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Apache is a web server (HTTP)

This means it can serve static .html .css .js .png etc files
But it can also serve dynamic pages

Apache needs to be set up to recognize URLs and then route (direct) them to the right place

Apache itself is not a programming language, so it can't do server side tasks (it can't execute PHP code or JavaScript code)

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Node is different

Node allows you to write code (JavaScript) to perform server side tasks (e.g. talk to a database, route requests, etc)
At the same time, Node also includes an HTTP server

This means that Node does not need Apache

By running Node, you will have an HTTP server (it can listen for requests) and you'll also be able to write server side code

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