

Glossary

Term	Definition
API	Application Programming Interface.
Web Service	A type of API that supports HTTP Requests, returning data such as JSON or plain text.
Express	A module for simplifying the http-server core module in Node to implement APIs
npm	The Node Package Manager. Used to initialize package.json files and install Node project dependencies.
Module	A standalone package which can be used to extend the functionality of a Node project.
Package	Any project with a package.json file.
API Documentation	A file detailing the endpoints, usage, and functionality of various endpoints of an API.
Server	A publicly accessible machine which exchanges information with one or more clients at a time.
Client	A private or public machine which requests information from a server.

Useful Core Modules

Module	Description
fs	The “file system” module with various functions to process data in the file system.
path	Provides functions to process path strings.
util	Provides various “utility” functions, such as util.promisify.