



Express Middleware Pipeline



“Register” middleware

```
1  const express = require('express');
2  const morgan = require('morgan');
3
4  const routes = require('./routes');
5
6  const app = express();
7  app.set('view engine', 'pug');
8
9  app.use(morgan('dev'));
10 app.use(cookieParser());
11 app.use(routes);
12
13 app.use((req, res, next) => {
14   const err = new Error('The request');
15   err.status = 404;
16   next(err);
17 });
18
```

Express Application Object

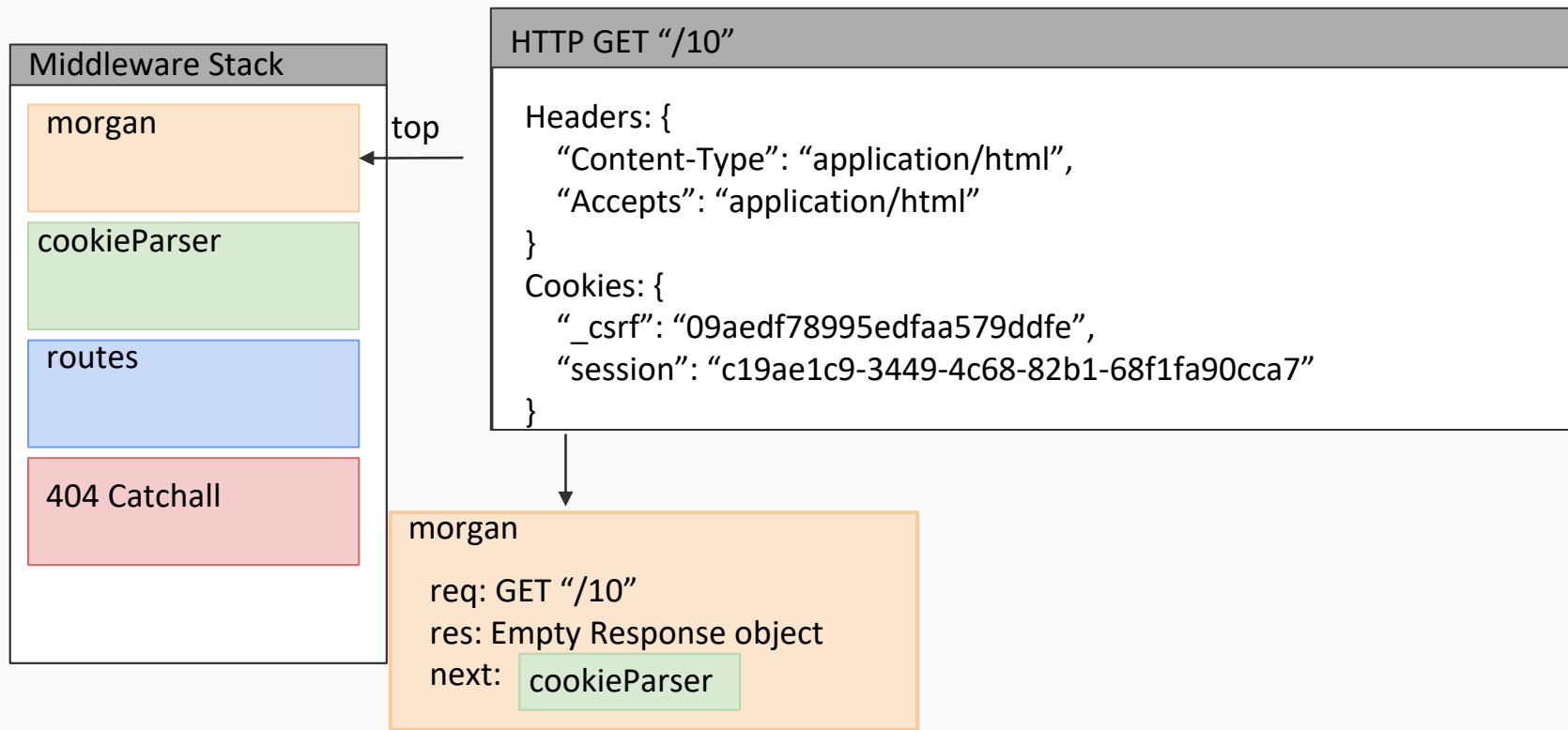
Middleware Stack	Config
morgan	{ “view engine”: “pug” }
cookieParser	
routes	
404 Catchall	



Wild HTTP Request appeared!



