Introduction to Node.js

What is Node.js?

Node.js is an **open-source**, **cross-platform JavaScript runtime environment** that allows developers to execute JavaScript code outside of a browser. It is widely used for building scalable and high-performance applications.

Key Features of Node.js:

- **V8 Engine**: Node.js runs on the V8 JavaScript engine (also used in Google Chrome), which makes it fast and efficient.
- **Asynchronous and Event-Driven**: Node.js handles I/O operations (network requests, database access, file system operations) asynchronously, meaning it doesn't block the execution of other code.
- **Single-Threaded, Non-Blocking I/O**: Unlike traditional multi-threaded models, Node.js operates on a single thread but can handle multiple requests concurrently.
- Rich Package Ecosystem: Node.js has a vast collection of open-source modules available via npm (Node Package Manager), making development faster and easier.

What is a Module in Node.js?

A **module** in Node.js is a reusable block of code that can be imported into other files. It helps in organizing the code and improving maintainability.

Types of Modules in Node.js:

- 1. **Core Modules**: Built-in modules provided by Node.js, such as http, fs, path, os.
- 2. Local Modules: Custom modules created by developers within a project.
- 3. Third-Party Modules: Modules installed via npm, like express, mongoose, dotenv.

Example of Importing a Core Module:

const fs = require('fs'); // Importing the File System module

The HTTP Module in Node.js

The **http module** in Node.js allows the creation of web servers and handling HTTP requests and responses.

Creating a Basic Web Server:

```
const { createServer } = require('node:http'); // Importing the HTTP module
const hostname = '127.0.0.1'; // Localhost IP
const port = 3000; // Port number
const server = createServer((req, res) => {
  res.statusCode = 200; // HTTP status code for success
  res.setHeader('Content-Type', 'text/plain'); // Setting response header
  res.end('Hello World'); // Sending response body
});
```

```
server.listen(port, hostname, () => {
  console.log(`Server running at http://${hostname}:${port}/`);
});
```

Explanation:

- 1. ``: Loads the built-in HTTP module.
- 2. ``: Creates an HTTP server that listens for incoming requests.
- 3. Request and Response Objects:
 - o req: Represents the HTTP request (contains request headers, method, URL, etc.).
 - o res: Represents the HTTP response (used to send data back to the client).
- 4. ``: Binds the server to a specific port and hostname.
- 5. ``: Ends the response and sends data to the client.

Running the Server:

- 1. Save the file as server.js.
- 2. Run the command:
- 3. node server.js
- 4. Open a browser and visit http://127.0.0.1:3000/ to see the output.

Conclusion

Node.js is a powerful tool for building fast and scalable web applications. Understanding **modules**, the **http module**, and the **createServer() method** is crucial for backend development. With its non-blocking I/O model, Node.js can efficiently handle multiple connections, making it ideal for real-time applications like chat apps, APIs, and data-intensive services.

- 1. Asynchronous programming and callbacks
- 2. Timers
- 3. Promises
- 4. Async and Await
- 5. Closures
- 6. The Event Loop

Asynchronous Programming and Callbacks JavaScript is single-threaded, meaning it executes one operation at a time. However, asynchronous programming allows tasks like I/O operations, network requests, and timers to run in the background without blocking the main thread. This is crucial in Node.js since it handles multiple requests efficiently.

Callbacks: A callback is a function passed as an argument to another function and executed later. Callbacks are commonly used in asynchronous operations.

Example:

```
function fetchData(callback) {
    // Simulate fetching data with a 2-second delay
    setTimeout(() => {
```

```
callback("Data fetched successfully"); // Execute the callback function with a message
  }, 2000);
// Call fetchData and provide a callback function
fetchData((message) => {
  console.log(message); // Logs "Data fetched successfully" after 2 seconds
});
// Another example with error handling
function processUserData(userId, callback) {
  // Simulate fetching user data with a 1.5-second delay
  setTimeout(() => {
     if (userId) {
       callback(null, { id: userId, name: "John Doe" }); // Success case
     } else {
       callback("User ID not provided", null); // Error case
  }, 1500);
// Call processUserData and handle the callback
processUserData(1, (error, user) => {
  if (error) {
     console.log("Error:", error); // Logs error message if userId is not provided
  } else {
     console.log("User Data:", user); // Logs user data if successful
});
```

Timers Timers allow executing code after a specified delay or at intervals. JavaScript provides three main timer functions:

- setTimeout(fn, delay): Executes fn after delay milliseconds.
- setInterval(fn, delay): Repeats execution of fn every delay milliseconds.
- clearTimeout and clearInterval: Stop the execution of timers.

