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Node.js : Introduction, Features, Execution, architecture.

Introduction

- Node.js is a server-side platform built on Google Chrome's JavaScript Engine.
- Node.js was developed by Ryan Dahl in 2009 and its latest version is v0.10.36.
- Node.js is a platform built on Chrome's JavaScript runtime for easily building fast and scalable network application. Node.js uses an event-driven, non-blocking I/O model that makes it lightweight and efficient, perfect for data-intensive real-time application that run across distributed devices.
- Node.js is an open source, cross-platform runtime environment for developing server-side and networking applications.
- Node.js applications are written in JavaScript and can be run within the Node.js runtime on OS.
- Node.js also provide a rich library of various JavaScript modules which simplifies the development of web applications using Node.js to a great extent.

Features

→ Asynchronous and Event Driven:

- All APIs of Node.js library are asynchronous, that is non-blocking. It essentially means a Node.js based server never waits for a API to return data.
- The server moves to next API after calling it and a notification mechanism of events Node.js helps the server to get a response of the previous API call.

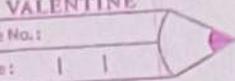
→ Very Fast:

- Being built on Google Chrome's JavaScript Engine, Node.js library is very fast in code execution.

→ Single Threaded but Highly Scalable:

- Node.js uses a single threaded model with event looping. Event mechanism helps the server to respond in a non-blocking way and make the server highly scalable as opposed to traditional servers which create limited threads to handle requests.

- Node.js uses single threaded program and the same program can provide services to a much larger number of requests than traditional servers like Apache HTTP server.

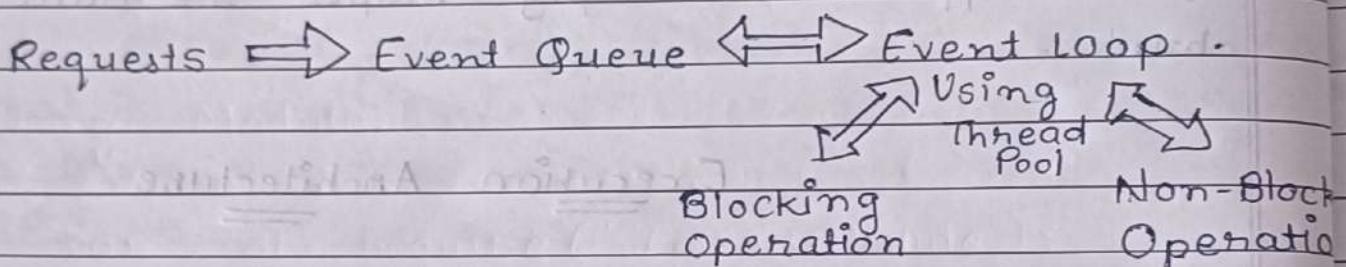


- No Buffering:
 - Node.js application never buffer any data. These application simply output the data in chunks.

Execution Architecture

- Components of the Node.js Architecture:
 - Requests: Depending on the actions that a user needs to perform, the requests to the server can be either blocking or non-blocking.
 - Node.js Server: The Node.js server accepts user requests, processes them, and returns results to the users.
 - Event Queue: The main use of Event Queue is to store the incoming client requests and pass them sequentially to the Event Loop.
 - Thread Pool: The thread pool is a Node.js server contains the threads that are available for performing operations required to process requests.
 - Event Loop: Event Loop receives requests from the Event Queue and sends out the responses to the clients.
 - External Resources: In order to handle blocking client requests, external resources are used. They can be of any type.

→ Workflow of Nodejs Server:



- Users send requests to the server for performing operations.
- The requests enter the Event Queue first at the server-side.
- The Event queue passes the requests sequentially to the event loop. The event loop checks the nature of the request.
- Event loop processes the non-blocking requests which do not require external resources and returns the responses to the corresponding clients.
- For blocking requests, a single thread is assigned to the process for completing the task by using external resources.
- After the completion of the operation, the request is redirected to the Event Loop which delivers the response back to the client.

Note on modules with examples

A set of functions you want to include in your application.

There are two types of modules:

- (1) Built-in Module
- (2) User-defined Module.

Built-in Module:

Node.js has a set of built-in modules which you can use without any further installation.

You can include module using the require() function.

Syntax: require('Module Name');

Ex: var http = require('http');

```
http.createServer(function (req, res) {  
  res.writeHead(200, { 'Content-Type': 'text/html' });  
  res.end('Hello');  
}).listen(8080);
```

User-defined Modules:

You can create your own module and use in your program.

You can use it with 'export' keyword to properties and methods available outside module file.

