SEBA Master: Web Application Engineering

Introduction to backend node-js techniques

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2. Movie app - example application
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   d. Database connection
   e. Authentication & Authorization with passport-js
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Version control

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Version control

Have you ever:

Made a change to code, realized it was a mistake and wanted to revert back?

Lost code or had a backup that was too old?

Had to maintain multiple versions of a product?

Wanted to see the difference between two (or more) versions of your code?

Wanted to prove that a particular change broke or fixed a piece of code?

Wanted to review the history of some code?

Wanted to submit a change to someone else's code?

Wanted to share your code, or let other people work on your code?

Wanted to see how much work is being done, and where, when and by whom?

Wanted to experiment with a new feature without interfering with working code?

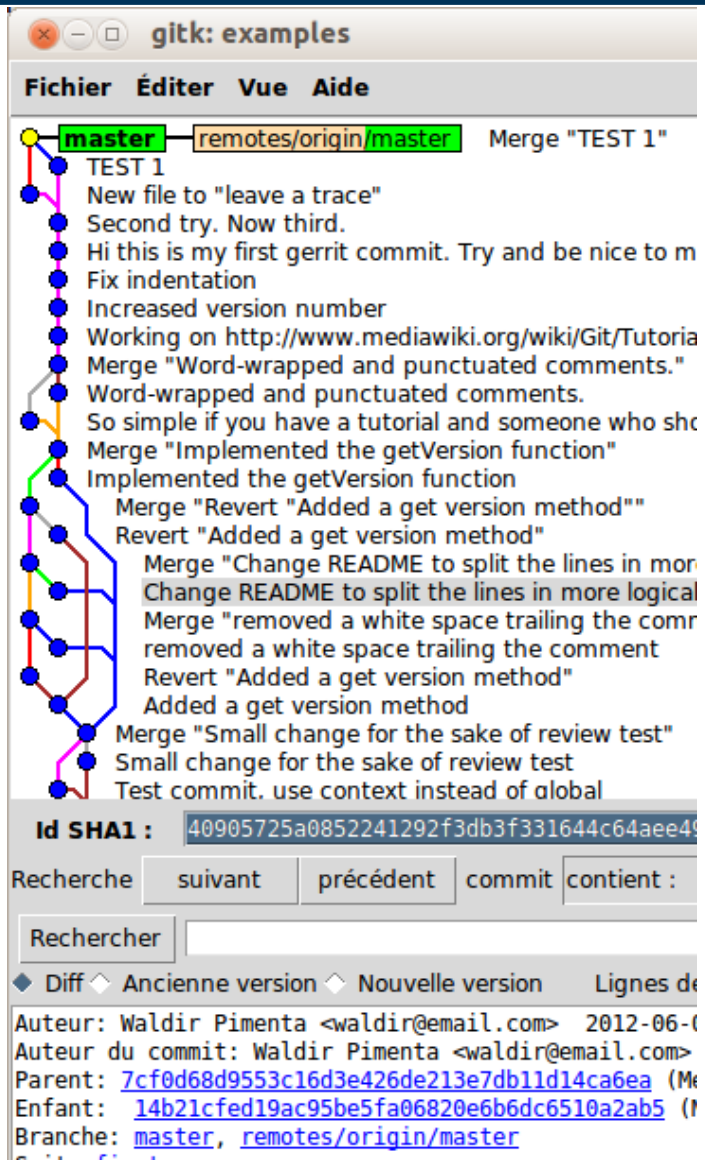
Branching

→ (Slightly) different versions of one project

→ Makes a lot of things easier

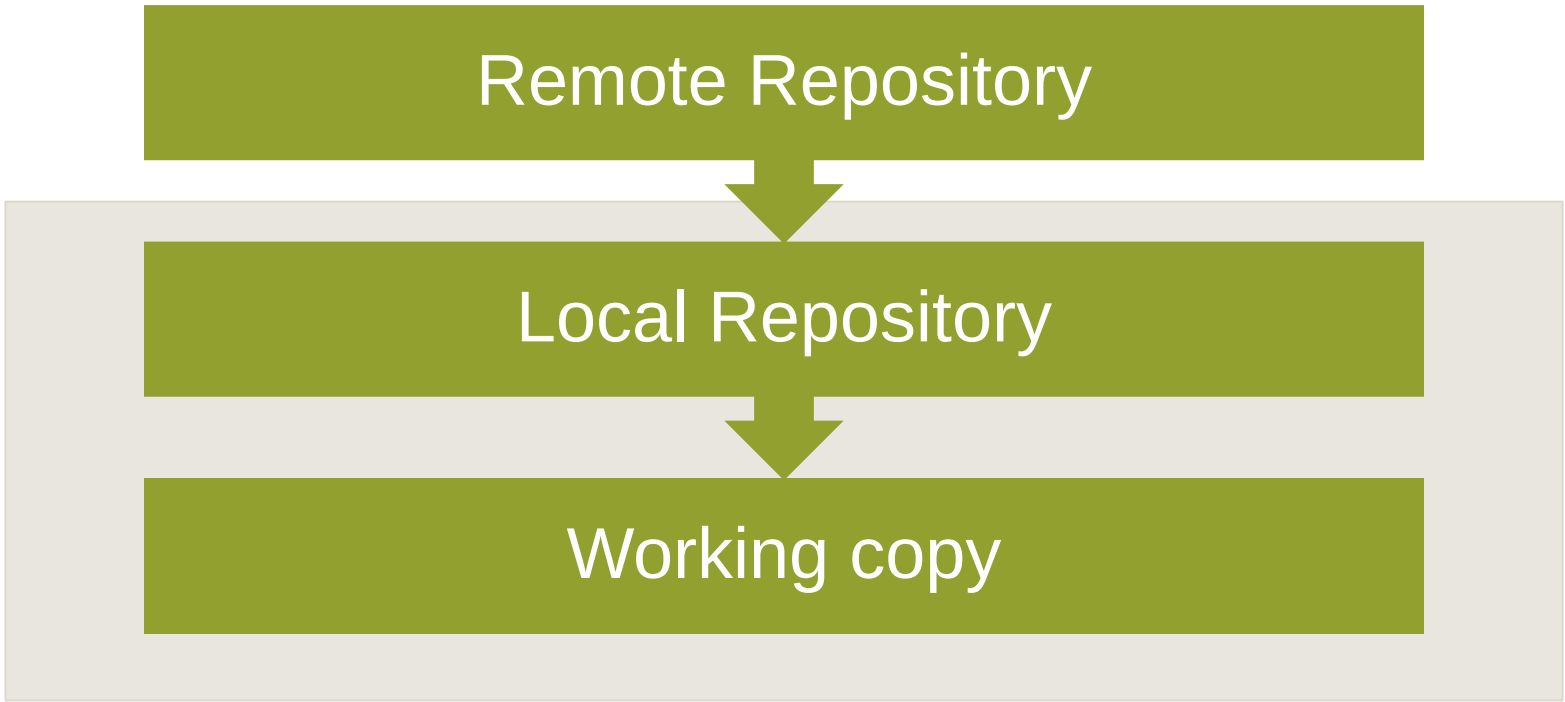
→ You should create new branches for each user and each feature

