Hello World with Node.js and Express

- 1. Install Node.js from the following link: https://nodejs.org/en/
- 2. Open command prompt and type the following
 - mkdir myapp
 - cd myapp

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C:\Users\123do\myapp

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- 3. Run the following command to initializes your project
 - npm init -y

```
C:\Users\123do\myapp>npm init -y
Wrote to C:\Users\123do\myapp\package.json:

{
    "name": "myapp",
    "version": "1.6.8",
    "description": "",
    "main": "node.js",
    "dependencies": {
        "express": "^4.17.1"
    },
    "devOependencies": {},
    "scripts": {
        "test: "echo \"Error: no test specified\" && exit 1"
    },
    "keywords": {},
    "author": "",
    "license": "ISC"
}

C:\Users\123do\myapp>notepad package.json
```

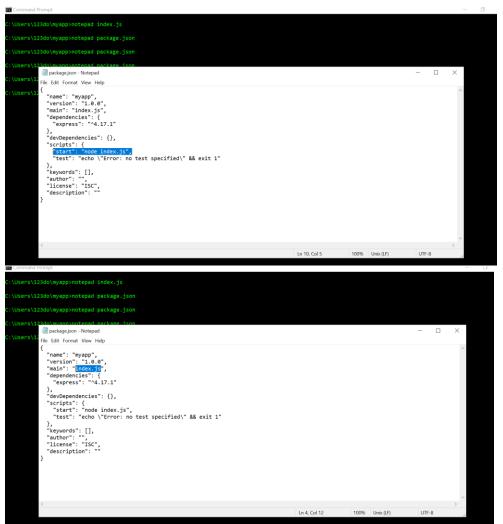
After executing the command, a **package.json** file generated in the project root directory. This holds all the metadata relevant to the project.

On this file, we can see something called **scripts**. This is the place where we add our own commands for the project. Let's modify this script with the following.

- 4. Type in the following cmd (the notepad cmd only works for windows users. If you are a mac user, please use a linux text editor cmd such as the Vim editor, vim package.json)
 - Notepad package.json

You will see a notepad text file pop up. Add the following line into scripts

- "start": "node index.js",
- Also, we need to change the **main** from *node.js* to *index.js*
- Please look at the pictures below for further clarification
- Remember to save the file afterward



Here you are creating a new script command which starts the server when you type *npm start*. This script tells node that it should run the command *node index.js* every time when you execute the command *npm start*.

- 5. Now, let's create our server by doing the following cmd
 - npm install express --save
 - Here we are using express to create a new server that will be running on the port 3000.

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C:\Users\123do\myapp>npm init -y
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    "version": "1.0.8",
    "description": "",
    "aain": "node.js",
    "dependencies": {
        "express": "^4.17.1"
    },
    "devOependencies": {},
    "scripts": {
        "test": "echo "Error: no test specified\" && exit 1"
    },
    "keywords": [],
    "author": "",
    "license": "ISC"
}

C:\Users\123do\myapp>notepad package.json

C:\Users\123do\myapp=1.0.0 No description
    npm Mark myapp=1.0.0 No repository field.

+ express@4.17.1
    updated 1 package and audited 50 packages in 1.586s
    found 0 vulnerabilities

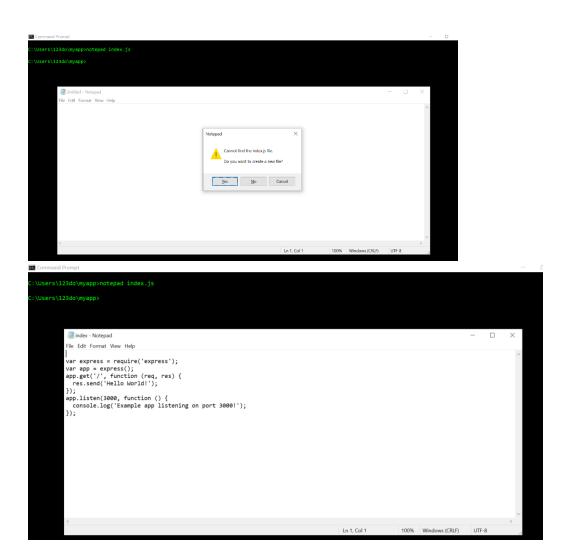
C:\Users\123do\myapp>

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```

- 6. Now we create the index.js file by doing the following cmd(the notepad cmd only works for windows users. If you are a mac user, please use a linux text editor cmd such as the Vim editor, vim index.js)
 - Notepad index.js
 - Inside the index.js file, please insert the following

```
var express = require('express');
var app = express();
app.get('/', function (req, res) {
  res.send('Hello World!');
});
app.listen(3000, function () {
  console.log('Listening to Port 3000');
});
```

Remember to save the file afterward



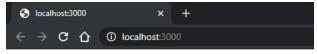
7. Now we can start the server with following cmd

- npm start

```
C:\Users\123do\myapp>npm start
> myapp@1.0.0 start C:\Users\123do\myapp
> node index.js

Example app listening on port 3000!
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- Open your browser and navigate to http://localhost:3000/
- You should see Hello world getting displayed on the main page.



Hello World!