File Name : FirstModule.js

Ex:

```
exports.myDateTime = () => {
    return Date();
}
```

- Using Module.

```
var dt = require('./FirstModule');
var http = require('http');

http.createServer((req, res) => {
    res.write(`Date & Time : ${dt.myDateTime}`);
    res.end();
}).listen(8080);
```

Q:3 Note on package with example.

- A package refers to a collection of modules functionalities bundled together for easily distribution and reuse.
- Node.js uses npm (Node package Manager) to manage packages.
- npm is a command-line tool that comes bundled with Node.js and allows you to install, publish and manage packages.
- To create a new package
 - npm init
- It will prompt you to give some information about the package.

- You can install packages which are predefined.
- npm install package-name
- You can use installed packages.

examples

```
var http = require('http');
var uc = require('upper-case');
http.createServer((req, res) =>
{
    res.writeHead(uc.uppercase("Hello"));
    res.end();
}).listen(8080);
```

p:4 Use of package.json and package-lock.json

* Use of package.json:-

1. Managing Dependencies:

- To keep track of your project's dependencies, which are external modules or packages your project relies on.
- These dependencies can be other node.js packages that provides various functionalities, libraries or frameworks.
- When you define dependencies, it allows you and others to easily install all the packages by running a single command.

2. Defining Scripts:

- Allows you to define custom scripts that can be executed using the Node.js command.
- These scripts can be used to automate common tasks, such as running your application, running tests, building the project.

3. Project Metadata:

- It contains metadata about your project, such as its name, version, description, author, license and more.

4. Project Initialization:

- 'npm init' command guides you through a series of questions to create the initial package.json file.

* Use of package-lock.json:-

1. Dependency version tracking:

- The package-lock.json file keeps track of the exact versions of dependencies and sub-dependencies that are currently installed in Node.js project.

2. Constraint Builds:

- The file records the specific versions of dependencies it ensures that everyone working on the project has the same dependencies installed, which helps to avoid version conflicts and ensures that the project can be built and run consistently across different environments.

3. Faster and more reliable installs:

- The file allows npm to quickly and accurately install the same versions of dependencies across different machines.

4. Security :

- The file helps to prevent malicious code injection by ensuring that only verified and secure versions of dependencies are installed.

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npm introduction and commands with its u

- npm is a short form of Node Package Manager.
- It acts as a command line utility for the Node.js project for installing packages in the project, dependency management, or even version management.

- npm : To locate the npm API on your computer.

- npm -v : To check the version of the npm.

- npm init : To create a new package.

- npm install <package-name> : To install a new npm package.

- npm i <package-name> : To install a new package.

- npm install <package-name> --save-dev : To install packages as a requirement for development

- npm install <package-name> -g : To install pack globally.

- Q7 Describle working and use of following Node.js packages.
- Important properties and methods and relevant programs.

- 1). url :-
- Node.js has a built-in "url" module that provides utilities for URL Resolution and parsing.
 - The "url" module commonly used in Node.js application to work with URLs parse them into their respective components.
- * Methods :-
- * url.parse(urlString [, parseQueryString [, slashesDenotHost]]) :-
This method is used to parse a URL string and return an object containing its various components.
 - * url.format(urlObject) :-
This method takes a URL object returned by url.parse() and converts it back into a URL string.
 - * url.resolve(from,to) :-
This method resolves a relative URL "to" to an absolute URL using the "from" URL as the base.

→ Properties:

- * protocol : The URL protocol.
- * slashes : A Boolean indicating whether the URL has double slashes.
- * auth : The authentication information.
- * host : The full host portion of the URL.
- * hostname : The hostname of the URL.
- * pathname : The path of the URL.
- * search : The query string portion of the URL, including the leading '?'.
- * query : The parsed query string object.
- * hash : The hash fragment portion of the URL, including the leading '#'.

Example:

```
const url = require('url');
const urlString = 'https://www.example.com:80
path/to/resource?param1=value1
&param2=value2 # section1';
const parseUrl = url.parse(urlString, true);
console.log(parseUrl.protocol);
console.log(parseUrl.host);
console.log(parseUrl.pathname);

const modifiedUrl = url.resolve('https://www.example.com/base', '/relative/path');
console.log(modifiedUrl);
```

2). process :-

- The process module in Node.js provides information and control over the current Node.js process.
- It is a global object that can be accessed from anywhere in Node.js application without the need for an explicit 'require()' statement.