→ Use as few as possible, but as many as necessary



Remote and Local Repositories

git is distributed, not centralized



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Ignoring Files

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```
1   npm-debug.log*
2
3   # Dependency directory
4   # https://docs.npmjs.com/misc/faq#should-i-c
5   /node_modules/
6   /bower_components/
7
8   # generated files
9
10  /app/sass/libs/
11  /public/js/app.js
12  /public/js/templates.js
13  /public/libs/
14  /public/css/
15
16  # macOS X temp files
17  *~
18  .DS_Store
19
20  # WebStorm project
21  .idea
22
23  # Others
24  !.gitkeep
```

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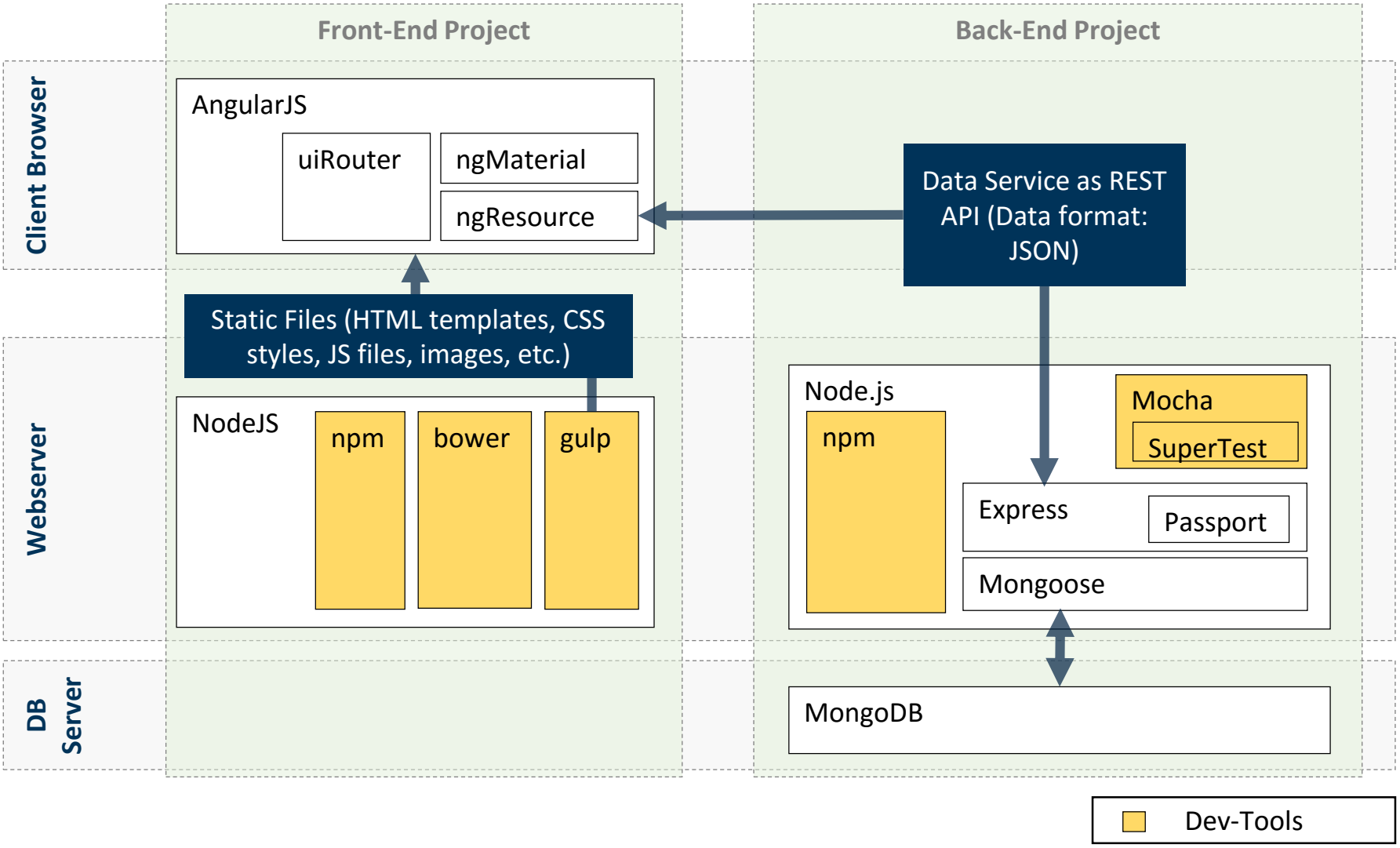

