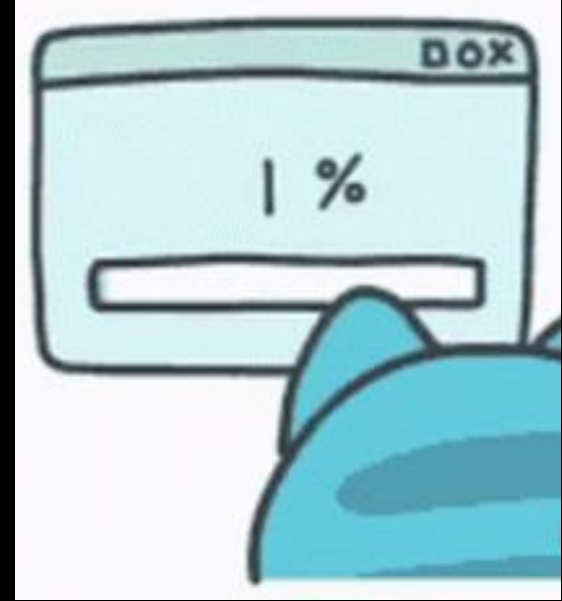




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21.1 Adding a File Picker

- **Input Element:** Use `<input type="file">` to create a file picker.
- **Multiple Files:** Add `multiple` attribute to allow selecting multiple files.
- **File Types:** Use `accept` attribute to restrict file types (e.g., `accept=".jpg, .png"`).

```
<input type="file"
  name="photo"
  class="w-full px-4 py-2 mb-4 border border-gray-300
    rounded-lg focus:outline-none focus:border-blue-500"
/>
```

Add your Home

Choose File

No file chosen

Add Home



21.2 Creating Multipart Form

```
exports.postAddHome = (req, res, next) => {  
  const { houseName, price, location, rating, photoUrl, description } = req.body;  
  console.log(req.body);  
}
```

Server running at: <http://localhost:3001>

```
{  
  id: '',  
  houseName: 'New House',  
  price: '1299',  
  location: 'kashmir',  
  rating: '3.9',  
  photo: 'IMG_4705.HEIC',  
  description: 'asdfasdf'  
}
```

×	Headers	Payload	Preview	Response	Initiator	Timing	Cookies
▼ General							
Request URL:		http://localhost:3001/host/edit-home					
Request Method:		POST					
Status Code:		● 302 Found					
Remote Address:		[::1]:3001					
Referrer Policy:		strict-origin-when-cross-origin					
► Response Headers (8)							
▼ Request Headers		<input type="checkbox"/> Raw					
Accept:		text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image					
Accept-Encoding:		gzip, deflate, br, zstd					
Accept-Language:		en-GB,en;q=0.9					
Cache-Control:		max-age=0					
Connection:		keep-alive					
Content-Length:		114					
Content-Type:		application/x-www-form-urlencoded					
Cookie:		connect.sid=s%3AJHZ1M5GAnP9QuJSwuUTfVrbHSq6HBC7					
Host:		localhost:3001					
Origin:		http://localhost:3001					



21.3 Handling Multipart Form Data

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Multer

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Multer is a node.js middleware for handling multipart/form-data , which is primarily used for uploading files. It is written on top of **busboy** for maximum efficiency.

NOTE: Multer will not process any form which is not multipart (multipart/form-data).

Translations

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- [Русский язык](#) (Russian)
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- [Português](#) (Portuguese Brazil)

Installation

```
$ npm install --save multer
```

Install

```
> npm i multer
```

Repository

[github.com/expressjs/multer](#)

Homepage

[github.com/expressjs/multer#readme](#)

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6,313,138

Version	License
1.4.5-lts.1	MIT
Unpacked Size	Total Files
27.6 kB	11
Issues	Pull Requests
195	70

```
prashantjain@Prashants-MacBook-Pro 16 email and advance auth % npm install multer
added 17 packages, and audited 298 packages in 719ms

50 packages are looking for funding
  run `npm fund` for details

1 high severity vulnerability

To address all issues, run:
  npm audit fix

Run `npm audit` for details.
```



21.3 Handling Multipart Form Data

```
<form action="/host/<%= editing ? "edit-home" : "add-home"%>" method="POST" enctype="multipart/form-data"
class="w-full max-w-md">
```

