CSE 154: Web Programming

Node.js/Express "Cheat Sheet"

This reference summarizes the most useful methods/properties used in CSE 154 for Node.js/Express. It is not an exhaustive reference for everything in Node.js/Express (for example, there exist many more fs methods/properties than are shown below), but provide most functions/properties you will be using in this class. Note that this Cheat Sheet is more comprehensive than the one provided in CSE154 exams.

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Basic Node.js Project Structure
                                    Example Express app Template
                                    "use strict";
example-node-project/
  .gitignore
                                    /* File comment */
 APIDOC.md
 app.js
                                    const express = require("express");
 node_modules/
                                    // other modules you use
                                    // program constants
 package.json
 public/
                                    const app = express();
   img/
                                    // if serving front-end files in public/
                                    app.use(express.static("public"));
   index.html
   index.js
                                    // if handling different POST formats
   styles.css
                                    app.use(express.urlencoded({ extended: true }));
                                    app.use(express.json());
                                    app.use(multer().none());
                                    // app.get/app.post endpoints
                                    // helper functions
                                    const PORT = process.env.PORT || 8000;
                                    app.listen(PORT);
```

npm Commands

Command	Description
npm init	Initializes a node project. Creates packages.json to track required modules/packages, as well as the node_modules folder to track imported packages.
npm install	Installs any requirements for the local node package based on the contents of package.json.
npm install <package-name></package-name>	Installs a package from NPM's own repository as well as any requirements specified in that package's package.json file.

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