. For each **folder**, go inside and repeat
4. For each **file**, save its path

Like exploring a building:

- See a door (folder)? Go through it
- See an object (file)? Note it down
- Keep exploring until no more doors



AI Function Calling Concept

The Problem:

We want AI to interact with files, but we can't let it run random commands on our computer (dangerous!).

The Solution:

Give AI a **menu of specific actions** it can request.

How It Works:

Step 1: We define "tools" (functions AI can use)

Available Tools: - `list_files`: Get all files in a folder - `read_file`: Read a file's content - `write_file`: Write fixed content to a file

Step 2: AI requests to use a tool

AI: "I want to call `list_files` with `directory='./src'`"

Step 3: WE execute the tool safely

We: Execute `listFiles('./src')` We: Return results to AI

Step 4: AI uses the result and continues

AI: "Now I want to call `read_file` with `file_path='./src/app.js'`"

Restaurant Analogy:

Menu = Tools we define

Available Dishes: 1. `list_files` 2. `read_file` 3. `write_file`

Customer = AI

"I'd like `list_files` with `directory='./src'`" "Now I'd like `read_file` with `file_path=app.js`"

Kitchen = Our code

We cook each order safely We control what actually happens

🔒 Why Function Calling is Safe

What AI CAN'T Do:

- ✗ Run any command it wants
- ✗ Delete your entire system
- ✗ Access files we didn't allow
- ✗ Do anything outside the tools we gave it

What AI CAN Do:

- ✅ Only call functions we defined
- ✅ Only with parameters we specified
- ✅ We control the implementation
- ✅ We can validate every action

🎯 Project Flow

How Our Agent Works:

1. User Input:

User: "Review the code in ./my-project"

2. AI Planning:

AI thinks: "I need to: 1. List all files 2. Read each file 3. Find issues 4. Fix them 5. Report what I did"

3. AI Action Loop:

AI: Call `list_files("./my-project")` We: Execute → Return [app.js, utils.js, index.html] AI: Call `read_file("app.js")` We: Execute → Return file content AI: Analyzes content, finds bugs AI: Call `write_file("app.js", fixed_content)` We: Execute → File updated ... repeats for all files ... AI: Returns final report as text We: Display report to user



Key Concepts Summary

File System:

- Files and folders organized in a tree structure
- Paths are addresses to locate files
- Can be absolute (full address) or relative (from current location)

path Module:

- GPS for file addresses
- Works with text/strings
- Fast, doesn't touch disk
- Cross-platform path handling

fs Module:

- Delivery person for files
- Actually reads/writes disk
- Slower, needs files to exist
- Real file operations

AI Function Calling:

- Give AI a menu of tools
- AI requests actions
- We execute safely
- Controlled, secure interaction

Recursion:

- Going deeper into nested structures
 - Process folders → go inside → repeat
 - Like exploring a building room by room
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Why This Matters

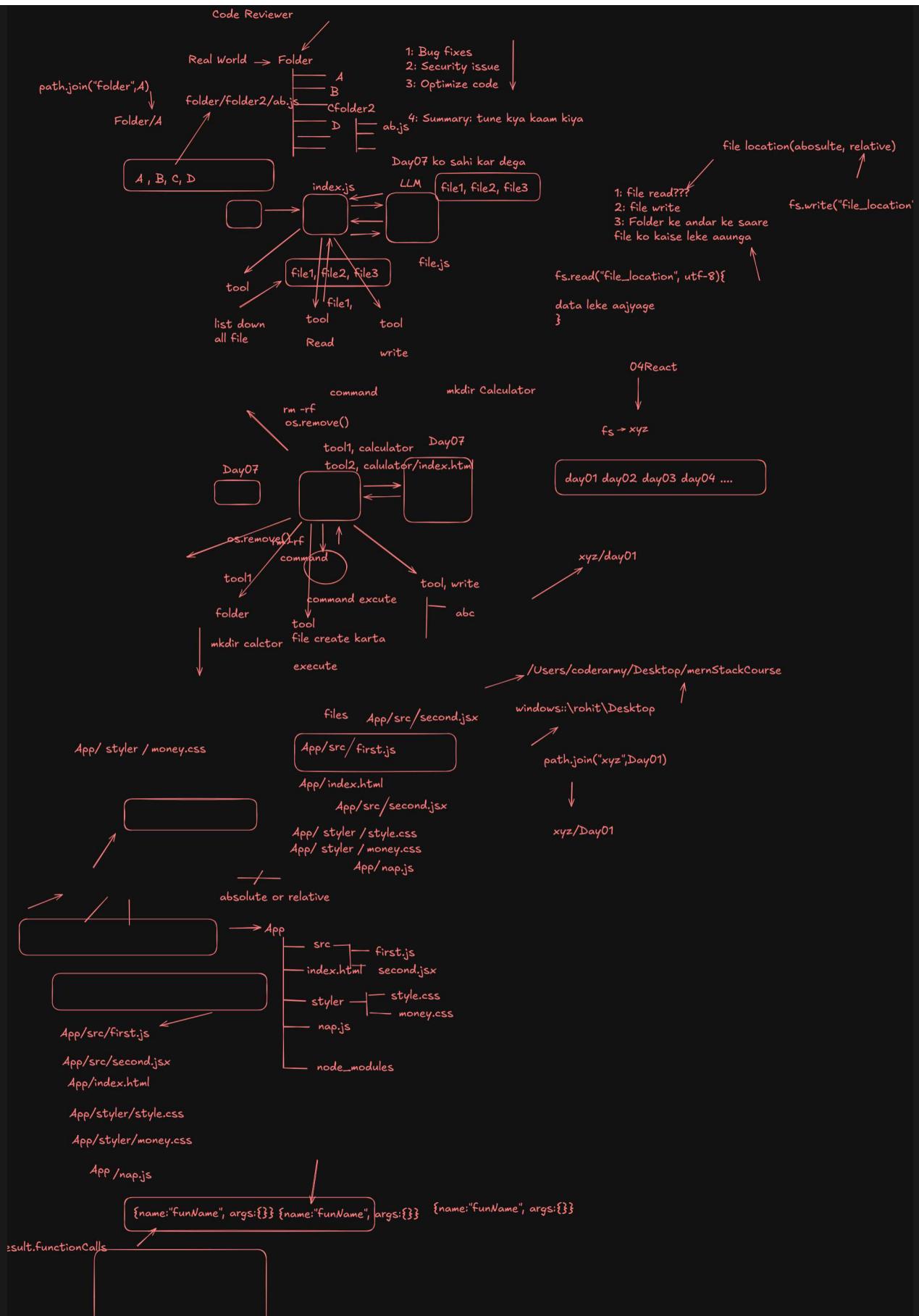
For Teaching at Coder Army:

This project teaches:

1. **First Principles:** Understanding WHY before HOW
2. **Real Problem Solving:** Automating tedious tasks
3. **AI Integration:** Practical use of LLMs
4. **System Design:** Building safe, scalable tools
5. **File Operations:** Essential skill for any developer

Career Applications:

- Build automation tools
 - Create developer productivity tools
 - Understand how AI coding assistants work
 - Learn safe AI integration patterns
 - Practice with real-world file operations
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