Example:

```
setTimeout(() => console.log("Executed after 2 seconds"), 2000);
```

```
let interval = setInterval(() => console.log("Repeating every 1 second"), 1000); setTimeout(() => clearInterval(interval), 5000); // Stops after 5 seconds
```

Promises A Promise is an object that represents a value which may be available now, in the future, or never. It has three states: **Pending, Fulfilled, and Rejected**.

Example with detailed comments:

```
function fetchData() {
  return new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
     // Simulate an asynchronous operation with setTimeout
     setTimeout(() => {
       let success = true; // Change this to false to see rejection
       if (success) {
          resolve("Data received successfully"); // Fulfilled state
       } else {
          reject("Error fetching data"); // Rejected state
     }, 2000); // Simulate network delay of 2 seconds
  });
// Consuming the Promise
fetchData()
  .then((data) => {
     console.log(data); // Logs "Data received successfully" if resolved
  })
  .catch((error) => \{
     console.error(error); // Logs "Error fetching data" if rejected
  });
```

Async and Await async and await make asynchronous code look synchronous and are used with Promises.

```
Example:
```

```
async function getData() {
  try {
    let data = await fetchData();
```

```
console.log(data);
} catch (error) {
    console.log(error);
}

getData();
```

Closures A closure is a function that retains access to variables from its outer scope even after the outer function has executed.

Example:

```
function outerFunction(outerVariable) {
    return function innerFunction(innerVariable) {
        console.log(`Outer: ${outerVariable}, Inner: ${innerVariable}`);
     };
}
const closureFunction = outerFunction("Hello");
closureFunction("World"); // Outer: Hello, Inner: World
```

The Event Loop The Event Loop handles JavaScript's asynchronous operations, ensuring that non-blocking code is executed efficiently. It processes the Call Stack, Web APIs, Callback Queue, and Microtask Queue (Promises) in a cyclic manner.

```
Example:
```

```
console.log("Start");
setTimeout(() => console.log("Timeout callback"), 0);
Promise.resolve().then(() => console.log("Promise resolved"));
console.log("End");
```

Output:

Start

End

Promise resolved

Timeout callback

Promises are executed before setTimeout because they are in the **Microtask Queue**, which has higher priority than the **Callback Queue**.

These concepts are fundamental to mastering JavaScript and Node.js for backend development and job interviews.

Here's a beginner-friendly breakdown of the topics with easy-to-follow points:

V8 JavaScript Engine

V8 is the JavaScript engine that makes Chrome and Node.js run JavaScript fast. Let's break it down:

1. What is V8?

- o It is the engine that runs JavaScript code inside Google Chrome.
- Node.js also uses it to run JavaScript outside the browser.

2. What does it do?

- o It parses (reads) and executes JavaScript code.
- The browser provides extra features like the **DOM** (**Document Object Model**) and other Web APIs.

3. V8 is not tied to Chrome!

- It can run JavaScript outside of browsers too (this is how **Node.js** works).
- o Thanks to V8, JavaScript can be used for server-side coding, not just in web pages.

4. Other JavaScript Engines:

- **§ SpiderMonkey** → Used in Mozilla Firefox
- **a** JavaScriptCore (Nitro) → Used in Safari
- \diamond V8 \rightarrow Used in Chrome & Edge (Edge now uses Chromium)

5. Why is V8 important?

- o It helps JavaScript run super fast.
- o It continuously improves to make web pages and Node.js applications perform better.

How JavaScript Runs in V8 (Compilation & Performance) 🎻

- 1. JavaScript was originally "interpreted" (executed line by line).
- 2. Now, V8 compiles JavaScript before running it (this makes it faster).

