Compare

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|  | LoopBack | Express | Hapi | Sails | Restify | Meteor |
| Type | API framework | HTTP server library | HTTP server framework | Web MVC framework | REST HTTP library | Full-stack JavaScript app platform |
| Top Features | Enterprise connectivity, API Explorer, generators, client SDKs, websocket microservices | HTTP routing, middleware | Modularity, security | Rails familiarity, MVC | Simplicity, REST routing | Universal JavaScript, reactive rendering, websocket microservices |
| Suitable For | Web apps, APIs | Simple web apps | Web apps, APIs | Web apps, APIs | Simple REST APIs | Web apps |
| Github Stars | 5k | 19k | 4k | 10k | 3k | 28k |
| Support | StrongLoop | StrongLoop | N/A | N/A | N/A | Meteor Development Group |
| Pure Node runtime | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| Client SDKs | Angular, Browser, Node.js, iOS, Android, Xamarin | N/A | None | None | None | JavaScript, Cordova for iOS and Android, React, AngularJS |
| Export API Definition | Yes | With strong-remoting | None | None | None | With meteor-rest |
| Tools | Visual API composer, Explorer, CLI code generators | CLI app generator | Yeoman generator | Yeoman generator | Yeoman generator | CLI tool |
| Visual API composition | Yes | No | No | No | No | No |
| StrongLoop Arc Build & Deploy, Monitoring, Profiling | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Extensions | Push, File Storage, Passport, OAuth 2.0, Express Middleware | Express / Connect Middleware | Hapi Plugins |  |  | Proprietary package system and repository, npm |
| Data sources | In-memory/file, MongoDB, MySQL, Oracle, PostgreSQL, SQL Server, ATG, Email, REST, SOAP | None | None | In-memory, File, PostgreSQL, MySQL, MongoDB | None | MongoDB, MySQL and PostgreSQL via 3rd-party packages |
| ACLs | Yes | No | No | No | No | Basic allow/deny |