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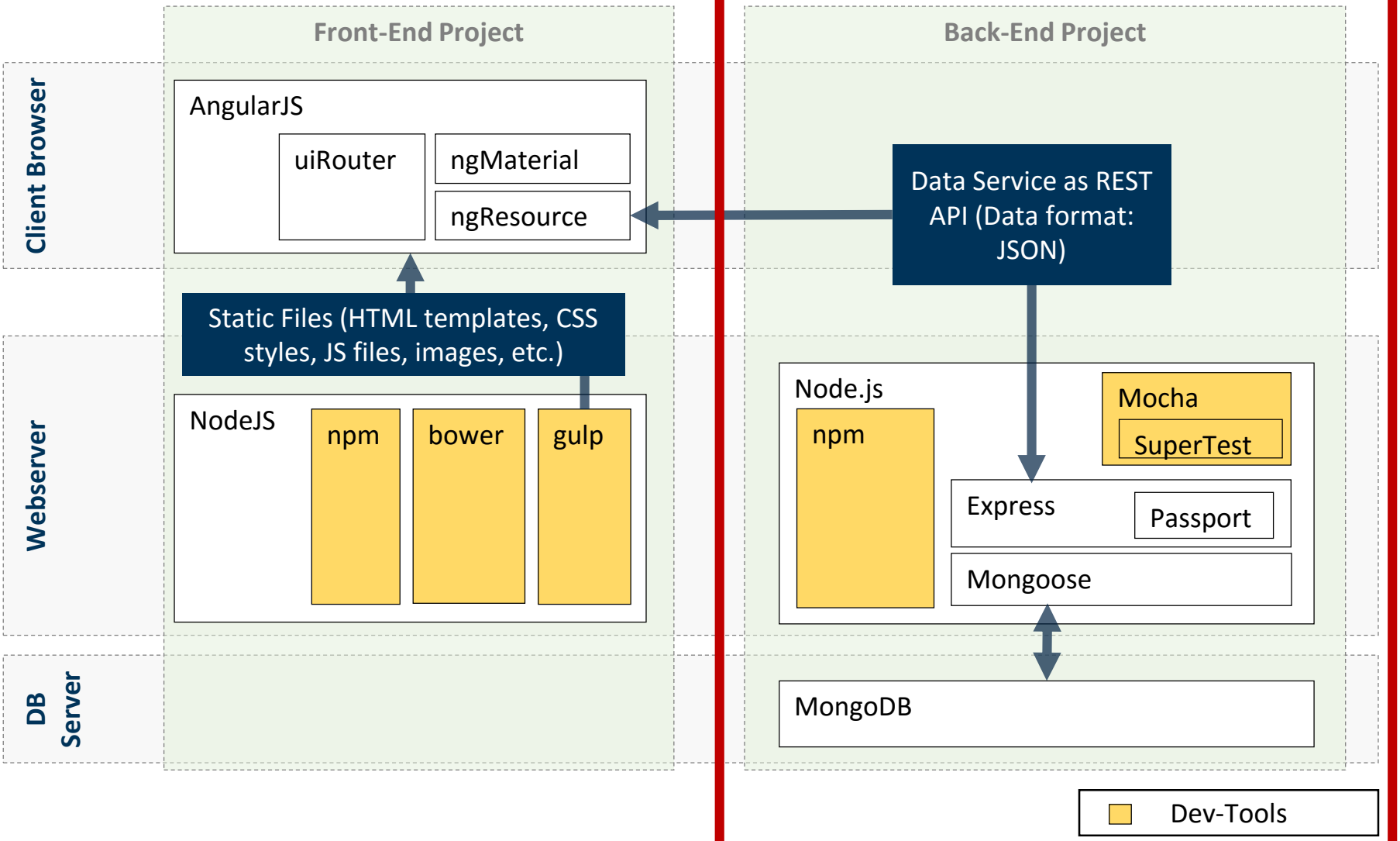

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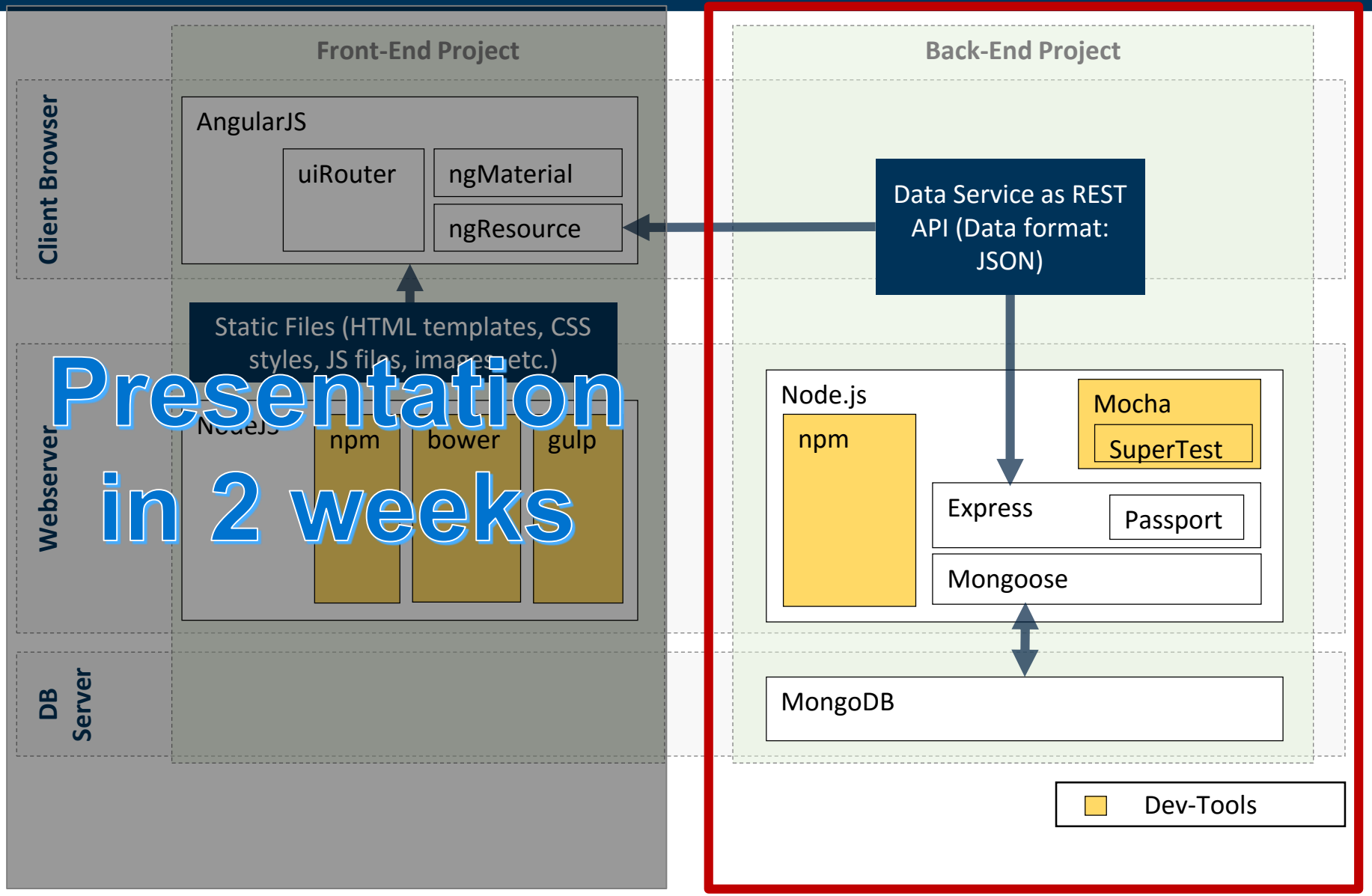
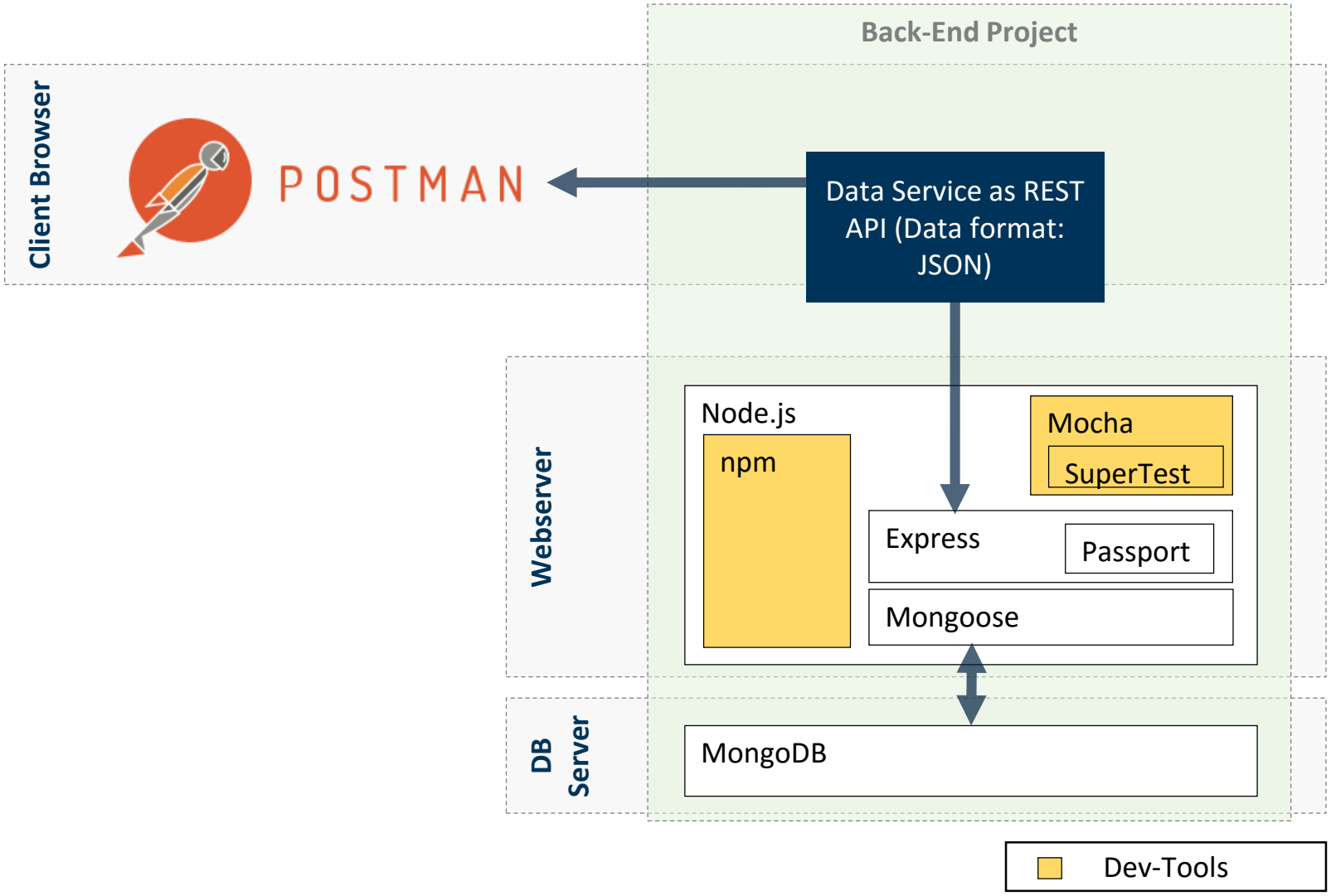
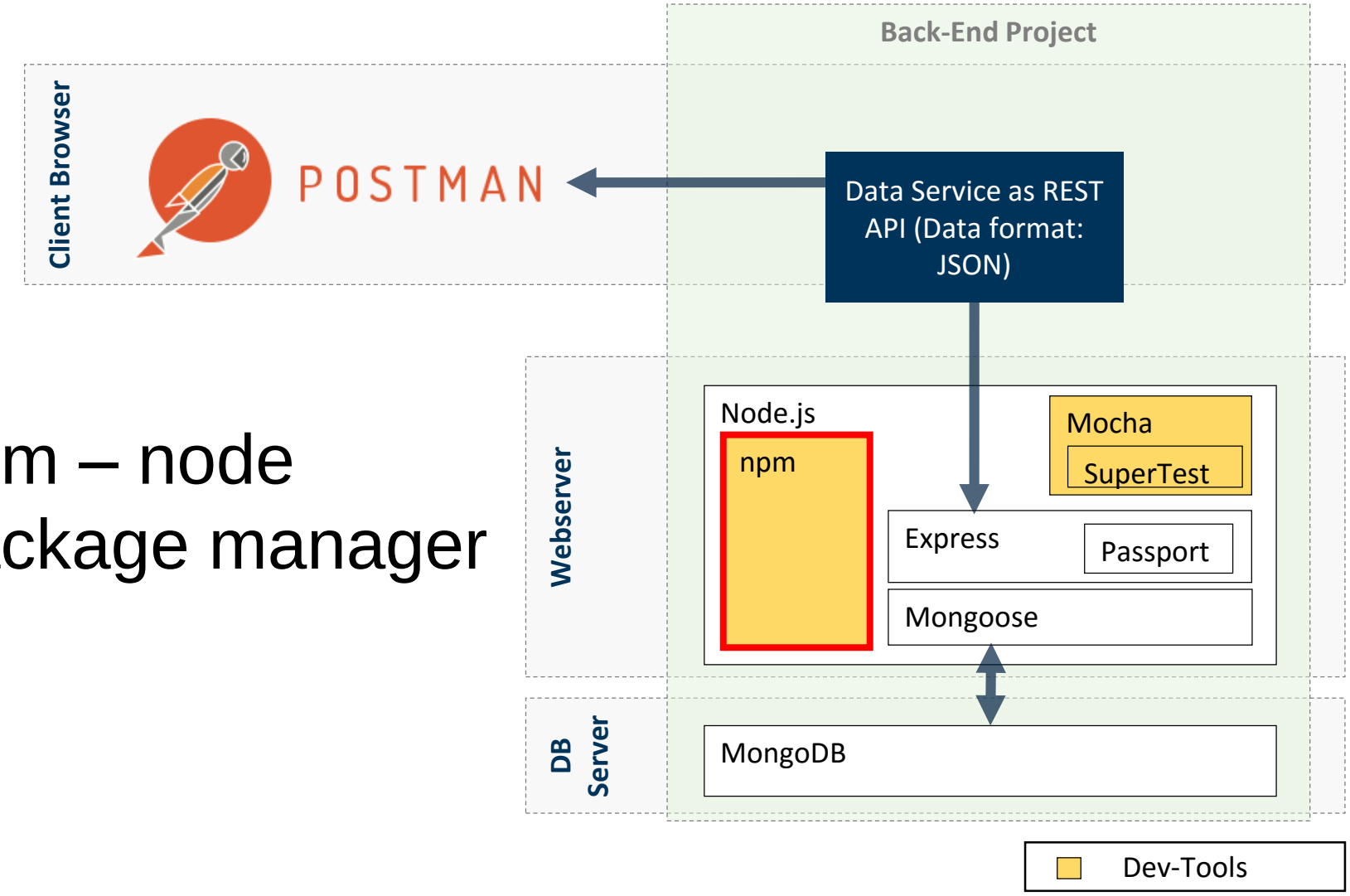


Back-end project



Node package manager



npm – node package manager

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- Command line tool for handling dependencies, versions, project properties of node-js projects
- Definition of project properties and dependencies in `package.json` file
- commands are e.g.
- `npm install` – installs all dependencies from `package.json`
- `npm install <package_name> --save` – adds new npm package (e.g. **bcrypt-nodejs**, provides an API for enctypting) and saves it as dependency in `package.json`

