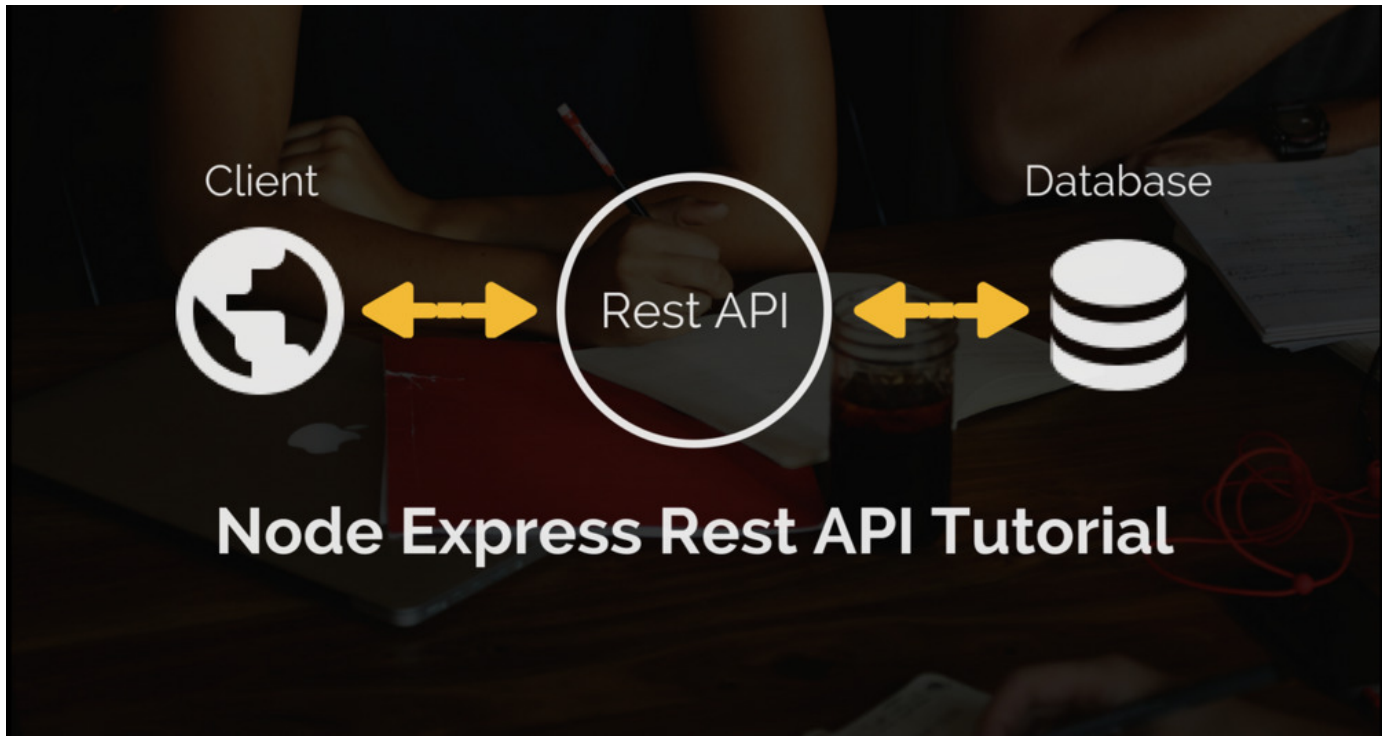


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# Building a Restful CRUD API with Node.js, Express and MongoDB



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In this tutorial, we'll be building a RESTful CRUD (Create, Retrieve, Update, Delete) API with Node.js, Express and MongoDB. We'll use Mongoose for interacting with the MongoDB instance.

**Express** is one of the most popular web frameworks for node.js. It is built on top of node.js http module, and adds support for routing, middleware, view system etc. It is very simple and minimal, unlike other frameworks that try to do way too much, thereby reducing the flexibility for developers to have their own design choices.

**Mongoose** is an ODM (Object Document Mapping) tool for Node.js and MongoDB. It helps you convert the objects in your code to documents in the database and vice versa.



Before proceeding to the next section, Please install MongoDB in your machine if you have not done already. Checkout the [official MongoDB installation manual](#) for any help with the installation.

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## Our Application

In this tutorial, We will be building a simple Note-Taking application. We will build Rest APIs for creating, listing, editing and deleting a Note.

We'll start by building a simple web server and then move on to configuring the database, building the `Note` model and different routes for handling all the CRUD operations.

Finally, we'll test our REST APIs using Postman.

Also, In this post, we'll heavily use ES6 features like `let`, `const`, `arrow functions`, `promises` etc. It's good to familiarize yourself with these features. I recommend [this re-introduction to Javascript](#) to brush up these concepts.

Well! Now that we know what we are going to build, We need a cool name for our application. Let's call our application `EasyNotes`.

## Creating the Application

1. Fire up your terminal and create a new folder for the application.

```
$ mkdir node-easy-notes-app
```

2. Initialize the application with a package.json file

Go to the root folder of your application and type `npm init` to initialize your app with a `package.json` file.

```
$ cd node-easy-notes-app
```

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`name: (node-easy-notes-app)``version: (1.0.0)`

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`description: Never miss a thing in Life. Take notes quickly. Organize``entry point: (index.js) server.js``test` command:`git` repository:`keywords: Express RestAPI MongoDB Mongoose Notes``author: callicoder``license: (ISC) MIT`About to `write` to /Users/rajeevkumarsingh/node-easy-notes-app/package.

```
{
  "name": "node-easy-notes-app",
  "version": "1.0.0",
  "description": "Never miss a thing in Life. Take notes quickly. Orga
  "main": "server.js",
  "scripts": {
    "test": "echo \"Error: no test specified\" && exit 1"
  },
  "keywords": [
    "Express",
    "RestAPI",
    "MongoDB",
    "Mongoose",
    "Notes"
  ],
  "author": "callicoder",
  "license": "MIT"
}
```

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Note that I've specified a file named `server.js` as the entry point of our application. We'll create `server.js` file in the next section.