Invoke the Middleware Pipeline



Morgan registers `logRequest` onFinished

morgan

req: GET "/10"

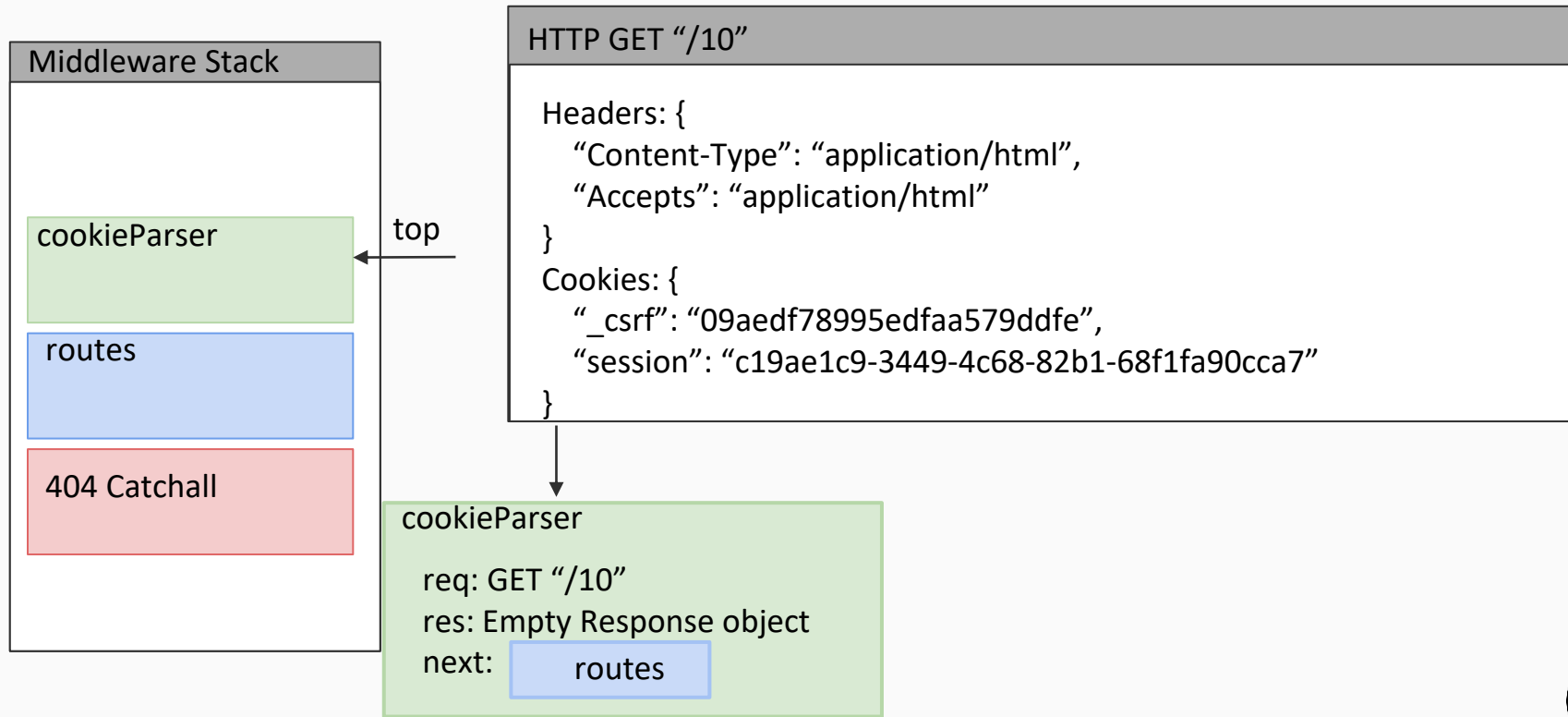
res: Empty Response object

next: cookieParser

```
133     if (immediate) {  
134         // immediate log  
135         logRequest()  
136     } else {  
137         // record response start  
138         onHeaders(res, recordStartTime)  
139  
140         // log when response finished  
141         onFinished(res, logRequest)  
142     }  
143  
144     next()  
145 }
```



next up is the cookieParser



cookieParser extracts cookies from the request

cookieParser

req: GET "/10"

res: Empty Response object

next: routes

```
return function cookieParser (req, res, next) {  
  if (req.cookies) {  
    return next()  
  }
```

```
  var cookies = req.headers.cookie
```

