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HTTP



What is HTTP?



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HTTP stands for Hypertext Transfer Protocol. It is a hypertext protocol that is used on the internet

The communication between clients and servers on the web is done on the internet using the HTTP protocol



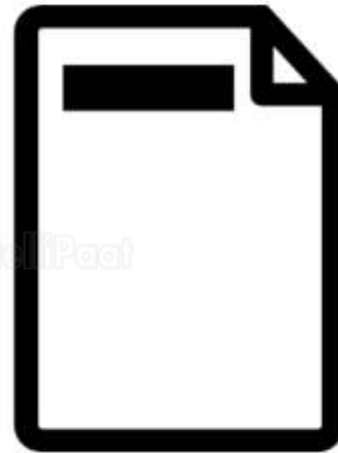


HTTP Headers



HTTP headers are used to enable the client and the server to pass additional information with an HTTP request or response.

An HTTP header can be thought of as a key-value pair which consists of a case-insensitive key followed by a colon (:), then by its value.





HTTP Response Status Codes

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HTTP Status Codes are 3 digit numeric codes that are sent by the server to the client within the response. They indicate whether a response was completed successfully

The first digit of the response code define the class of response



HTTP Response Classes

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There are 5 HTTP Response Classes

1xx

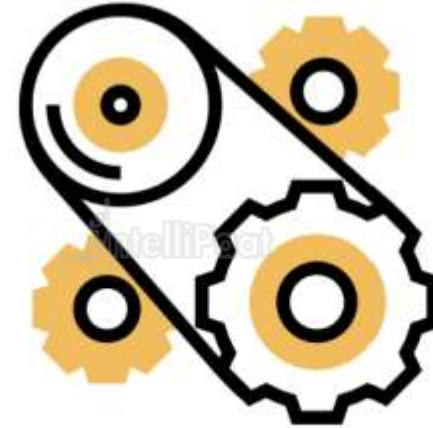
2xx

3xx

4xx

5xx

Request has been received and
the process is continuing



HTTP Response Classes



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1xx

2xx

3xx

4xx

5xx

Action was successfully
received, understood, and
accepted



HTTP Response Classes



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2xx

3xx

4xx

5xx

Further action must be taken in order to complete the request



HTTP Response Classes



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1xx

2xx

3xx

4xx

5xx

The request contains incorrect
syntax or cannot be fulfilled



HTTP Response Classes



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1xx

2xx

3xx

4xx

5xx

The server failed to fulfill an
apparently valid request





Node HTTP Module

Node.js has a built-in module called HTTP, which allows Node.js to transfer data over the Hyper Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP)

The http module can be used to create an http server that can listen to requests on a specified port and respond to those requests





Demo: Create an HTTP Server



HTTP Form Data

Using the http protocol users can also send data submitted via a form

This form might be used to submit login credentials, a complaint and so on.
This form data is sent to the server inside the request and can be parsed by the server to extract the user submitted data



HTTP Form Data Request Type

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There are 2 types of requests you can use to submit a form using HTTP protocol

GET

POST



A GET request gets the data from the form encodes it in the URL as query string parameters and sends it to the server. Data sent using GET request is visible in the URL

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A POST request gets the data from the form encodes it sends it to the server in the request. Data sent using POST request is not visible in the URL



Demo: Process Form Data

Query string



Node Query string Module

Processing Form Data using HTTP Module



We can process the form data submitted to our server using the HTTP module

We do this by registering an event handler on the response object for the event 'data', and when we hit the 'end' request we can now process the form data

`http://localhost:3000/form?username=anirudh&password=sample`

↑
URL

Processing Form Data using HTTP Module



Query strings are used to pass data from client to server by encoding data in the URL

Query strings can be thought of as key-values pairs that are encoded in the url

`http://localhost:3000/form?username=anirudh&password=sample`

Query String

A diagram illustrating the query string in a URL. A red box highlights the text "username=anirudh&password=sample" in the URL "http://localhost:3000/form?username=anirudh&password=sample". A red arrow points from a box labeled "Query String" below to the highlighted portion of the URL.

Processing Form Data using HTTP Module



Query strings are appended at the end of the URL as key value pairs in the format 'key=value'

Query strings in URL begin after the URL and a question mark followed by key=value and multiple key-values are separated by the ampersand sign '&'

`http://localhost:3000/form?username=anirudh&password=sample`

Key = username

value = anirudh



Querystring module

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Node js comes with an in-built querystring module that allows you to deal with querystrings inside your node application

The querystring module contains a number of in-built methods that deal with encoding and decoding urls





Querystring methods

There are six important querystring methods

encode

decode

escape

parse

stringify

unescape

encode method produces a URL query string from a given object by iterating through the object



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decode method parses a URL
query string into a collection of
key and value pairs



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escape method performs URL encoding on the given string. It is used internally by stringify and encode methods



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Encode Querystring



Decode Querystring



Quiz

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C

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3. Which constant is NodeJS is used to refer to absolute path of the current file?

A

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B

__dirname

C

__absoule_file_path

D

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5. Which property of the filestats object can be used to determine the time the file was last accessed?

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