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Certainly! Let's create an **Express.js** server with routing for a **REST API**. Express.js is a popular web framework for **Node.js** that simplifies building APIs and handling HTTP requests. Here are the steps to get started:

1. **Initialize Your Project**:
    - Create a new folder for your project.
    - Open a terminal and navigate to the project folder.
    - Run `npm init -y` to create a `package.json` file.
2. **Install Dependencies**:
    - Install **Express** and **nodemon** (for automatic server restarts during development):

      ```
      npm install express nodemon
      ```
3. **Create Your Express App**:
    - Create an `app.js` (or any other name you prefer) file.
    - Import Express and create an instance of the app:

      ```
      const express = require('express');
      const app = express();
      ```
4. **Define Routes**:
    - Define your API endpoints using Express's routing system.
    - For example, to create a simple **GET** endpoint that returns a greeting message:

      ```
      app.get('/', (req, res) => {
        res.send('Hello, world!');
      });
      ```
5. **Start the Server**:
    - Set a port for your server (e.g., 3000):

      ```
      const PORT = process.env.PORT || 3000;
      ```
    - Listen to the specified port:

      ```
      app.listen(PORT, () => {
        console.log(`Server running on port ${PORT}`);
      });
      ```
6. **Test Your API**:
    - Run your server using `nodemon app.js`.
    - Open your browser or use a tool like **Postman** to test your API at `http://localhost:3000`.

That's it! You've created a basic Express.js server with a simple route. You can now expand your API by adding more routes, handling different HTTP methods (POST, PUT, DELETE), and connecting to databases (e.g., MongoDB with Mongoose). Happy coding! 🚀🌟

For more detailed tutorials, you can check out these resources:

- Creating a REST API with Node.js and Express
- RESTful API Development using Express.js
- How to Build a REST API With Express JS and Typescript

- A Beginner’s Guide to Creating a REST API Using Node.js and Express