* Methods:-

- `process.exit ([code])`: Terminates the nodejs process. If a numeric 'code' argument is provided, it sets the exit code for the process. By convention, an exit code of 0 means success, and any non-zero value indicates an error or an abnormal termination.
- `process.cwd()`: Returns the current working directory of nodejs process.
- `process.memoryUsage()`: Returns an object with memory usage statistics for the current process.
- `process.uptime()`: Returns the number of seconds the nodejs process has been running.
- `process.on(event, listener)`: Registers event handlers for various events in the nodejs process.
- `process.nextTick(callback, ...args)`: Queues a callback to be executed on the next iteration of the event loop.

* Properties :-

- `process.argv`: An array containing the command line arguments passed to the nodejs process.
- `process.env`: An object containing the environment variables of the current process. It stores configuration settings.
- `process.pid`: Returns the process ID of process.
- `process.platform`: Returns the platform on which nodejs is running.
- `process.stdout`: A writable stream representing standard output of the process.
- `process.stderr`: A writable stream representing the standard error output of the process.

3) headline :-

- The 'headline' module in nodejs provides an interface for reading input from readable streams.
- It is particularly useful for building CLI or interactive console applications.
- Methods :-
- * `headline.createInterface(options)`: This method is used to create a new headline interface. It takes an options object as an argument with the following properties:
 - `input`: A readable stream from which input will be read.

- **Output**: A writable stream where the output will be written.
- * **completer**: A completer function that provides tab completion support.
- * **readline**
- * **rl.question(query, callback)**: Displays the query to the user and waits for input. Once the user enters a complete line of input and presses Enter, the callback function is invoked with the user's response as an argument.
- * **rl.close()**: Close the readline interface.
- * **rl.pause()**: Pause the input stream.
- * **rl.resume()**: Resume the input stream.
- * **rl.setPrompt(prompt)**: Sets the prompt message to be displayed when waiting for user input.
- **Properties**:-
- **rl.input**: A readable stream representing the input stream.
- **rl.output**: A writable stream representing the output stream.
- **rl.history**: An array containing the user's input history.
- **rl.cursor**: An integer representing the current position of the cursor on the input line.

4. fs module

- The fs module in Node.js is a built-in module that provides an interface for working with the file system.
- Properties:
- fs.constants: An object containing constants for system-related operations, such as file access modes.
- Methods:
- fs.readFile(path, [options], callback): Asynchronously reads the contents of a file.
 - fs.readFileSync(path, [options]): Synchronously reads the file.
 - fs.writeFile(file, data, [options], callback): Asynchronously writes data to a file. If the file does not exist, it will be created and if it exists, its content will be replaced.
 - fs.writeFileSync(file, data, [options]): Synchronously writes data to a file.
 - fs.appendFile(file, data, [options]): Asynchronously appends data to a file.
 - fs.unlink(path, callback): Asynchronously removes a file.
 - fs.rename(coldpath, newpath, callback): Asynchronously renames a file or moves it to a different location.

```

example:
var fs = require('fs');

fs.readFile("./file1.txt", (err, data) =>
{
    console.log(data);
    fs.writeFile("./file1.txt", "Hello 1st file");
});

```

5. Events :-

- Event module is a built-in module that provides the `EventEmitter` class. This class allows you to work with custom events in your application.
- Properties:
 - `events.EventEmitter.defaultMaxListeners`: The default maximum number of listeners that can be assigned to an event. If the number of listeners exceeds this value, a warning is emitted.
- Methods:
 - `EventEmitter.addListener(event, listener)` or `EventEmitter.on(event, listener)`: Adds a listener function to the specified event. Whenever the event is emitted, the `listener` function will be called.
 - `EventEmitter.once(event, listener)`: Adds a one time listener function to the specified 'event'. The listener will be called only once, after that it will be automatically removed.

- `EventEmitter.removeListener(event, listener)`: Removes a listener function from the specified event.
- `EventEmitter.removeAllListeners(event)`: Removes all listeners for the specified 'event'.
- `EventEmitter.listeners(events)`: Returns an array of listener functions for the specified 'events'.
- `EventEmitter.listenerCount(emitter, event)`: Returns the number of listeners for the specified 'event'.

Example:

```
class EventEmitter = require('events');
class MyEmitter extends EventEmitter {
  const myEmitter = new myEmitter();
  myEmitter.on('message', (msg) => {
    console.log('Received Message', msg);
  });
  myEmitter.emit('message', 'Hello world!')
```

6.

- The `console` module provides a simple and logging interface that is similar to `console` provided by web browsers. It allows you to output messages to the console during execution of node.js application.

→ Methods:-

- `console.log([data], [...])`: Prints the given data to the console.
- `console.error([data], [...])`: Prints the given data to console as an error message.
- `console.warn([data], [...])`: Prints the given data to the console as a warning message.
- `console.info([data], [...])`: Prints the given data to the console as an information message.
- `console.debug([data], [...])`: Prints the given data to the console as a debug message.