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### 3. Install dependencies

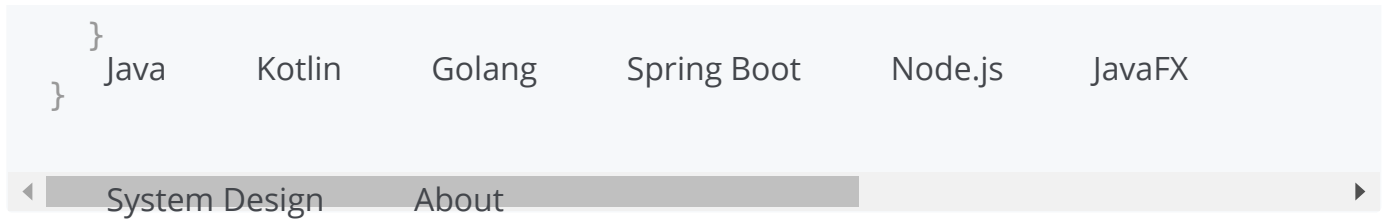
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We will need express, mongoose and body-parser modules in our application. Let's install them by typing the following command -

```
$ npm install express body-parser mongoose --save
```

I've used `--save` option to save all the dependencies in the `package.json` file. The final package.json file looks like this -

```
{
  "name": "node-easy-notes-app",
  "version": "1.0.0",
  "description": "Never miss a thing in Life. Take notes quickly. Organize your life.",
  "main": "server.js",
  "scripts": {
    "test": "echo \"Error: no test specified\" && exit 1"
  },
  "keywords": [
    "Express",
    "RestAPI",
    "MongoDB",
    "Mongoose",
    "Notes"
  ],
  "author": "callicoder",
  "license": "MIT",
  "dependencies": {
    "body-parser": "^1.18.3",
    "express": "^4.16.3"
  }
}
```



Our application folder now has a `package.json` file and a `node_modules` folder -

```
node-easy-notes-app
├── node_modules/
├── package.json
```

## Setting up the web server

Let's now create the main entry point of our application. Create a new file named `server.js` in the root folder of the application with the following contents -

```
const express = require('express');
const bodyParser = require('body-parser');

// create express app
const app = express();

// parse requests of content-type - application/x-www-form-urlencoded
app.use(bodyParser.urlencoded({ extended: true }));

// parse requests of content-type - application/json
app.use(bodyParser.json());

// define a simple route
app.get('/', (req, res) => {
  res.json({ "message": "Welcome to EasyNotes application. Take notes" });
});
```

```
// listen for requests
app.listen(3000, () => {
  console.log("Server is listening on port 3000");
});
```

**First,** We import express and body-parser modules. [Express](#), as you know, is a web framework that we'll be using for building the REST APIs, and [body-parser](#) is a module that parses the request (of various content types) and creates a `req.body` object that we can access in our routes.

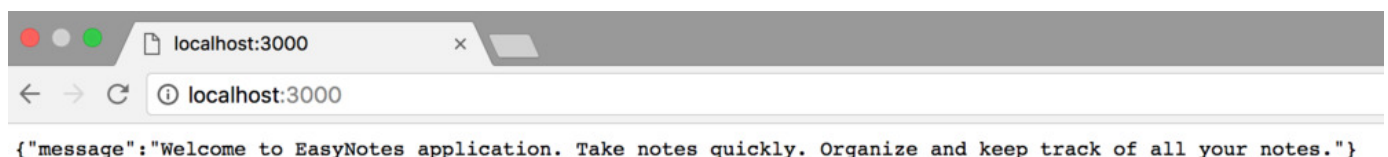
**Then,** We create an express app, and add two `body-parser` middlewares using express's `app.use()` method. A [middleware](#) is a function that has access to the `request` and `response` objects. It can execute any code, transform the request object, or return a response.

**Then,** We define a simple `GET` route which returns a welcome message to the clients.

**Finally,** We listen on port 3000 for incoming connections.

All right! Let's now run the server and go to <http://localhost:3000> to access the route we just defined.

```
$ node server.js
Server is listening on port 3000
```



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar set to `localhost:3000`. The page content displays a JSON object: `{"message": "Welcome to EasyNotes application. Take notes quickly. Organize and keep track of all your notes."}`

I like to keep all the configurations for the app in a separate folder. Let's create a new folder `config` in the root folder of our application for keeping all the configurations -

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```
$ mkdir config
```

```
$ cd config
```

Now, Create a new file `database.config.js` inside `config` folder with the following contents -

```
module.exports = {  
  url: 'mongodb://localhost:27017/easy-notes'  
}
```

We'll now import the above database configuration in `server.js` and connect to the database using mongoose.

Add the following code to the `server.js` file after

`app.use(bodyParser.json())` line -

```
// Configuring the database  
const dbConfig = require('./config/database.config.js');  
const mongoose = require('mongoose');  
  
mongoose.Promise = global.Promise;  
  
// Connecting to the database  
mongoose.connect(dbConfig.url, {  
  useNewUrlParser: true  
}).then(() => {  
  console.log("Successfully connected to the database");  
})  
catch(err => {
```