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

```
app.use(express.static(path.join(rootDir, "public")));
```

```
app.use(bodyParser.urlencoded({ extended: true }));
```

```
console.log(req.file);
```

```
{
  filename: 'photo',
  originalname: 'IMG_4705.HEIC',
  encoding: '7bit',
  mimetype: 'image/heic',
  buffer: <Buffer 00 00 00 1c 66 74 79 70 68 65 69 63 00 00 00 00 74 6d
00 00 21 68 64 6c 72 00 00 ... 2246669 more bytes>,
  size: 2246719
}
```



21.4 Saving Image Files

```
app.use(multer({ dest: 'uploads/'}).single('photo'));
```

```
{  
  fieldname: 'photo',  
  originalname: 'house1.png',  
  encoding: '7bit',  
  mimetype: 'image/png',  
  destination: 'uploads/',  
  filename: '0c710a9b2903e323fc38e7926650d159',  
  path: 'uploads/0c710a9b2903e323fc38e7926650d159',  
  size: 387102  
}
```

>  routers

✓  uploads

 0c710a9b2903e323fc38e7926650d159

✓  util



21.5 Custom File Names

```
// This defines where uploaded files will be stored and how they'll be named
const storage = multer.diskStorage({
  // Set the destination folder for uploaded files
  destination: (req, file, cb) => {
    cb(null, 'uploads/'); // Files will be saved in the 'uploads' directory
  },
  // Set the filename for uploaded files
  filename: (req, file, cb) => {
    cb(null, new Date().toISOString() + '-' + file.originalname);
  }
});
```

```
app.use(multer({ storage }).single('photo'));
```

```
> routers
  uploads
    0c710a9b2903e323fc38e7926650d159
    2024-11-25T11:26:17.582Z-house1.png
  util
```



21.6 Restricting Upload File Types

```
const fileFilter = (req, file, cb) => {  
  if ([ 'image/jpeg', 'image/png', 'image/jpg' ].includes(file.mimetype)) {  
    cb(null, true);  
  } else {  
    cb(null, false);  
  }  
};
```

```
app.use(multer({ storage, fileFilter }).single('photo'));
```

Adding this filter, now multer would not have the file if it does not match the type and req.file will just be undefined.

```
exports.postEditHome = (req, res, next) => {  
  const { id, houseName, price, location, rating, photoUrl, description } =  
    req.body;  
  
  if (!req.file) {  
    return res.status(400).send('No image provided');  
  }  
}
```




21.6 Restricting Upload File Types

```
if (!req.file) {  
  return res.status(400).send('No image provided');  
}
```

```
const photoUrl = req.file.path;
```

```
_id: ObjectId('67445aa6e25a19de45a1b82e')  
houseName : "New House"  
price : 1299  
location : "kashmir"  
rating : 3.9  
description : "asdfasdf"  
host : ObjectId('673cacd23e8557da8e22d9b1')  
__v : 0  
photoUrl : "uploads/2024-11-25T11:35:47.086Z-house1.png"
```



21.7 Handling Edits

```
// business logic outside model
Home.findById(id)
  .then((existingHome) => {
    if (!existingHome) {
      console.log("Home not found for editing");
      return res.redirect("/host/host-homes");
    }
    existingHome.houseName = houseName;
    existingHome.price = price;
    existingHome.location = location;
    existingHome.rating = rating;
    if (req.file) {
      existingHome.photoUrl = req.file.path;
    }
    existingHome.description = description;
    return existingHome.save();
  })
```

While editing we can make sure that we only overwrite the photoUrl in case a new valid image was uploaded. And don't force the user to upload images each time they edit.



