An important part of developing apps with Node.js is using a web framework. The purpose of a web framework is to hide much of the standard and sometimes complicated code involved in performing requests and responses (Knupp)[[1]](#footnote-1) This is important because by reducing the complexity of the coding needed to set up up HTML requests and responses, it can reduce the time it takes to code such. Another benefit of frameworks is that it provides a way to enforce code standards among a group of developers (Oluyemi)[[2]](#footnote-2)

Express.js is a very popular web framework. It has the advantage of being non-opinionated. An opinionated framework is one that favors one particular way of solving issues and performing the work for which the framework was constructed (Eccles)[[3]](#footnote-3) So a non-opinionated framework is one that provides flexibility in that the developer can choose from several approaches to implement solutions. Another advantage is that it supports the ability to add packages and templates from third parties to increase functionality and productivity even further (Oluyemi)[[4]](#footnote-4) It is also fully customizable with a low learning curve, and it provides almost out of the box functionality (Oluyemi)[[5]](#footnote-5) Express.js is sure to remain a popular and important framework for Node.js for some time, and learning it is certainly worthwhile.

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