```
process.exit();  
});
```

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Please run the server and make sure that you're able to connect to the database -

```
$ node server.js  
Server is listening on port 3000  
Successfully connected to the database
```

## Defining the Note model in Mongoose

Next, We will define the `Note` model. Create a new folder called `app` inside the root folder of the application, then create another folder called `models` inside the `app` folder -

```
$ mkdir -p app/models  
$ cd app/models
```

Now, create a file called `note.model.js` inside `app/models` folder with the following contents -

```
const mongoose = require('mongoose');  
  
const NoteSchema = mongoose.Schema({  
  title: String,  
  content: String  
}, {  
  timestamps: true  
});
```



The `Note` model is very simple. It contains a `title` and a `content` field. I have also added a `timestamps` option to the schema.

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Mongoose uses this option to automatically add two new fields - `createdAt` and `updatedAt` to the schema.

## Defining Routes using Express

Next up is the routes for the Notes APIs. Create a new folder called `routes` inside the `app` folder.

```
$ mkdir app/routes
$ cd app/routes
```

Now, create a new file called `note.routes.js` inside `app/routes` folder with the following contents -

```
module.exports = (app) => {
  const notes = require('../controllers/note.controller.js');

  // Create a new Note
  app.post('/notes', notes.create);

  // Retrieve all Notes
  app.get('/notes', notes.findAll);

  // Retrieve a single Note with noteId
  app.get('/notes/:noteId', notes.findOne);

  // Update a Note with noteId
```

```
// DELETE A NOTE WITH NOTEID
app.delete('/notes/:noteId', notes.delete)
}
```

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Note that We have added a `require` statement for `note.controller.js` file. We'll define the controller file in the next section. The controller will contain methods for handling all the CRUD operations.

Before defining the controller, let's first include the routes in `server.js`. Add the following `require` statement before `app.listen()` line inside `server.js` file.

```
// .....

// Require Notes routes
require('./app/routes/note.routes.js')(app);

// .....
```

If you run the server now, you'll get the following error -

```
$ node server.js
module.js:472
    throw err;
    ^

Error: Cannot find module '../controllers/note.controller.js'
```

This is because we haven't defined the controller yet. Let's do that now.

## Writing the Controller functions

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```
const Note = require('../models/note.model.js');  
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// Create and Save a new Note  
exports.create = (req, res) => {  
  
};  
  
// Retrieve and return all notes from the database.  
exports.findAll = (req, res) => {  
  
};  
  
// Find a single note with a noteId  
exports.findOne = (req, res) => {  
  
};  
  
// Update a note identified by the noteId in the request  
exports.update = (req, res) => {  
  
};  
  
// Delete a note with the specified noteId in the request  
exports.delete = (req, res) => {  
  
};
```

Let's now look at the implementation of the above controller functions one by one -

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```
// Create and Save a new Note
exports.create = (req, res) => {
  // validate request
  if(!req.body.content) {
    return res.status(400).send({
      message: "Note content can not be empty"
    });
  }

  // Create a Note
  const note = new Note({
    title: req.body.title || "Untitled Note",
    content: req.body.content
  });

  // Save Note in the database
  note.save()
    .then(data => {
      res.send(data);
    }).catch(err => {
      res.status(500).send({
        message: err.message || "Some error occurred while creating"
      });
    });
};
```

## Retrieving all Notes

```
// Retrieve and return all notes from the database.
exports.findAll = (req, res) => {
```

```

        res.send(notes);
    }).catch(err => {
        res.status(500).send({
            message: err.message || "Some error occurred while retrieving notes"
        });
    });
};

```

## Retrieving a single Note

```

// Find a single note with a noteId
exports.findOne = (req, res) => {
    Note.findById(req.params.noteId)
        .then(note => {
            if(!note) {
                return res.status(404).send({
                    message: "Note not found with id " + req.params.noteId
                });
            }
            res.send(note);
        }).catch(err => {
            if(err.kind === 'ObjectId') {
                return res.status(404).send({
                    message: "Note not found with id " + req.params.noteId
                });
            }
            return res.status(500).send({
                message: "Error retrieving note with id " + req.params.noteId
            });
        });
};

```

## Updating a Note

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```
// Update a note identified by the noteId in the request
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exports.update = (req, res) => {
  // Validate Request
  if(!req.body.content) {
    return res.status(400).send({
      message: "Note content can not be empty"
    });
  }

  // Find note and update it with the request body
  Note.findByIdAndUpdate(req.params.noteId, {
    title: req.body.title || "Untitled Note",
    content: req.body.content
  }, {new: true})
  .then(note => {
    if(!note) {
      return res.status(404).send({
        message: "Note not found with id " + req.params.noteId
      });
    }
    res.send(note);
  }).catch(err => {
    if(err.kind === 'ObjectId') {
      return res.status(404).send({
        message: "Note not found with id " + req.params.noteId
      });
    }
    return res.status(500).send({
      message: "Error updating note with id " + req.params.noteId
    });
  });
}
```

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The `{new: true}` option in the `findByIdAndUpdate()` method is used to return the modified document to the `then()` function instead of the original.