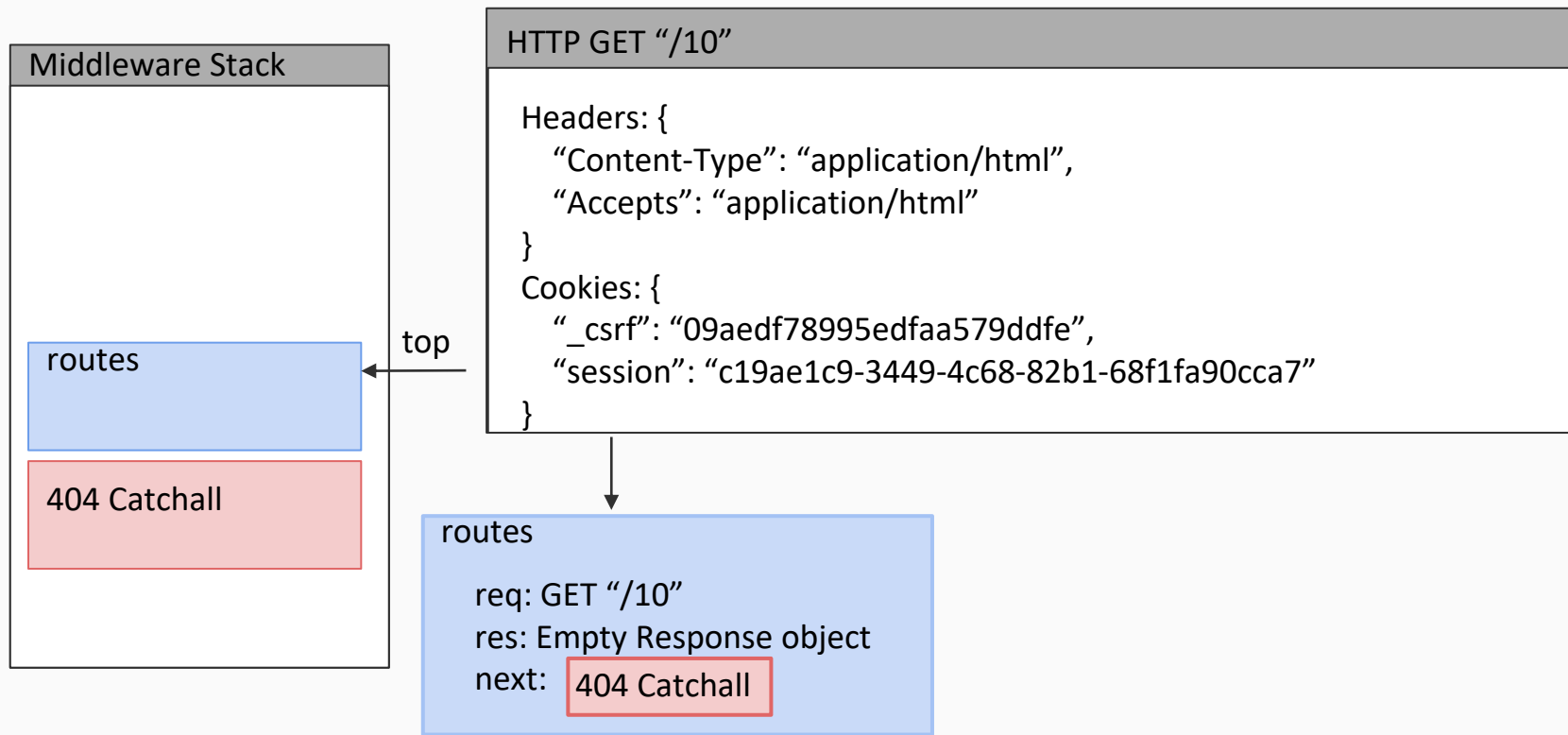
```
  // no cookies  
  if (!cookies) {  
    return next()  
  }
```

```
  req.cookies = cookie.parse(cookies, options)
```

```
  // parse JSON cookies  
  req.cookies = JSONCookies(req.cookies)  
  
  next()
```



next up is the Router



Each route is pushed onto middleware stack

routes

req: GET “/10”

res: Empty Response object

next: 404 Catchall

Middleware Stack

GET ‘/’

top

GET ‘/:id’

404 Catchall

```
const csrf = require('csrf');
const csrfHandler = csrf({cookie: true});

const router = express.Router();

router.get('/', csrfHandler, async (req, res, next) => {
  ...try {
    ...const books = await db.Book.findAll({order: [['title', 'ASC']] });
    ...res.render('index', {title: 'Home', books});
  } catch (err) {
    ...next(err);
  }
});

router.get('/:id(\\d+)', csrfHandler, async (req, res, next) => {
  ...try {
    ...const book = await db.Book.find(req.body.id);
    ...res.render('book_view', {title: book.title, book});
  } catch (err) {
    ...next(err);
  }
});

module.exports = router;
```



Until a route is matched

routes

req: GET “/10”