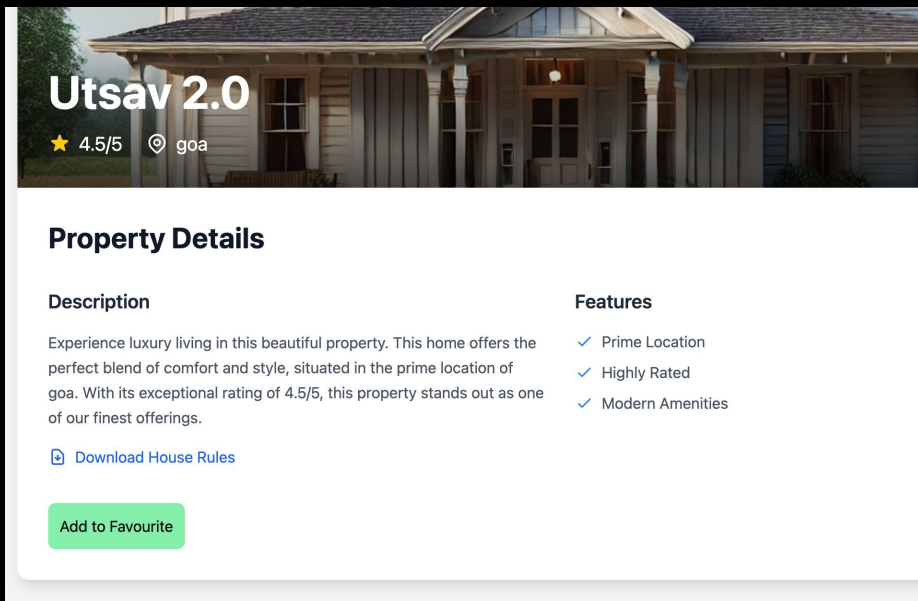
21.8 Serving Saved Data

```
app.use(express.static(path.join(rootDir, "public")));  
app.use('/uploads', express.static(path.join(rootDir, "uploads")));  
app.use(bodyParser.urlencoded({ extended: true }));
```

This is done as like in case of public, things inside public will be served like they are in root folder and the url does not have public in it. Here also either remove uploads/ from the image path, or add the qualifier.



21.9 Serving Files after Auth



```
<div class="mt-4">
  <a href="/rules/<%= home.id %>" class="inline-flex items-center text-blue-600 hover:text-blue-800">
    <svg class="w-5 h-5 mr-2" fill="none" stroke="currentColor" viewBox="0 0 24 24">
      <path stroke-linecap="round" stroke-linejoin="round" stroke-width="2" d="M12 10v6m0 0l-3-3m3 3l3-3m2
      8H7a2 2 0 1-2-2V5a2 2 0 12-2h5.586a1 1 0 1.707.293l5.414 5.414a1 1 0 1.293.707V19a2 2 0 1-2 2z"/>
    </svg>
    Download House Rules
  </a>
</div>
```



21.9 Serving Files after Auth

```
storeRouter.get("/rules/:homeId", storeController.getHouseRules);
```

```
const path = require('path');  
const rootDir = require('../util/path-util');
```

```
exports.getHouseRules = [(req, res, next) => {  
  if (!req.session.isLoggedIn) {  
    return res.redirect("/login");  
  }  
  next();  
},  
  
(req, res, next) => {  
  const homeId = req.params.homeId;  
  // We can make it house specific after have homeId in file name like this: `House Rules-${homeId}.pdf`  
  const rulesFileName = `House Rules.pdf`;  
  const filePath = path.join(rootDir, 'rules', rulesFileName);  
  // res.sendFile(filePath);  
  res.download(filePath, 'Rules.pdf');  
}  
];
```

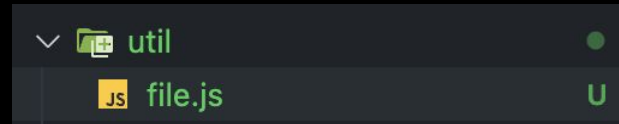


21.10 Deleting Files

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

```
exports.deleteFile = (filePath) => {  
  fs.unlink(filePath, (err) => {  
    if (err) throw err;  
  });  
};
```

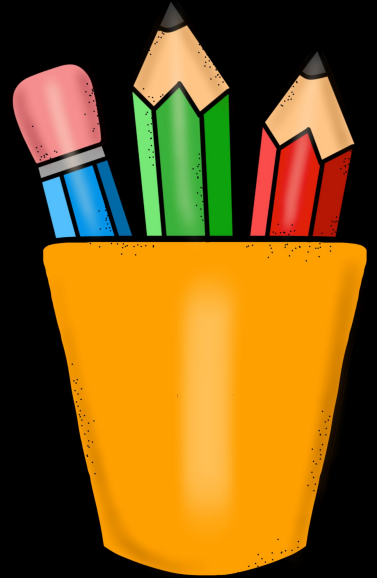
```
existingHome.location = location;  
existingHome.rating = rating;  
if (req.file) {  
  deleteFile(existingHome.photoUrl);  
  existingHome.photoUrl = req.file.path;  
}
```





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Practise Milestone

Take your **airbnb** forward:

1. Add a **new button** for **rules** upload on the **edit page**.
2. Make it **downloadable** on the **home detail page**.