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## Deleting a Note

```
// Delete a note with the specified noteId in the request
exports.delete = (req, res) => {
  Note.findByIdAndRemove(req.params.noteId)
    .then(note => {
      if(!note) {
        return res.status(404).send({
          message: "Note not found with id " + req.params.noteId
        });
      }
      res.send({message: "Note deleted successfully!"});
    }).catch(err => {
      if(err.kind === 'ObjectId' || err.name === 'NotFound') {
        return res.status(404).send({
          message: "Note not found with id " + req.params.noteId
        });
      }
      return res.status(500).send({
        message: "Could not delete note with id " + req.params.noteId
      });
    });
};
```

You can check out the documentation of all the methods that we used in the above APIs on Mongoose's official documentation -

- [Mongoose save\(\)](#)

- [Mongoose findById\(\)](#)
  - [Mongoose findByIdAndUpdate\(\)](#)
  - [Mongoose findByIdAndRemove\(\)](#)
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## Testing our APIs

Let's now test all the APIs one by one using postman.

### Creating a new Note using **POST /notes** API

The screenshot shows the Postman interface for a POST request to `http://localhost:3000/notes`. The request body is a JSON object:

```
1 [{"title": "My First Note", "content": "This is my first note in EasyNotes application"}]
```

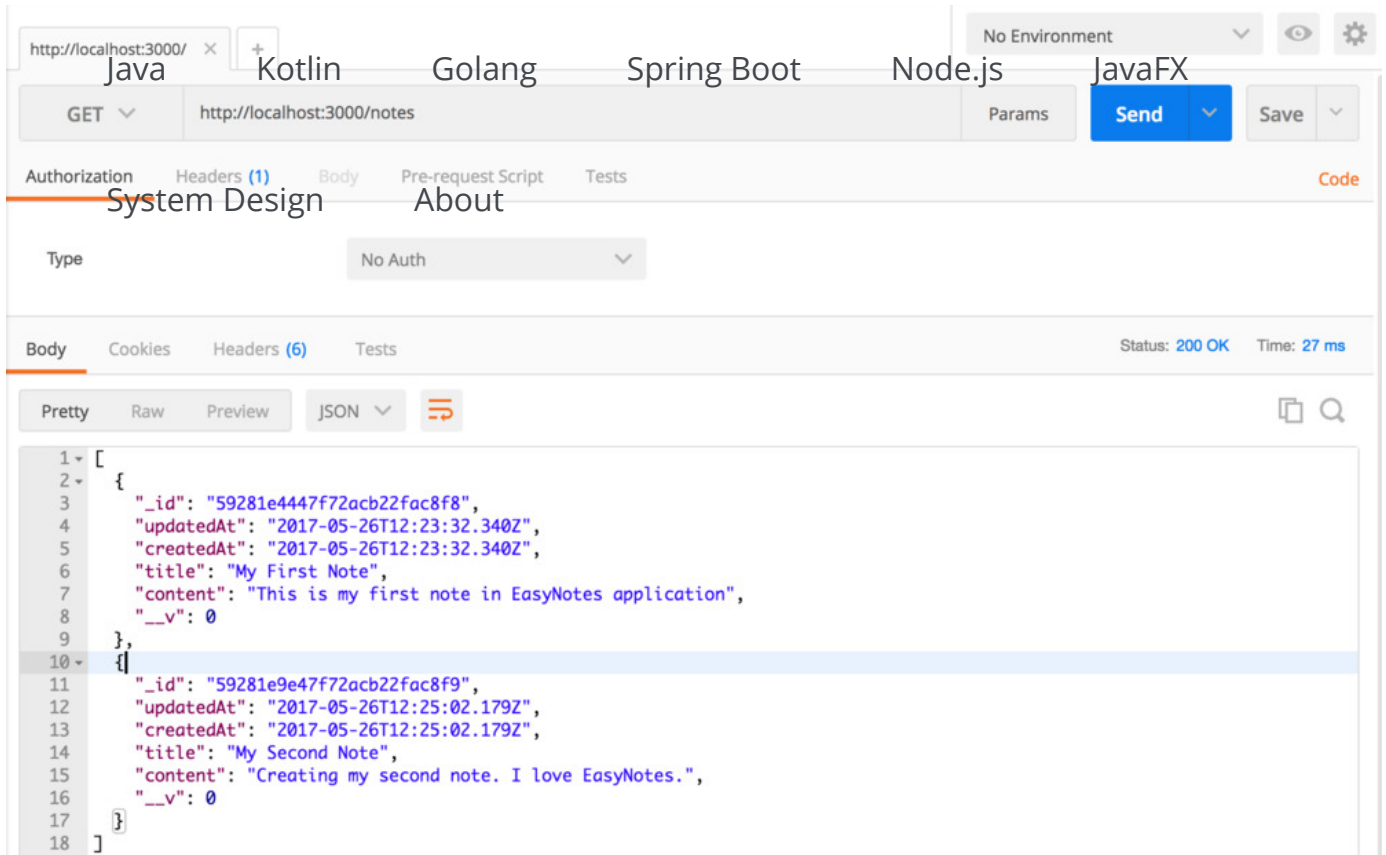
The response is a JSON object with the following fields:

```
1 {
2   "__v": 0,
3   "updatedAt": "2017-05-26T12:23:32.340Z",
4   "createdAt": "2017-05-26T12:23:32.340Z",
5   "title": "My First Note",
6   "content": "This is my first note in EasyNotes application",
7   "_id": "59281e4447f72acb22fac8f8"
8 }
```

Status: 200 OK Time: 24 ms

### Retrieving all Notes using **GET /notes** API





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GET http://localhost:3000/notes

