Other Useful Modules

The following modules must be installed for each new project using npm install <module-name>.

Module	Description
express	A module for simplifying the http-server core module in Node to implement APIs.
glob	Allows for quick traversal and filtering of files in a complex directory.
multer	Used to support FormData POST requests on the server-side so we can access the req.body parameters.
mysql	Provides functionality for interacting with a database and tables.
promise-mysql	Promisified wrapper over mysql module - each function in the mysql module returns a promise instead of taking a callback as the last argument (recommended).
cookie-parser	A module to access cookies with req/res objects in Express.

Express Route Functions

Function	Description
<pre>app.get("path", middlewareFn(s)); app.get("/", (req, res) => { }); app.get("/:city", (req, res) => { let city = req.params.city; }); app.get("/cityData", (req, res) => { let city = req.query.city; }); // Example with multiple middleware functions app.get("/", validateInput, (req, res) => { }, handleErr);</pre>	Defines a server endpoint which accepts a valid GET request. Request and response objects are passed as req and res respectively. Path parameters can be specified in path with ":varname" and accessed via req.params . Query parameters can be accessed via req.query .
<pre>app.post("path", middlewareFn(s)); app.post("/addItem", (req, res) => { let itemName = req.body.name; }</pre>	Defines a server endpoint which accepts a valid POST request. Request and response objects are passed as req and res respectively. POST body is accessible via req.body . Requires POST middleware and multer module for FormData POST requests.

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