

Date: 7 June 2024

Day: Friday

Overview:

The 3rd day of the internship was dedicated to exploring the fundamentals of Node.js, a powerful runtime environment built on Chrome's V8 JavaScript engine. Node.js allows developers to run JavaScript code outside of a web browser, making it suitable for server-side development.

Learning Objectives:

- **Basics of Node.js:**
 - Node.js is an open-source, cross-platform JavaScript runtime environment.
 - It enables developers to build scalable and high-performance applications.
- **Global Object and its Functionalities:**
 - In Node.js, the global object represents global variables and functions accessible throughout the application.
 - Key components include console, process, and require.
- **Working with the util Module:**
 - The util module provides utility functions for simplifying common tasks in Node.js.
 - Functions like util.format() for string formatting and util.promisify() for converting callback-based functions into promise-based ones were explored.

```
1  const fs = require('fs');
2
3  // writing to a file
4  fs.writeFile("hello.txt", "Hello World", (err)=>{
5      if(err){
6          console.log(err);
7      }
8  });
```

Activities and Insights:

- Exploring Node.js Basics
- Node.js was introduced as a runtime environment that allows JavaScript code execution outside of the browser, leveraging its event-driven, non-blocking I/O model for efficiency.

Understanding the Global Object:

The global object in Node.js encompasses various modules and utilities essential for application development. Notable components discussed include:

- **console Module:** Used for printing output to the console. Methods like `console.log()` and `console.error()` were highlighted for debugging and informational purposes.
- **process Object:** Provides information about the current Node.js process. It includes properties like `process.env` for environment variables and methods such as `process.exit()` for terminating the application.
- **require() Function:** Facilitates module loading within Node.js. It allows importing external modules and files into the current application scope.

```

1 process.stdout.write("what is Node ? \n");
2 process.stdin.on("data",(data)=>{
3     console.log(data.toString().trim());
4     process.exit()
5 });
6

```

Utilizing the util Module:

The util module was explored to streamline development tasks with built-in utility functions. Key functions studied include:

- **util.format():** Enables string formatting similar to printf-style formatting in C.
- **util.promisify():** Converts callback-based functions into promise-based functions, enhancing code readability and maintainability in asynchronous operations.

```

1 const path = require('path');
2 const util = require('util');
3 console.log(path.basename(__filename));
4 console.log(path.join(__dirname, "../path/file"))
5 console.log(util.log(path.basename(__filename)))

```