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Type No Auth

Body Cookies Headers (6) Tests Status: 200 OK Time: 27 ms

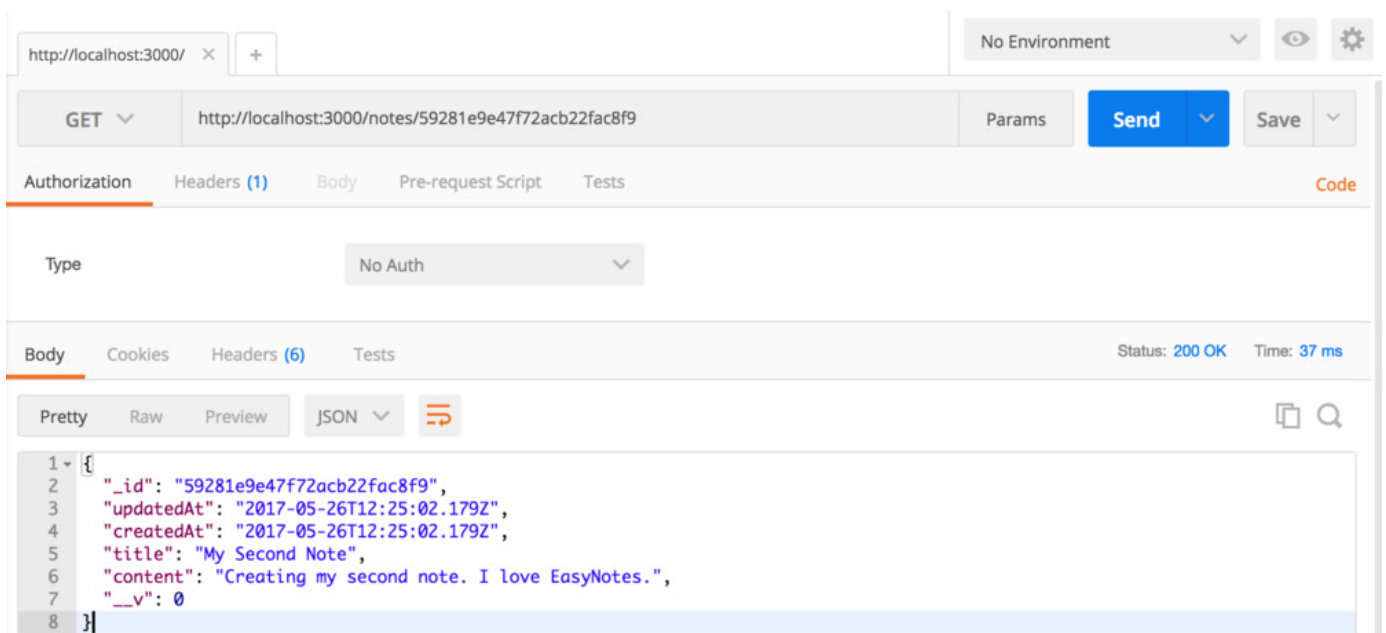
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```

1 [
2   {
3     "_id": "59281e4447f72acb22fac8f8",
4     "updatedAt": "2017-05-26T12:23:32.340Z",
5     "createdAt": "2017-05-26T12:23:32.340Z",
6     "title": "My First Note",
7     "content": "This is my first note in EasyNotes application",
8     "__v": 0
9   },
10  {
11    "_id": "59281e9e47f72acb22fac8f9",
12    "updatedAt": "2017-05-26T12:25:02.179Z",
13    "createdAt": "2017-05-26T12:25:02.179Z",
14    "title": "My Second Note",
15    "content": "Creating my second note. I love EasyNotes.",
16    "__v": 0
17  }
18 ]

```

## Retrieving a single Note using GET /notes/:noteId API



http://localhost:3000/ No Environment

GET http://localhost:3000/notes/59281e9e47f72acb22fac8f9

Authorization Headers (1) Body Pre-request Script Tests

Type No Auth

Body Cookies Headers (6) Tests Status: 200 OK Time: 37 ms

Pretty Raw Preview JSON

```

1 {
2   "_id": "59281e9e47f72acb22fac8f9",
3   "updatedAt": "2017-05-26T12:25:02.179Z",
4   "createdAt": "2017-05-26T12:25:02.179Z",
5   "title": "My Second Note",
6   "content": "Creating my second note. I love EasyNotes.",
7   "__v": 0
8 }

```

## Updating a Note using PUT /notes/:noteId API

The screenshot shows a REST client interface with tabs for Java, Kotlin, Golang, Spring Boot, Node.js, and JavaFX. The 'Node.js' tab is active. The request method is 'PUT' and the URL is 'http://localhost:3000/notes/59281e9e47f72acb22fac8f9'. The 'Body' tab is selected, showing a JSON payload: `{"title": "Edited Title of Second Note", "content": "Edited Content of Second Note."}`. The status bar indicates 'Status: 200 OK' and 'Time: 61 ms'. The response body is displayed in a 'Pretty' JSON format: `{ "_id": "59281e9e47f72acb22fac8f9", "updatedAt": "2017-05-26T12:26:38.486Z", "createdAt": "2017-05-26T12:25:02.179Z", "title": "Edited Title of Second Note", "content": "Edited Content of Second Note.", "__v": 0 }`.

## Deleting a Note using `DELETE /notes/:noteId` API

The screenshot shows the REST client with the method changed to 'DELETE' and the same URL. The 'Body' tab is selected, showing a JSON response: `{ "message": "Note deleted successfully!" }`. The status bar indicates 'Status: 200 OK' and 'Time: 26 ms'.

## Conclusion

In this tutorial, We learned how to build rest apis in node.js using express framework and mongodb.

You can find the code for this tutorial in [my github repository](#). Please ask any questions that you might have in the comment section below



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**jaya chandra** • 11 days ago

Hi this tutorial is very helpful to me.. But I got one doubt, that is, in the whole code, where is the collection name is mentioned as "names" to store in mongodb database

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**Rajeev Kumar Singh** Mod → jaya chandra • 10 days ago

Hi Jaya,

When you define a model in mongoose. It automatically looks for a collection with the plural version of your model name. For example, if your model name is Note, it will look for a collection named notes in the database.

Mongoose creates the collection if it doesn't exist when you insert something in that collection for the first time.

You can also specify a custom name for the collection by defining the model like this -

