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Node.js Application

Aim:- Create a Node.js Application which serves a static website

Installation:-

Node.js (Site - Node.js), Express.js (Installed through cmd)

Node.js overview:-

In basic terms, Node is an open source cross-platform library for server-side programming that permits clients to develop web applications rapidly. With node, we can execute Javascript applications or Network applications. Its basic modules are engraved in javascript.

It is generally utilized for server application in real-time. Node.js permits javascripts to execute locally on a machine or a server.

Node.js gives numerous systems to utilize. One of such structures is Express.js. It is more valuable and mainstream on a server.

Features of Node.js

- versatility - Node is incredibly adaptable as the server reacts in a non-blocking way.
- zero Buffering - Applications yield the measurements in enormous pieces. This gives the advantages of 'No buffering' to developers.
- Network - Node.js upholds an open-source community. This is the main explanation that numerous glorious modules have been added to Node.js application overtime.
- Asynchronous Input and Output - APIs of Node.js are non-blocking meaning that the server won't wait for the arrival of information from an API. Rather, it will move to another API.

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- 2) Better performance:- Node.js takes the code of javascript via Google's v8 javascript engine. The main advantage of this process is that it compiles with the javascript's code directly into the machine code.
- 3) Freedom:- Node.js offers a lot of freedom when it comes to development. There are generally less code constraints with Node.
- 4) Extended support for tools:- Another advantage of Node.js is that developers have more community support.
- 5) Extensible:- Node.js is known to be quite extensible. You can utilize JSON to give the degree to trade of information between the web server and the client.
- 6) Scalability:- Node.js makes it simple to scale application in horizontal as well as vertical directions. The application can be scaled even by the option of extra hubs to the current framework.

Limitations of Node.js:-

- 1) programming interface isn't steady:- The application programming interface (API) of Node can be challenging to work with. It changes regularly and doesn't remain stable.
- 2) No strong library support system:- Javascript does not hold a strong library system. This limits the developers to implement even common programming tasks using Node.js.



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Express.js

"Express is a fast, unopinionated minimalist web framework for Node.js" - Official Website - Expressjs.com

Express.js is a web application framework for Node.js. It provides various features that make web application development fast and easy which otherwise takes more time using only Node.js.

Express.js is based on the Node.js middleware module called Connect which in turn uses http module. So any middleware which is based on Connect will also work with Express.js.

Express.js

Connect

http

Node.js

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- 4) Includes various middleware modules which you can use to perform additional tasks on request and response.
- 5) Easy to integrate with different template engines like Jade, Vash, EJS etc.
- 6) Allows you to define an error handling middleware.
- 7) Easy to serve static files or resources of your application.
- 8) Allows you to create REST API server.
- 9) Easy to connect with databases such as MongoDB, Redis, MySQL.

Steps:

1. Install Node.js
2. Setting up express.js
3. Structuring files
4. Creating your express server
5. Serving your static files
6. Building your web page
7. Running your project

Open Node.js command terminal & run the following in your terminal -

Setting up express.js

1. Create a new directory for your project: `mkdir your-project-name`
2. Change into your new directory: `cd your-project-name`
3. Initialize a new node project with defaults. This will set a package.json file to access your dependencies: `npm init -y`
4. Create your entry file `index.js`. This is where you will store your Express server. If you are working on Linux, you can run `touch index.js`. If you are working on Windows, you can edit in VS Code.
5. Install Express as a dependency: `npm install express --save`



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6) Edit Package.json Within your package.json update your start script to include node and your index.js file.

Let express-static-file-tutorial is your project name

Package.json:-

{

"name": "express-static-file-tutorial",

"version": "1.0.0",

"description": "",

"main": "index.js",

"scripts": {

"start": "node index.js" // change start value as node index.js

// This will also allow you to use the npm start command in your

},

"keywords": [],

"author": "paul halliday",

"license": "MIT" }

Structuring Your Files:-

To store your files on the client-side, create a public directory and include an index.html file, express-static-file-tutorial

├- index.js

├- public

└- index.html

Creating Your Express Server

Edit index.js file

index.js

const express = require('express');

const app = express();

const PORT = 3000;

app.use(express.static('public')); // represents application

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```

```
app.use(express.static('public')); // represents application
// is serving static
// webpage in public directory
app.get('/', (req, res) => {
  res.send('Hello world!');
});
app.listen(PORT, () => console.log('server listening on port
: $ {PORT}'));
```

First of all, import the Express.js module. In above example, we imported Express.js module using `require()` function. The express module returns a function. This function returns an object which can be used to configure Express application (app in the above example).

- The app object includes methods for routing HTTP requests, configuring middleware, rendering HTML, views and registering a template engine.
- The `app.listen()` function creates the Node.js web server at the specified host and port. It is identical to Node's `http.Server.listen()` method. Instead of `get()`, `post()`, `put()` and `delete()` methods can be used.

But

- Building your web page - client side

Navigate to your `index.html` file in the public directory. Populate the file with body and image elements:

Label `index.html`

```
<html>
<head>
<title> Hello world! </title>
</head>
<body>
<h1> Hello world! </h1>
```



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```
<img src = "shark.png" alt = "shark" > // download & store image
In public directory
```

```
</body>
```

```
</html>
```

(Instead of building Hello world application, building applications like student's registration form/main page of website is recommended.)

Running your project:-

In your terminal, launch your Express project.

npm start

It will display

Server listening on port :3000

Open your web browser, and navigate to <http://localhost:3000>

Conclusion:-

Thus we have created a NodeJS Application Which serves a static Website.



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