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I started by reading through the course page, which was familiar as I’ve completed two other modules before. I have version control set up, so I went ahead and started watching the newer NodeJS video.

The slides at the beginning of the video improved my understanding of what NodeJS is and when it’s typically used. Following the note below the video links, I downgraded my NodeJS installation from version 17 to 12.22.12 by using nvm-windows. Once that was done, I opened Visual Studio Code and ran npm init in the course folder I created. Next I installed uuid and nodemon, and learned about dev dependencies.

While following along with the video, I learned that to include variables in the middle of a string in JavaScript you use backtick characters and not quotes. During the path demo part of the video, I learned about the join function, which seems very useful to avoid delimiter errors. While doing the fs demo I ran into an issue which was caused by not having installed the modules globally. After that, I had no issues with the rest of the demos.

Doing the server creation helped remind me of some things I learned when doing the front-end module. It also connected the previous module demos well. Once I was finished with the server code and other parts, I signed up for a Heroku account and installed the Heroku CLI. To upload the app to Heroku I copied all of the files to a different directory so that the course GitHub repository is not affected. The deployment went without a hitch.

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I began watching the MongoDB video and installed MongoDB Community Server as a service. I learned about MongoDB’s syntax and functions by doing the same commands as shown in the video. During the text search part I had to look up why the escapes and quotes were needed. I found out from Mongo’s documentation (<https://www.mongodb.com/docs/manual/reference/operator/query/text/#std-label-text-operator-phrases>), that to match specific phrases you need to enclose the phrase in escaped double quotes. The rest of the video was clear.

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I started the Express JS crash course. I have no prior knowledge of Express, so the beginning of the video had a lot of new things for me. Continuing with the tutorial, much of it was similar to the NodeJS course so it helped hammer in the earlier lessons. Initially I found it somewhat hard to wrap my mind around routes and how Express works. There were also so many new functions introduced and little things to keep in mind that I will most likely need to revisit this video later.

During the later part of the video I ran into an issue with express-handlebars where I could not use exphbs as a function like in the video and instead had to use exphbs.engine. I found the solution on Stack Overflow: <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/69959820/typeerror-exphbs-is-not-a-function>