```
mongoose.model('Note', NoteSchema, 'mynotes');
```

Check out [Mongoose documentation](#) for more information.

Cheers!

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**Maresh** • 17 days ago

Hi, this is a wonderful tutorial. I'm having a small issue early on as I am unable to connect to the database. I get the following error:

DeprecationWarning: current URL string parser is deprecated, and will be removed in a future version. To use the new parser, pass option { useNewUrlParser: true } to MongoClient.connect.

I then tried to follow the warning and pass { useNewUrlParser: true } to MongoClient.connect and the warning did go away but it still did not connect to the database. Aside from the addition of { useNewUrlParser: true }, the code looks exactly like the tutorial. Is anyone facing this problem?

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**najeeb** → Maresh • 12 days ago

yes I have the same issue and also when i am trying to call post api and pass notes get an error "t could not get any response there was error connecting to, http://localhost:3000/notes"

but in terminal its say:

```
"PS C:\Users\Jeeb\AndroidApps\AndroidWorkPlace\heroku> node server.js
```

```
(node:6872) DeprecationWarning: current URL string parser is deprecated, and will be removed in a future version. To use the new parser, pass option { useNewUrlParser: true } to MongoClient.connect.
```

```
Server is listening on port 3000
```

```
Successfully connected to the database"
```

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**Rajeev Kumar Singh** Mod → najeeb • 10 days ago

Hi Najeeb,

I have fixed the deprecated warning in this post. Other than that, all the APIs are working fine. Can you tell me your MongoDB version? Also, Please try restarting the MongoDB server and check again.

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**Sakthybaalan Santhanakumaran** • 19 days ago

Hi Rajeev Kumar Singh,

I am using your Node express code to implement my API. I seen that you used, the following coding for POST method.

```
// POST
exports.create = ("/",(req, res, next) =>
{
// POST method coding
});
```

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```
router.post('/', upload.single('productImage'), (req, res, next) => {  
  // POST method coding  
})
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Here they used router variable from Express and post ([router.post](#)) is visible that is a POST method.

So, please clarify me your code exports.create.

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**Rajeev Kumar Singh** Mod → Sakthybaalan Santhanakumaran • 17 days ago



Hi,

I have just segregated the routes and the actual method handlers in different files for better modularity. All the routes that map HTTP requests to a controller method are in the `note.routes.js` file and all the controller (handler) methods are in a different file.

The `exports` keyword lets you export a function outside of the current file (module). And, `create` is not a keyword, it's just a method name.

All the exported methods from the `note.controller.js` file are being used in the `note.routes.js` file. The `require` statement in `note.routes.js` is used to import the methods of the controller.

Finally, Your `multipart/form-data` request is not being parsed because `bodyParser` doesn't handle multipart bodies. Check out [bodyParser's documentation](#) for details.

You'll need to use some other package for handling multipart bodies like [multer](#) or [formidable](#)

Moreover, [express.Router](#) is another way of creating the routes. You can use it if you prefer. Check out [express js routing guide](#) for details.

Cheers,

Rajeev

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**Localbug** • 22 days ago



Hey,

i get the error:

```
{  
  "message": "Note content can not be empty"  
}
```

The MongoDB is running and if i start `$ node server.js`, i get the messages:  
Server is listening on port 3000

```
//return res.status(400).send({
  message: "Note content can not be empty"
});
```

but the 'title' contains the default content: "title": "Untitled Note".

I guess, it's a problem with the Middleware/ Mongoose.

Does anyone have a solution?

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**Rajeev Kumar Singh** Mod → Localbug • 21 days ago



Hi,

The error message "Note content can not be empty" is thrown when req.body doesn't have content field.

Can you check your request and verify that you're sending both title and content in the request body just like the Postman screenshot that I've included for POST /notes API?

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**Localbug** → Rajeev Kumar Singh • 21 days ago



Yeah :-) It works with Postman. I think that the RESTClient -Add on has not sent a JSON format.

Thank you

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**Localbug** → Rajeev Kumar Singh • 21 days ago



thank you for your answer.

I used the Mozilla RESTClient Add-On to send the POST

The contents of the POST are correkt. Do you have another idea?

Do I have to pay attention to something with mongoose and the Body-parser?

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**Jorge Rpo** • a month ago



best tutorial on this topic I've read!

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**Sakthybaalan Santhanakumaran** • a month ago



I am getting the following error

```
{
  "message": "Note content can not be empty"
}
```

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Are you sending "content" in the request body? Check the POST /notes screenshot for details.

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```
{
  "title": "Note Title",
  "content": "Note Content"
}
```

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**Sakthybaalan Santhanakumaran** → Rajeev Kumar Singh • a month ago

Yeah! and it is loading for more time, no quick response. Should I create collection(table) before to insert the document(record) like in other databases? And I never get "Successfully connected to the database" message.

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**Rajeev Kumar Singh** Mod → Sakthybaalan Santhanakumaran • a month ago

Please check that the MongoDB server is running in your machine and you're able to connect to it using mongo command. You should get the "Successfully connected to the database" message on startup.

