EXPRESS

When a request is made to the server, Express is the first component of the server that handles it. Express makes some logic decisions based on the request, and then calls the router to continue the process.

ROUTER

The router also makes decisions based on the request. It looks at the different properties of the request, such as the request method (GET, PUT, POST, etc.), and calls parts of the controller to continue the process.

Middleware is used to help modularize and keep the code clean. It gives the ability to call functions on a request from outside the controller, and still be able to route that request elsewhere. In this assignment, the middleware allowed us to route a request, even after interacting with the MongoDB server. Using middleware, the code actually contacting the MongoDB server was able to be kept in the controller

CONTROLLER

Express and the router are in charge of making sure that the request got to the right place. They decide what parts of the controller are called. The controller is where all the callback functions are stored. This is what controls interactions with the MongoDB server, and any other major computations.