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next: 404 Catchall

Middleware Stack

GET ‘/:id’

top

404 Catchall

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The route handlers are pushed onto the stack

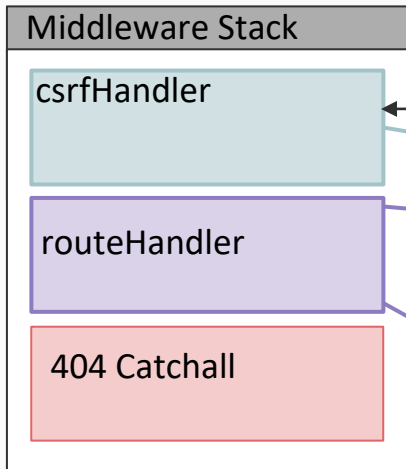
Route GET `"/10"`

req: GET `"/10"`

res: Empty Response object

next: `csrfHandler`

- Express adds each of the matched route's handlers to the stack.
- They are added from the right to the left - outside-in.



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```

CSRF verifies the token

csrfHandler

req: GET "/10"

res: Empty Response object

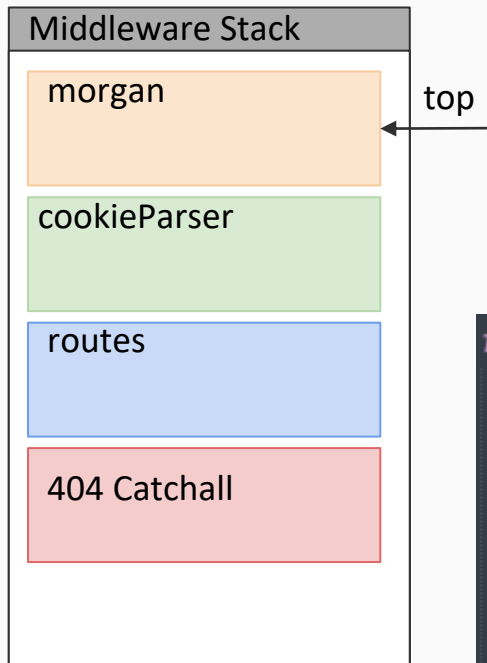
next: routeHandler

```
// verify the incoming token
if (!ignoreMethod[req.method] && !tokens.verify(secret, value(req))) {
  return next(createError(403, 'invalid csrf token', {
    code: 'EBADCSRFTOKEN'
  }))
}

next()
```



Demystifying next()



next() will pop a middleware off of the appropriate stack

- The errorMiddleware stack if an error is present
- The middleware stack if not

```
function nextFactory(middleware, errorMiddleware) {  
  return (err) => {  
    if (err !== undefined) {  
      const nextErrorMiddleware = errorMiddleware.pop();  
      nextErrorMiddleware(err);  
    } else {  
      const nextMiddleware = middleware.pop();  
      nextMiddleware();  
    }  
  }  
}
```



res.send short-circuits middleware

Route GET “/10”

req: GET “/10”

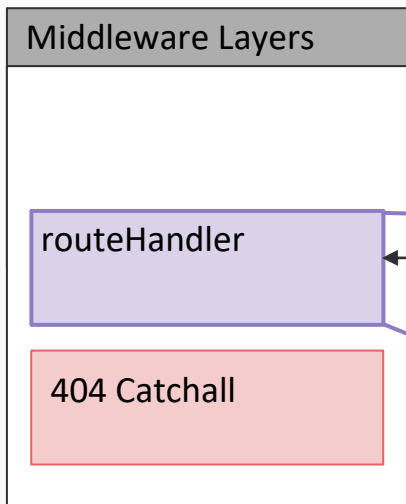
res: Empty Response object

next: 404 Catchall

Invocations of **res.send** and **res.render** short-circuit middleware

They **immediately** send a response to the browser, and complete the request

Usually, this is the only time that the response object is used

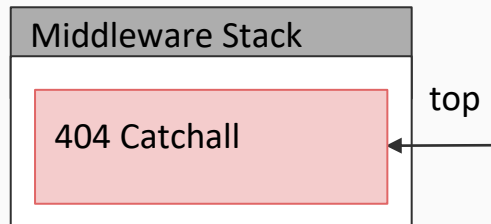


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    ...next(err);  
    ...}  
  ...}  
});  
  
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```

If none of the middleware match

404 Catchall

req: GET **"/profile"**
res: Empty Response object
next:



```
app.use((req, res, next) => {  
  const err = new Error('The requested page couldn\'t be found.');
```



```
  err.status = 404;  
  next(err);  
});
```

- Invoke's next with an error
- Triggers the Error Middleware Stack