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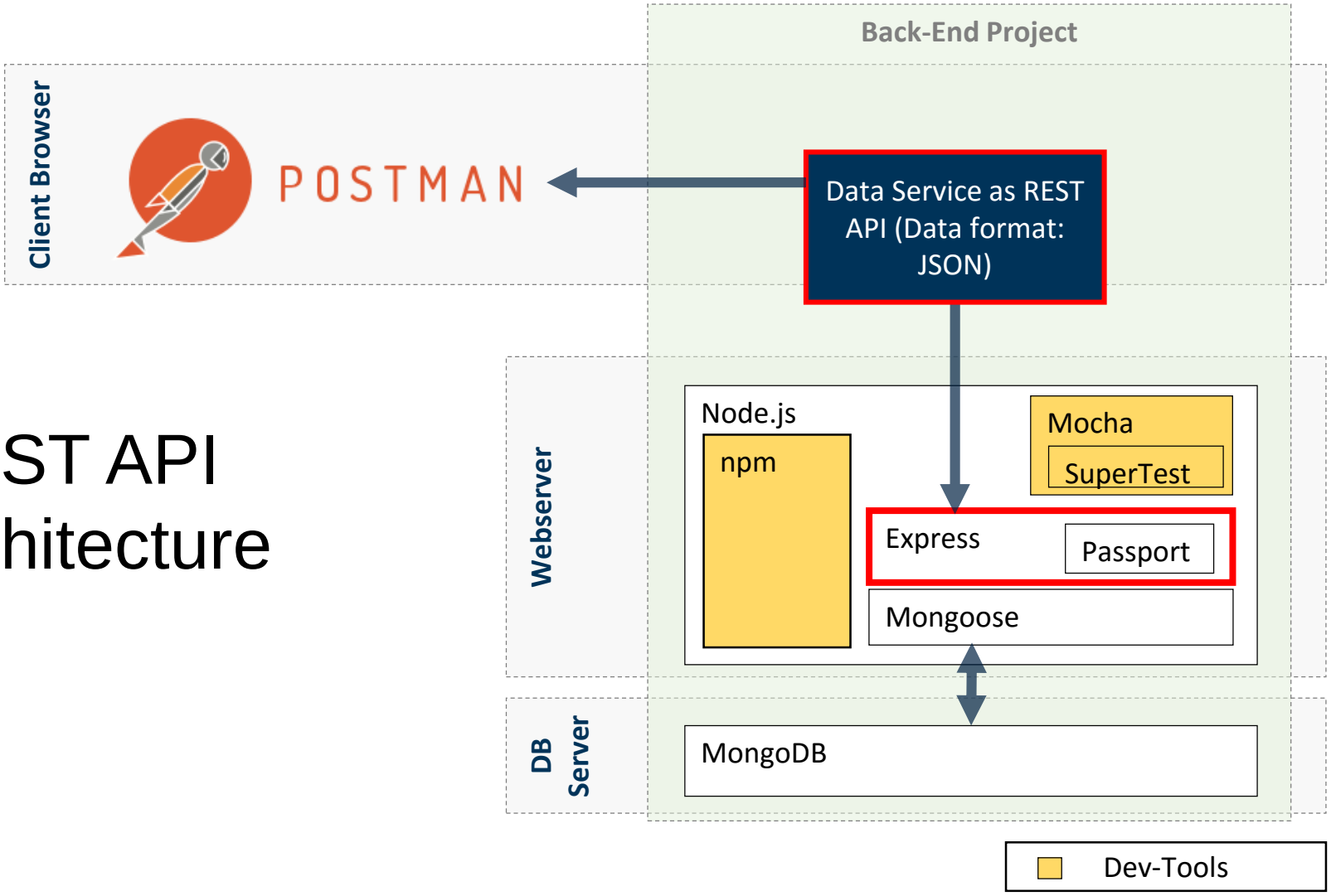

REST API specification

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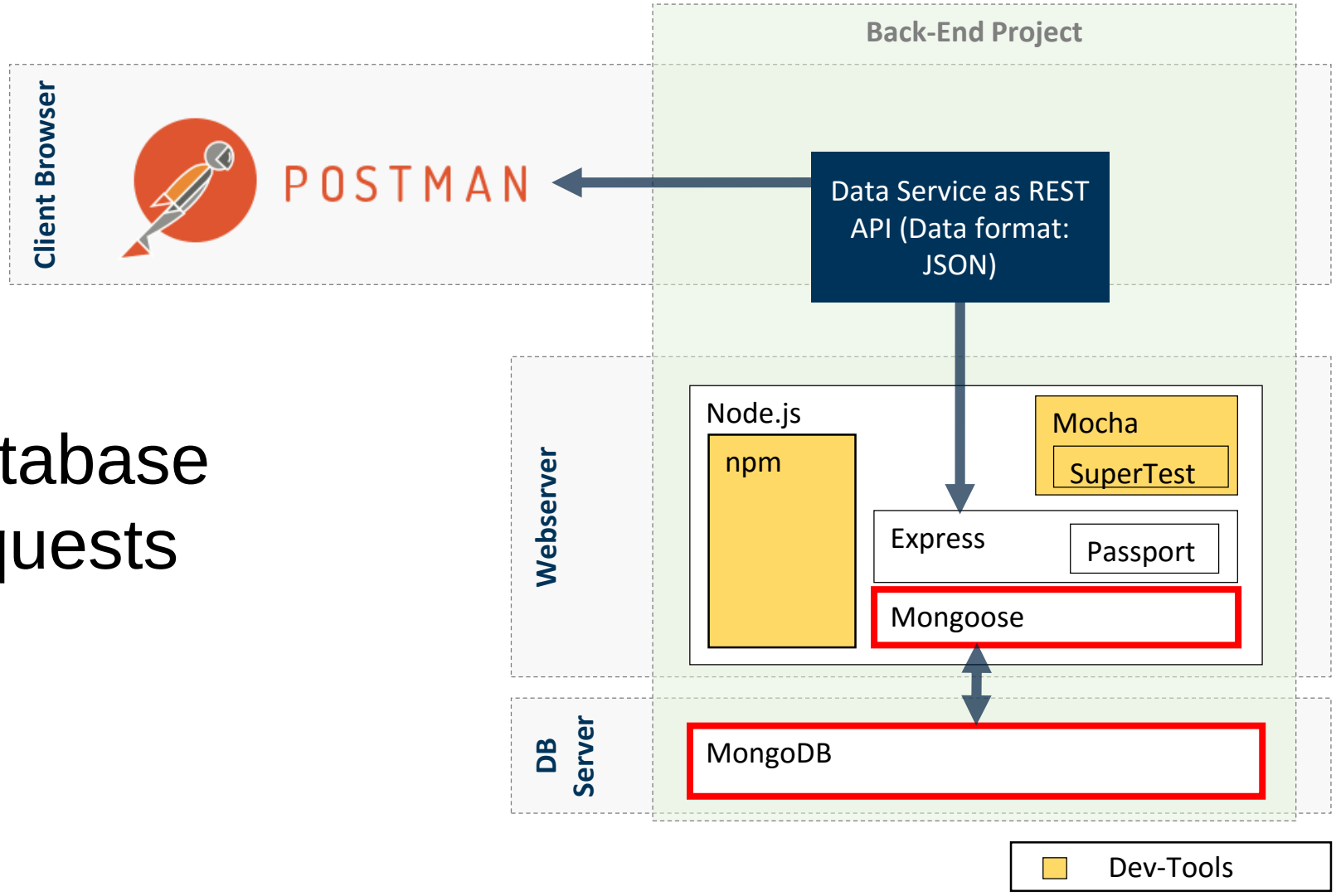
*with authorization

Database requests



key conventions

- **Collections** (tables) do not have a fixed scheme → Scheme definitions only in your code and independent from database
- **Documents** (rows) have some built-in properties as _id (unique identifier) and _v (version number)

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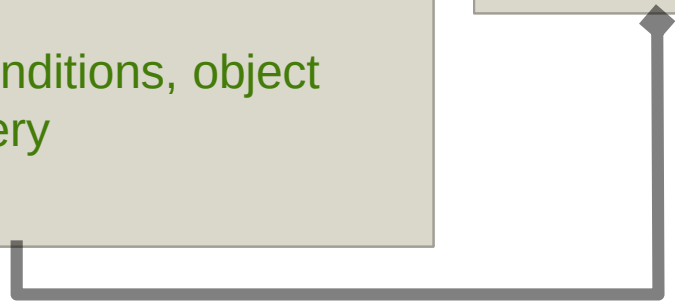
Model definitions in mongoose

Movie
_id: ObjectId title: String synopsis: String year: Number user: User
