✓ Day 5: Supercharge Your App with Netlify Edge Functions

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What Are Edge Functions?

Netlify Edge Functions let you run custom logic right at the **edge (closest to the user)** — improving performance, latency, and responsiveness.

Unlike traditional serverless functions (which run in a central location), edge functions run on **Netlify's global CDN**, closer to your users.

Why Use Edge Functions?

- Lower latency for dynamic content
- Personalized pages per user
- Lightweight and fast cold starts = 0
- Modify responses, headers, redirects at runtime
- Great for A/B testing, localization, auth

How to Create an Edge Function

1. Install Netlify CLI (if not already)

npm install -g netlify-cli

2. Create netlify/edge-functions/hello.js

```
export default async (request, context) => {
  return new Response("Hello from the Edge!", {
    headers: { "Content-Type": "text/plain" },
```

```
});
};
```

3. Add to netlify.toml

```
[[edge_functions]]
path = "/hello"
function = "hello"
```

4. Deploy with:

```
netlify deploy --prod
```

Visit https://your-site.netlify.app/hello to see the result!

Use Cases:

- Serve location-specific content (e.g., language)
- Inject dynamic headers or cookies
- Perform lightweight auth checks
- Redirects based on user roles or devices
- Cache-control customization

Resources:

- Netlify Edge Docs
- Netlify playground examples
- Works alongside traditional Lambda functions

Series Repository:

- You now know how to deploy, secure, automate, and power up your apps on Netlify all in just 5 days!
- if you're excited about this series, don't forget to star 👚 the repo and share it with your dev network!