3. JIT (Just-In-Time) Compilation

- Instead of running directly, JavaScript is first compiled into machine code (fast format for computers).
- This speeds up execution a lot, which is crucial for big applications like Google Maps.
- 4. Every year, JavaScript engines compete to be faster \rightarrow This benefits developers and users!



What is npm?

- npm = Node.js package manager (used to install and manage code libraries).
- It has millions of reusable packages for JavaScript developers.

Why use npm?

- **Easily install code libraries (instead of writing everything from scratch).**
- Automatically manage dependencies (code that your project needs to work).
- Helps in **frontend & backend** development (not just Node.js).

Installing All Dependencies

- If a project has a package.json file, run:
- npm install
 - o This installs all required libraries in the **node modules** folder.

Installing a Specific Package

- To install a package:
- npm install <package-name>
- Example:
- npm install express

Common npm Flags

Flag	Meaning
save	Adds package to dependencies (default in npm 5+)
save-dev	Adds package to development dependencies
no-save	Installs but does not add to package.json
save-optional	Adds to optional dependencies
-S	Shortcut forsave
-D	Shortcut forsave-dev

Updating Packages

- Update all dependencies:
- npm update
- Update a specific package:
- npm update <package-name>

Versioning with npm

- You can install a specific version of a package:
- npm install <package-name>@<version>

Example:

Running Custom Commands with npm 🔸

Scripts in package.json

- You can define commands inside package ison like this:
- {
- "scripts": {
- "start": "node app.js",
- "dev": "nodemon app.js"
- }
- }
- Then, instead of typing long commands, you can run:
- npm run start
- npm run dev

Final Thoughts @

- V8 makes JavaScript fast & powerful.
- **npm** helps manage JavaScript libraries efficiently.
- Modern JavaScript **compiles before execution** for better performance.
- Knowing these basics will help you in **Node.js development and job interviews!**

Let me know if you want more details or examples!

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Understanding ECMAScript 2015 (ES6) and Beyond in Node.js

1. What is ECMAScript (ES6)?

- ECMAScript (or ES) is the standard for JavaScript.
- ES6 (ECMAScript 2015) introduced many modern JavaScript features.
- Node.js follows the latest updates of this standard by using the **V8 engine**.

2. Features in Node.js

There are three types of JavaScript features in Node.js:

- 1. **Shipping features** Fully stable and enabled by default.
- 2. **Staged features** Almost ready but require a special flag (--harmony).
- 3. **In-progress features** Still being developed, risky to use.

To check available in-progress features:

Run this command in your terminal:

node --v8-options | grep "in progress"

3. Which Features Are Available in My Node.js Version?

• Use <u>node.green</u> to check which ECMAScript features are supported in different Node.js versions.

4. The --harmony Flag

- This flag was used to enable experimental JavaScript features.
- It now means the same as --es staging, enabling staged (not fully stable) features.
- If you want stability in production, **avoid using it** because future Node.js updates may break your code.

5. Checking V8 Version in Node.js

• To see which version of V8 your Node.js is using, run:

node -p process.versions.v8

Development vs Production in Node.js

- Node.js itself has no special settings for "development" or "production."
- However, some libraries check the **NODE_ENV** variable to adjust their settings.

Best Practice: Set NODE ENV to Production

NODE ENV=production node app.js

• This improves performance by disabling extra debugging tools.

Why NODE ENV Can Be a Bad Practice?

• Developers sometimes use it to change how the code works in different environments:

```
if (process.env.NODE_ENV === 'development') {
  console.log("Development mode!");
}
if (process.env.NODE_ENV === 'production') {
  console.log("Production mode!");
}
```

- This can cause unexpected bugs because staging and production behave differently.
- Instead, use **feature flags or config files** to handle environment-specific behavior.

WebAssembly in Node.js

1. What is WebAssembly?

- A super-fast, low-level language that runs in **browsers and Node.js**.
- You can write WebAssembly (.wasm files) in languages like C, C++, Rust, or AssemblyScript.

2. WebAssembly Key Concepts

- **Module** The compiled WebAssembly file (.wasm).
- **Memory** A resizable memory buffer.
- Table A list of references (like function pointers).
- **Instance** A running version of a WebAssembly module.