Moreover, Creating the collection is not required. Mongoose will automatically do that for you. The error is on the API side only. Check the exports.create method. It responds with a 400 Bad Request when it doesn't find content in the request body -

```
exports.create = (req, res) => {
  // Validate request
  if(!req.body.content) {
    return res.status(400).send({
      message: "Note content can not be empty"
    });
  }
  .....
}
```

So check your request again. If it still doesn't work. Please share more details about your request or share the code on Github. It would be easier to debug.

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**Sakthybaalan Santhanakumaran** → Rajeev Kumar Singh • a month ago

Thank you Rajeev! I have the problem in MongoDB. I uninstalled and re-installed the mongoDB. Now success, Thank you again for the kind responses.

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**Jui Purohit** • 2 months ago

Awesome tutorial. very useful for beginners. thank you so much.

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practices (such as validation and query-support), it can be very beneficial to automate the process.

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rest-hapi is a tool that generates robust API endpoints based on mongoose schemas:

<https://github.com/JKHeadle...>

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Please check it out and let me know what you think!

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**satveli tarun mourya** • 2 months ago



Hey this was very helpful for me. Could you suggest me a way to update multiple notes at a time.? Example PUT localhost:3000/notes/noteID-1/noteID-2

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**Alex Walker** • 3 months ago



This was really helpful, thank you providing such a clear and concise introduction.

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**Rajeev Kumar Singh** Mod ➔ Alex Walker • 3 months ago



Thanks Alex. Glad that you found it helpful.

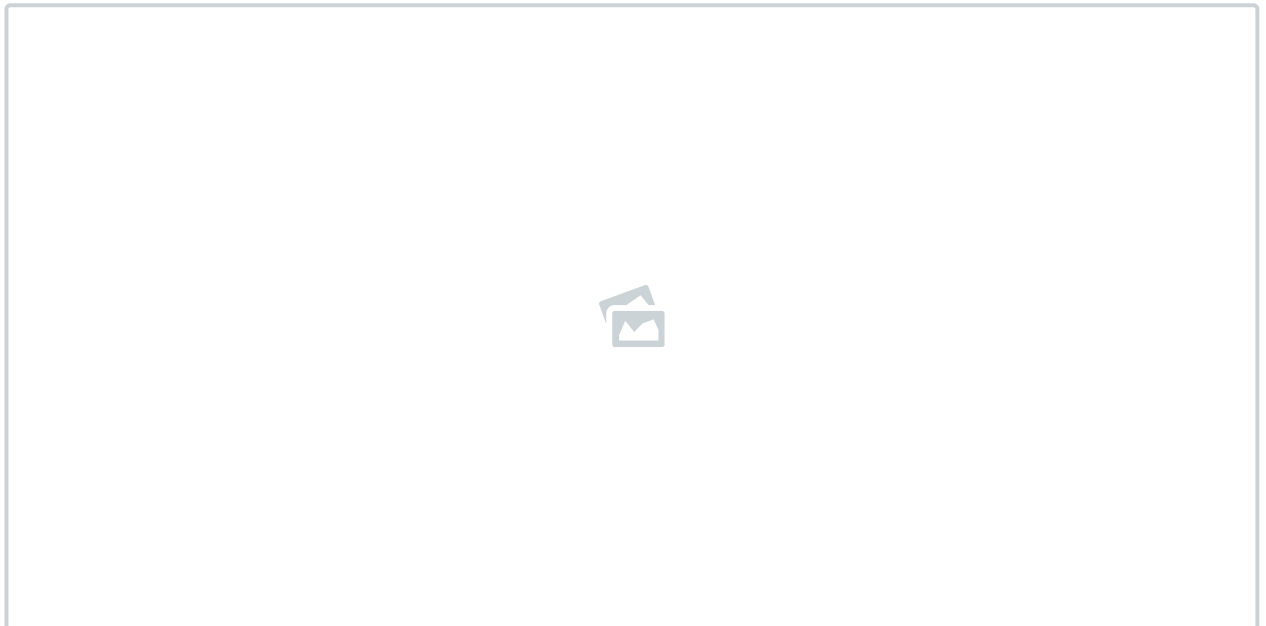
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**Ankitkumar Tandel** • 3 months ago



Hi Author,  
I am getting this error



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**Ankitkumar Tandel** ➔ Ankitkumar Tandel • 3 months ago



My server.js code is



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**Rajeev Kumar Singh** Mod → Ankitkumar Tandel • 3 months ago



Hi Ankit,

Please verify that `note.routes.js` is defined at the correct location, which is `app/routes/note.routes.js`

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**Ankitkumar Tandel** → Rajeev Kumar Singh • 3 months ago



Yes it has been already at correct location

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**Rajeev Kumar Singh** Mod → Ankitkumar Tandel • 3 months ago



Can you share the complete code on Github?

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**Ankitkumar Tandel** → Rajeev Kumar Singh • 3 months ago



I had resolved the issue

Thanks for sharing the great tutorial

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**meena damwani** • 3 months ago



Hello,

Your article is very nice and helpful. i m using node.js with SQL database .all are working fine and now i want to deploy on IIS , i went through many article but doesn't work for me . please help me.

Thanks in advance !!

**LobsterYu** • 3 months agoThanks for sharing, this helped me a lot :)  
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**Md. Anamul Hque Ony** • 3 months ago

Thanks for sharing this awesome tutorial. :)

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**harsha kushal** • 3 months ago

Thanks Rajeev, but now I am facing Schema not defined problem.

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**Rajeev Kumar Singh** Mod ➔ **harsha kushal** • 3 months ago

Can you post the error stacktrace here?

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**harsha kushal** • 3 months ago

I am getting could not connect to the database.