find (object conditions, function cb) : Query findById (number id, function cb) : Query update (object conditions, object updates) : Query ... [many more] ...

User
_id: ObjectId username: String password: String
comparePassword(String toCompare, function cb) : void find (object conditions, function cb) : Query ... [many more] ...



mongoose built in features

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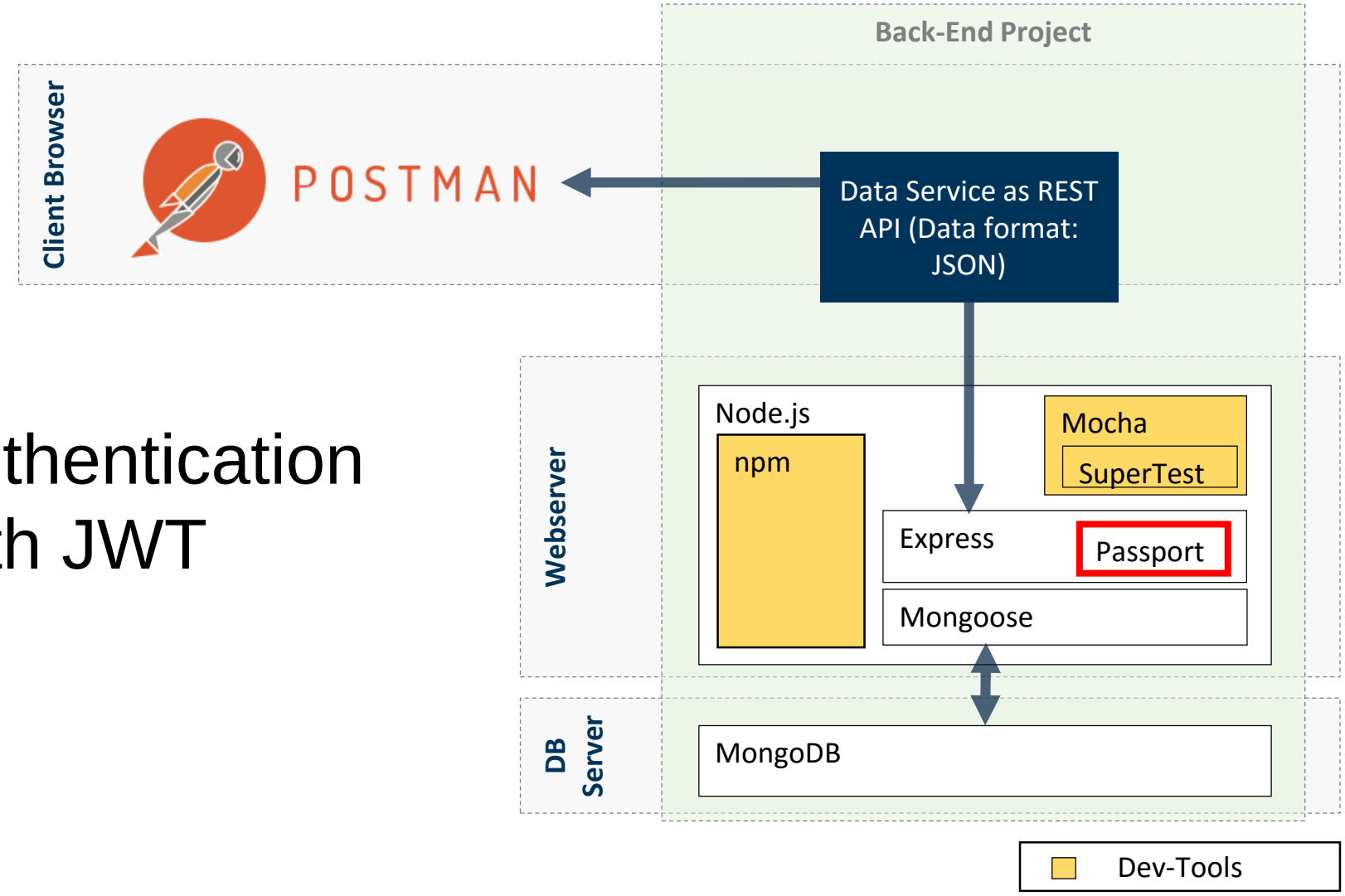
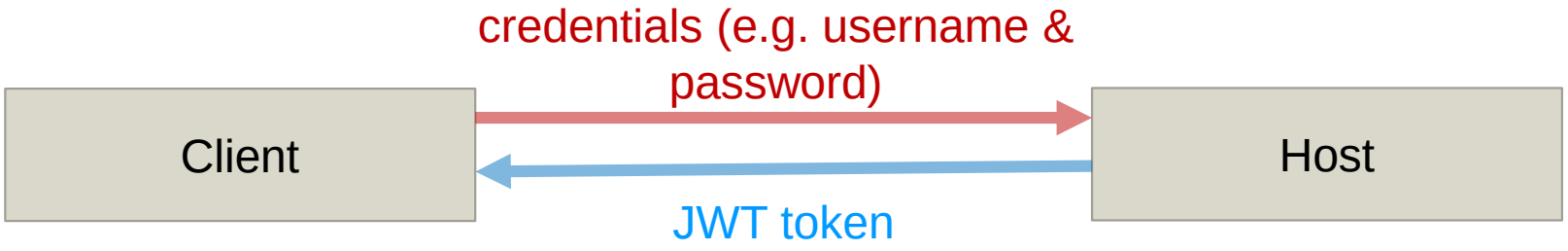


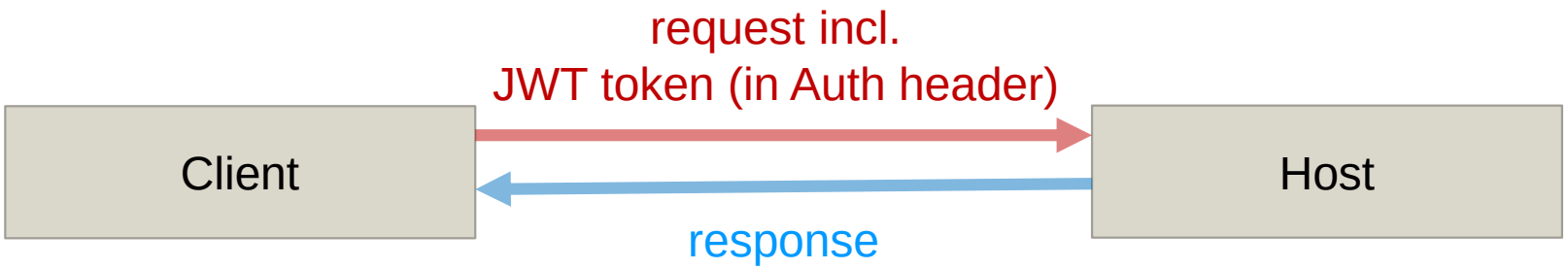
Authentication with JWT

JWT – JavaScript web tokens

Login – client sends credentials and receives JWT



Subsequent requests – client sends JWT in Authorization header



JWT – JavaScript web tokens

Sample token:

eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJzdWIiOiIxMjM0NTY3ODkwIiwibmFtZSI6IkpvaG4gRG9lIiwiYWRtaW4iOnRydWV9.TJVA95OrM7E2cBab30RMHrHDcEfxjoYZgeFONFh7HgQ