→ Properties:-

- `console.Console`: A constructor function that allows you to create a custom `console` object with a specific output stream.

Example:

```
console.log("Hello");
console.error("This is error");
console.warn("This is warning");
```

→ buffer:-

- The `buffer` module in Node.js is a built-in module that provides a way to work with binary data in the form of a buffer.
- Buffers are used to handle raw binary data, such as reading/writing files, working with network data and interacting with binary protocols.

→ Methods:

- `Buffer.alloc(size[, fill[, encoding]])`: Creates a new buffer of the specified 'size' and initialize it with optional 'fill' and 'encoding'.
- `Buffer.allocUnsafe(size)`: Creates a new buffer the specified size without initializing the contents.
- `Buffer.allocUnsafeSlow(size)`: Same as a `Buffer.allocUnsafe()` but slower.

→ Properties:

- `buf.length`: The size of the buffer in bytes that this property returns the allocated size of the buffer, which may be larger than actual data.

Example:

```
const buf = Buffer.alloc(6);
buf.write('Hello!', 'utf-8');
```

8. QueryString :-

- Node.js provides utilities of working with query strings.
- It is used to represent data in URLs to encode data in HTTP requests and responses.
- Methods:-

- `querystring.parse(str [, sep [, eq [, options]]])`: Parse a querystring, and return object in key-value pair.

- `querystring.stringify([obj[, sep[, eq[, options]]]])`: Converts a object into a query string.
- `querystring.escape(str)`: Escapes a string by replacing special characters with their corresponding URL-encoded representations.
- `querystring.unescape(str)`: Unescapes a string by replacing URL-encoded characters with their corresponding characters.

Example:

```
const querystring = require('querystring');
const queryString = 'name=Maitri&age=21';
const parsedQuery = querystring.parse(queryString);
console.log(parsedQuery);
```

http :-

This module allows to transfer data to HTTP.

Properties:-

`http.METHODS`: Lists all the HTTP methods.

`http.STATUS_CODES`: Lists HTTP status codes and description.

`http.globalAgent`: Maintains a queue of pending requests for each host and port.

Methods:-

`http.createServer()`: To return a new instance of the HTTP server class.

- `http.request()` : To make a http request to the server.

Example:

```
var http = require('http');
http.createServer(function (req, res) {
  res.end('Hello');
}).listen(8000);
```

20. v8 :-

- This module provides access to certain functions of the V8 Javascript engine.
- This module exposes some low-level features and diagnostic tools related to memory management.
- Properties:-
- `v8.cacheDataVersionTag`: A number representing the V8's internal cached data version tag.
- Methods :-
- `v8.getHeapStatistics()`: Return an object containing statistics about V8's heap memory usage.
- `v8.getHeapSpaceStatistics()`: Return an array of objects each representing statistics about a specific space.
- `v8.serialize(value)`: Serializes a JavaScript value in a Buffer that can be used to transfer the value between Node.js instances or even different machines.

Example:

```
const v8 = require('v8');
```

```
const heapStatistics = v8.getHeapStatistics();
```

```
console.log(heapStatistics.total_heap_size);
```

11. OS :-

- It provides a set of utility methods to interact with the operating system.
- It provides access to information about the system's architecture, networking interfaces, environment variables and more.
- Properties:-
 - os.EOL : A string representing the end-of-line marker used on the current platform.
- Methods:-
 - os.arch() : Returns a string representing the CPU architecture of the OS.
 - os.cpus() : Returns an array of objects containing information about the CPU cores.
 - os.freemem() : Returns the amount of free system memory in bytes.
 - os.hostname() : Returns the hostname of OS.

Example:

```
const os = require('os');
```

```
console.log(os.arch());
```

```
console.log(os.hostname());
```

12. zlib :-

- It provides functionalities of compression and decompression.
- Properties:
 - zlib.constants : An object containing constants and used by the zlib module.
- Methods of Compression:
 - zlib.gzip (input[, options], callback) : Compresses the input data using the Gzip compression algorithm.
 - zlib.gzipSync (input[, options]) : Synchronously compresses the 'input' data using gzip.
 - zlib.deflate (input[, options], callback) : Compresses the 'input' data using the deflate compression algorithm.
- Methods of Decompression:
 - zlib.gunzip (buffer[, options], callback) : Decompresses the Gzip compressed 'buffer'.
 - zlib.createGunzip ([options]) : Returns a new Gunzip transform stream.

Example:

```
const zlib = require('zlib');
const gzip = zlib.gzip(originalData, err, compressedData) =>
{
    console.log('Original Data:', originalData);
    console.log('Compressed Data:', compressedData
        .toString('base64'));
};
```