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**Rajeev Kumar Singh** Mod ➔ **harsha kushal** • 3 months ago

Hey Harsha,

Please check that MongoDB running in your system and you're able to connect to it using mongo client.

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**sheheryar nisar** • 4 months ago

Note does not get deleted, its just showing message "Note Deleted successfully"  
After that when I get Notes, its showing me all notes included one I just deleted.

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**Rajeev Kumar Singh** Mod ➔ **sheheryar nisar** • 4 months ago

Hi,

I can't reproduce what you said. The delete API is working fine for me. Can you provide more details, like your Node version, Mongoose version. And can you cross check your delete API with the one in this article.

Regards,

Rajeev

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**Monika** • 4 months ago

Hi

I m getting the below error. Please help me to solve this error

at next (D:\npm\node\_modules\express\lib\router\route.js:137:13)  
 at Route.dispatch (D:\npm\node\_modules\express\lib\router\route.js:112:3)  
 at Layer.handle [as handle\_request] (D:\npm\node\_modules\express\lib\router\layer.js:95:5)  
 at D:\npm\node\_modules\express\lib\router\index.js:281:22  
 at Function.process\_params (D:\npm\node\_modules\express\lib\router\index.js:335:12)  
 at next (D:\npm\node\_modules\express\lib\router\index.js:275:10)  
 at expressInit (D:\npm\node\_modules\express\lib\middleware\init.js:40:5)  
 at Layer.handle [as handle\_request] (D:\npm\node\_modules\express\lib\router\layer.js:95:5)  
 at trim\_prefix (D:\npm\node\_modules\express\lib\router\index.js:317:13)  
 at D:\npm\node\_modules\express\lib\router\index.js:284:7  
 at Function.process\_params (D:\npm\node\_modules\express\lib\router\index.js:335:12)  
 at next (D:\npm\node\_modules\express\lib\router\index.js:275:10)  
 at query (D:\npm\node\_modules\express\lib\middleware\query.js:45:5)  
 at Layer.handle [as handle\_request] (D:\npm\node\_modules\express\lib\router\layer.js:95:5)  
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**Rajeev Kumar Singh** Mod → Monika • 4 months ago

That error means that req.body is undefined in the exports.create method. Can you check the routes and verify that this method is being referred like this -

```
module.exports = (app) => {
  const notes = require('../controllers/note.controller.js');
  app.post('/notes', notes.create);
}
```

Also cross check the controller method with the one in this article.

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**praneeth teja** • 4 months ago

require('./app/routes/note.routes.js')(app); .Hi everyone. I have a doubt. Should we not store this module in any var. Its giving error by writing this way.

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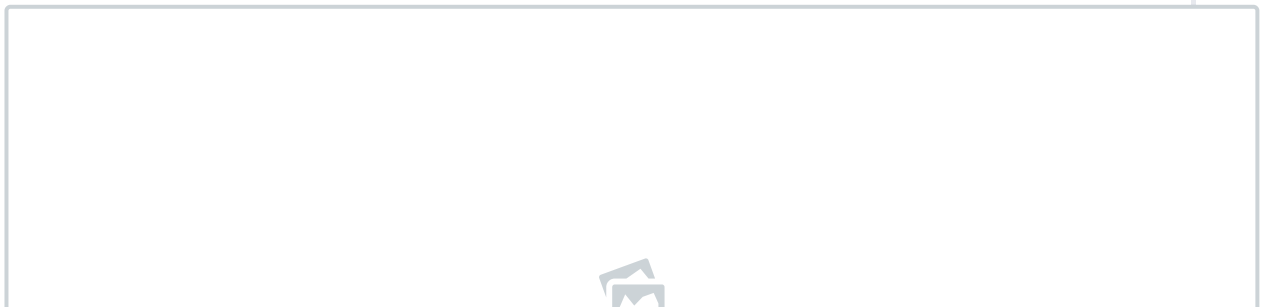
**Rajeev Kumar Singh** Mod → praneeth teja • 4 months ago

What error are you getting? We can store the module in a var, but there is not point storing it when we're not gonna use that var.

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**Akshaya Saravanan** • 4 months ago



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Whenever I create a note and send it to the server through postman, I get an error saying the System.out.print cannot be empty. I have attached the screenshots of the output. Please let me know the error.

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**Rajeev Kumar Singh** Mod ➔ Akshaya Saravanan • 4 months ago

Request Content-Type should be application/json. Click on the Text drop down in Postman and select JSON. It should work after that.

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**Winlight Solutions** • 4 months ago

The best and simplest tutorial for node, express mongo with ReSTful APIs! Wish that you could add " Create Angular Frontend" tutorial as a second part for this best tutorial and get "MEAN" completed. Thanks a million!

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**Srinivasarao chintala** • 4 months ago

Excellent tutorial, nicely explained. Thank you!!!!

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**Seorang Kapiten** • 4 months ago

I get this error after configuring and connecting database section.

```
module.js:549
```

```
throw err;
```

```
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```

```
Error: Cannot find module '/home/putrapc/webproject/node-easy-notes-app/config/server.js'
at Function.Module._resolveFilename (module.js:547:15)
at Function.Module._load (module.js:474:25)
at Function.Module.runMain (module.js:693:10)
at startup (bootstrap_node.js:188:16)
at bootstrap_node.js:609:3
```

how it could be?

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**Seorang Kapiten** ➔ Seorang Kapiten • 4 months ago

Sorry my fault its solved now

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**Robert** • 5 months ago

Hi. Great tutorial. Any ideas why my update function creates a new object instead of updating

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