3. How to Use WebAssembly in Node.js

```
Example: Running a WebAssembly module in Node.js

const fs = require('fs');

// Load the WebAssembly file

const wasmBuffer = fs.readFileSync('/path/to/add.wasm');

// Instantiate WebAssembly in Node.js

WebAssembly.instantiate(wasmBuffer).then(wasmModule => {
    const { add } = wasmModule.instance.exports;
    console.log(add(5, 6)); // Output: 11

});
```

4. Generating WebAssembly Files

You can create .wasm files using:

- **Emscripten** Convert C/C++ code to WebAssembly.
- wasm-pack Convert Rust code to WebAssembly.
- **AssemblyScript** Write WebAssembly with a TypeScript-like syntax.

5. WebAssembly and the OS

- WebAssembly cannot access the **OS** directly.
- Use Wasmtime + WASI API to allow WebAssembly to interact with files, network, etc.

Final Takeaways

- ✓ Node.js follows ECMAScript standards using the V8 engine.
- ✓ New JavaScript features are released in three stages: shipping, staged, and in progress.
- ✓ Setting NODE ENV=production improves performance, but don't rely on it for logic changes.
- ✓ WebAssembly lets you run super-fast code in Node.js using .wasm files.
- ✓ Use tools like wasm-pack, emscripten, and AssemblyScript to create WebAssembly modules.

Let me know if you want more details on any section!

Here's a beginner-friendly breakdown of the concepts in your text, presented as a list for easier understanding.

- Undici is an HTTP client library for Node.js that powers the fetch API.
- It is built **from scratch** and does **not** use Node.js's built-in HTTP module.
- It is **high-performance** and good for handling many requests efficiently.

2 Basic Usage of Fetch API with Undici

★ GET Request (Fetching Data)

- Use fetch(url) to make a request to a web server.
- Example: Get a list of posts from an API.

```
async function main() {
  const response = await fetch('https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/posts');
  const data = await response.json();
  console.log(data);
}
main().catch(console.error);
```

✓ The .json() method converts the response into a JavaScript object.

★ POST Request (Sending Data)

- Use fetch(url, options) to send data to a server.
- Example: Sending a new post to an API.

```
const body = { title: 'foo', body: 'bar', userId: 1 };
async function main() {
  const response = await fetch('https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/posts', {
    method: 'POST',
    headers: { 'Content-Type': 'application/json' },
    body: JSON.stringify(body),
  });
  const data = await response.json();
  console.log(data);
}
main().catch(console.error);
```

- The headers define the request type (JSON).
- ✓ The body is converted into a JSON string before sending.

3 Customizing Fetch API with Undici

- ◆ You can **customize requests** using headers, methods, and body options.
- Example: Sending a **POST request** to an **LLM API (Ollama).**

```
import { Pool } from 'undici';
const ollamaPool = new Pool('http://localhost:11434', { connections: 10 });
async function streamOllamaCompletion(prompt) {
 const { statusCode, body } = await ollamaPool.request({
  path: '/api/generate',
  method: 'POST',
  headers: { 'Content-Type': 'application/json' },
  body: JSON.stringify({ prompt, model: 'mistral' }),
 });
 if (statusCode !== 200) {
  throw new Error('Ollama request failed with status ${statusCode}');
 let partial = ";
 const decoder = new TextDecoder();
 for await (const chunk of body) {
  partial += decoder.decode(chunk, { stream: true });
  console.log(partial);
await streamOllamaCompletion('What is recursion?');
```

- ✓ Uses **pools** to manage multiple connections efficiently.
- Streaming allows real-time processing of data chunks.

4 Streaming Responses with Undici

- Streaming allows you to process data in chunks instead of waiting for the full response.
- Example: Fetching GitHub repositories.

```
import { stream } from 'undici';
import { Writable } from 'stream';
async function fetchGitHubRepos() {
  const url = 'https://api.github.com/users/nodejs/repos';
  const { statusCode } = await stream(
    url,
```

```
{ method: 'GET', headers: { 'User-Agent': 'undici-stream-example', Accept: 'application/json' } },
  () => \{
   let buffer = ";
   return new Writable({
    write(chunk, encoding, callback) {
      buffer += chunk.toString();
      try {
       const json = JSON.parse(buffer);
       console.log('Repository Names:', json.map(repo => repo.name));
       buffer = ":
      } catch (error) {
       console.error('Error parsing JSON:', error);
      callback();
     final(callback) {
      console.log('Stream processing completed.');
      callback();
   });
 console.log(`Response status: ${statusCode}`);
fetchGitHubRepos().catch(console.error);
Processes GitHub API responses chunk by chunk using a writable stream.
```

- 5 Security Best Practices in Node.js
- Common Security Threats & Fixes
- **1. Denial of Service (DoS) Attack (CWE-400)**
 - Happens when too many HTTP requests **overload** the server.
 - Fix: Use a reverse proxy and limit connections per host.