header.payload.signature

the payload can only be **encrypted** by the host, but decrypted by everyone → It's save to rely on payload information e.g. the user's id

header contains meta information such as the algorithm used for encryption

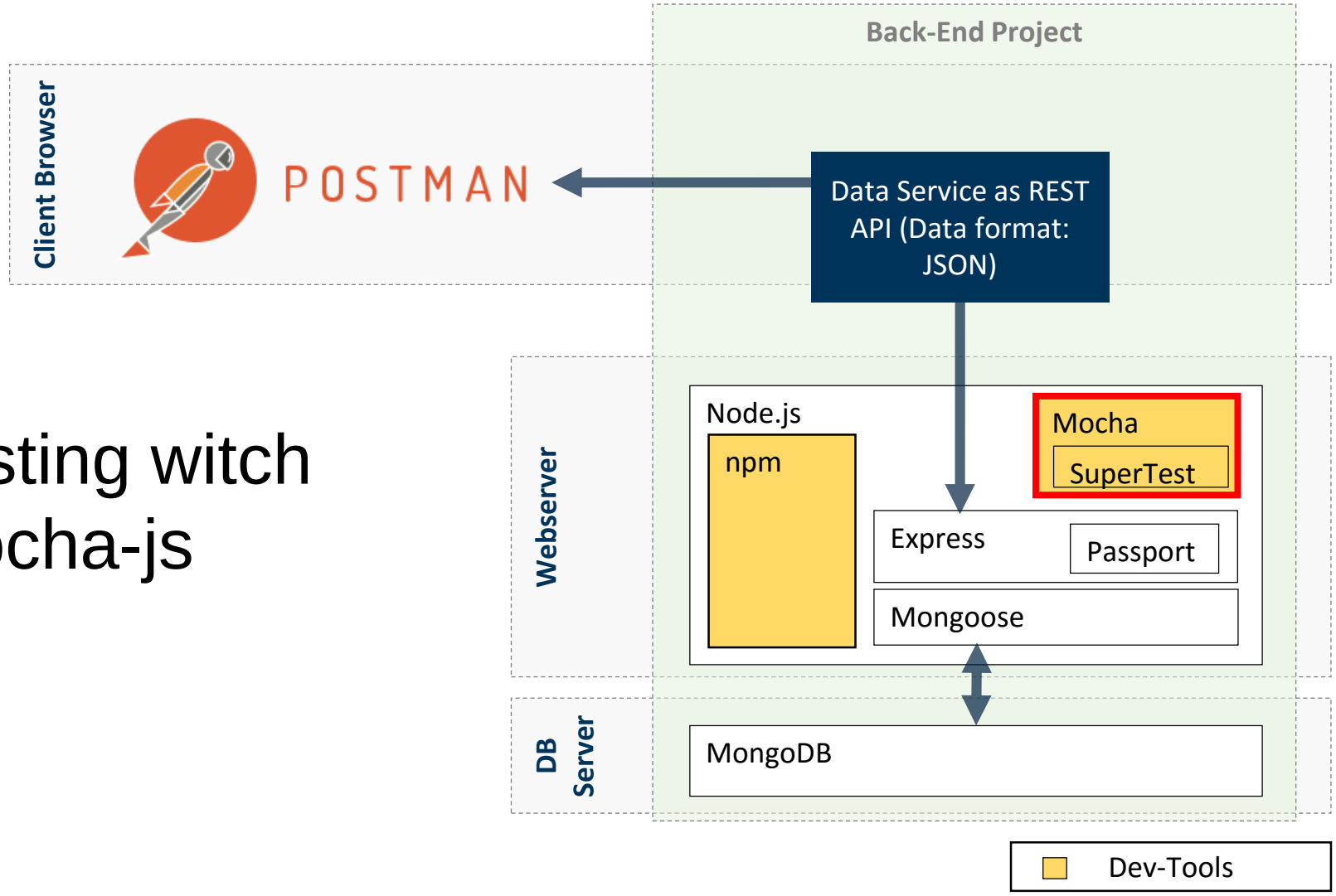
Passport

Implementation via Passport-js as **middleware**

→ middleware can be added to certain routes and executes independently before calling actual route processing function.
Examples other than passport-js:

- json **body-parser**: parses JSON-formated request
- **cors**: Modifies headers to accept cross-server requests

passport-js parses the JWT token from the auth header. If JWT is valid → injects user to the request payload → ready for e.g. further authorization



Testing witch mocha-js

Implementations of unit tests with mocha.js

keywords:

- `describe` - describes a new collection of tests (e.g. movie lifecycle)
- `it` - defines one unit test (e.g. update movie)

hooks:

- `before` – things to do before one test collection starts (e.g. create a test user profile)
- `after` – things to do after test collection is done (e.g. clean up, delete test user record)
- `beforeEach`
- `afterEach`
- …

Web Links (1)

Web Storm IDE

https://www.jetbrains.com/student/

Create a Student Account, Download Web Storm, activate the License with your Account data

Git Version Control

http://git-scm.com/

Already included in WebSotrm, but you might need it for git tools or command line usage (e.g., SourceTree)

Bitbucket hosting

https://bitbucket.org/

Free (non-public) online hosting of your git projects

Web Links (2)

Used web technologies for development

- mongoDB https://www.mongodb.org/
- Robomongo (mongoDB GUI) https://robomongo.org/
- Postman (dev-testing your API) https://www.getpostman.com/
- node-js (run JavaScript as a program) https://nodejs.org/
- npm (node package manager) https://www.npmjs.com
- mocha (automatic testing) https://mochajs.org/

Key node modules (as in package.json)

- express http://expressjs.com/
- mongoose http://mongoosejs.com/
- passport http://passportjs.org/
- supertest https://github.com/visionmedia/supertest

Thank you for your attention! Questions?

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