Prevents memory overload by handling data efficiently.

2. DNS Rebinding Attack (CWE-346)

- Malicious websites trick Node.js into thinking they are local.
- **Fix:** Disable the --inspect flag in production.

3. Information Exposure (CWE-552)

- Sensitive files might be accidentally published with an npm package.
- **Fix:** Use .npmignore and npm publish --dry-run before publishing.

✓ 4. HTTP Request Smuggling (CWE-444)

- Attacker tricks Node.js into misinterpreting HTTP requests.
- **Fix: Normalize** requests and use HTTP/2.

5. Timing Attacks (CWE-208)

- Hackers measure **response time** to guess passwords.
- Fix: Use constant-time comparison like crypto.timingSafeEqual().

6. Malicious Third-Party Modules (CWE-1357)

- Some **npm packages** can steal your data.
- Fix:
 - o Pin package versions (e.g., lodash@4.17.21).
 - o Verify code before installing (GitHub vs npm).

Conclusion @

- **Undici** is a high-performance HTTP client for Node.js.
- The **Fetch API** in Undici works like the browser's fetch().
- It allows **custom requests**, **streaming responses**, and **efficient connection pooling**.
- Security is **crucial**, and best practices help protect against attacks.

Would you like me to expand on any part? 😊 🎻

Sure! Let's break it down step by step in a beginner-friendly way. I'll explain each concept with a simple list and provide examples where needed.

Node.js Module System

Node.js follows a **module system** to organize code into separate files. This helps make the code reusable, maintainable, and easy to manage.

1 Global Object

- In Node.js, the **global object** is an object that is accessible from anywhere in your application.
- It provides built-in functions and variables.
- Unlike in browsers (where the global object is window), in Node.js, the global object is **global**.

```
Example:
```

console.log(global); // Prints all global properties
console.log(global.setTimeout); // Shows that setTimeout is a global function

2 Modules

- A module is just a JavaScript file that contains some code.
- Node.js organizes code into different files (modules) to keep things clean.
- There are **three types** of modules:
 - 1. **Built-in modules** (provided by Node.js, like fs, http, path)
 - 2. User-defined modules (files you create)
 - 3. Third-party modules (installed via npm, like express)

3 Creating a Module

• To create a module, you write some code inside a separate file and **export** it using module.exports.

```
Example: (Creating a module)
math.js

function add(a, b) {
return a + b;
}
```

module.exports = add; // Exporting function

4 Loading a Module

- To use a module in another file, we **import** it using require().
- **Example:** (Loading a module)
- app.js

```
const add = require('./math'); // Importing math.js
console.log(add(5, 3)); // Output: 8
```

5 Module Wrapper Function

- Every module in Node.js is **wrapped** inside a function before execution.
- This function provides the following arguments:
 - \circ exports \rightarrow Shortcut for exporting
 - \circ require \rightarrow Function to import modules

```
o module → Object representing the current module
```

- \circ filename \rightarrow Path of the current file
- \circ dirname \rightarrow Directory of the current file

Example:

```
console.log(__filename); // Prints the full path of this file console.log(__dirname); // Prints the directory where this file is located
```

6 Path Module

- The path module is a **built-in module** in Node.js that helps work with file paths.
- You can use it to join, resolve, and manipulate file paths.

Example:

```
const path = require('path');
console.log(path.basename(__filename)); // Get file name
console.log(path.dirname(__filename)); // Get directory name
console.log(path.extname(__filename)); // Get file extension
```

7 OS Module

• The os module is a **built-in module** that provides system-related information.

Example:

```
const os = require('os');
console.log(os.type());  // OS type (Windows/Linux/Mac)
console.log(os.freemem());  // Free memory in bytes
console.log(os.totalmem());  // Total memory in bytes
console.log(os.platform());  // OS platform (win32, linux, darwin)
```

6 Summary:

Concept Description

Global Object Built-in global variables and functions in Node.js.

Modules Code is divided into separate files for better management.

Creating a Module Use module exports to export functions/variables.

Loading a Module Use require() to import modules in other files.

Module Wrapper Every module is wrapped in a function.

Concept Description

Path Module Helps work with file paths.

OS Module Provides system information.

Would you like me to explain any of these in more detail? 😊 🖋

Alright! Let's break it down step by step with simple explanations, lists, and examples.



Node.js provides **built-in modules** that help developers perform different tasks easily, such as working with files, handling events, and creating servers.

1 File System (FS) Module

- The fs (File System) module is used to interact with files and directories.
- It allows you to:
 - o Read files
 - Write files
 - Delete files
 - o Rename files
 - o Create directories, etc.

```
Example: Reading a File
```

```
app.js
```

```
const fs = require('fs');
// Read file asynchronously
fs.readFile('example.txt', 'utf8', (err, data) => {
    if (err) {
        console.error(err);
        return;
    }
    console.log(data); // Prints the content of example.txt
});
```

Example: Writing to a File

```
fs.writeFile('output.txt', 'Hello, Node.js!', (err) => {
  if (err) throw err;
```

```
console.log('File written successfully!');
});
```

2 Events Module

- The **events module** allows Node.js to handle and trigger events.
- It follows the **Observer pattern** (one part of the code listens for events while another part triggers them).
- We use the EventEmitter class to create and manage events.

Example: Creating and Emitting an Event

```
const EventEmitter = require('events');
const emitter = new EventEmitter();
// Define an event listener
emitter.on('greet', () => {
    console.log('Hello! Event triggered.');
});
// Emit (trigger) the event
emitter.emit('greet');
```

3 Event Arguments

- We can pass data (arguments) while emitting an event.
- This helps send information along with an event.

Example: Passing Arguments in Events

```
emitter.on('userLoggedIn', (username) => {
   console.log(`User ${username} has logged in.`);
});
emitter.emit('userLoggedIn', 'Luffy');
// Output: User Luffy has logged in.
```

4 Extending EventEmitter

- Instead of using EventEmitter directly, we can create our own custom class that extends it.
- This is useful when we need custom event-handling logic inside a class.

Example: Creating a Custom EventEmitter Class

```
const EventEmitter = require('events');
```

```
class Logger extends EventEmitter {
   log(message) {
      console.log(message);
      this.emit('messageLogged', { id: 1, text: message });
   }
}
const logger = new Logger();
logger.on('messageLogged', (eventData) => {
   console.log('Listener received:', eventData);
});
logger.log('Hello, World!');
```

Explanation:

- 1. We create a class Logger that **extends** EventEmitter.
- 2. The log() method prints a message and emits an event.
- 3. When the event is emitted, a listener handles it.

5 HTTP Module

- The http module helps create web servers and handle requests.
- It is used to build backend applications in Node.js.

Example: Creating a Simple Web Server

```
const http = require('http');
const server = http.createServer((req, res) => {
    res.writeHead(200, { 'Content-Type': 'text/plain' });
    res.end('Hello, this is a Node.js server!');
});
server.listen(3000, () => {
    console.log('Server is running on port 3000...');
});
```

Explanation:

- 1. We import the http module.
- 2. We create a server that sends "Hello, this is a Node.js server!" as a response.
- 3. The server listens on **port 3000**.

6 Node Core Recap

6 Summary of Key Node.js Concepts

Concept Description

FS Module Works with files (read, write, delete, rename).

Events Module Handles and triggers custom events.

Event Arguments Passes data when emitting events.

Extending EventEmitter Creates custom event-handling classes.

HTTP Module Builds web servers in Node.js.

Final Thoughts

- The **FS module** helps with files.
- The **Events module** lets us handle and trigger custom events.
- We can pass data in events and extend EventEmitter for custom event logic.
- The **HTTP module** helps create servers.

Would you like a more detailed explanation of any part? 😊 🍐