



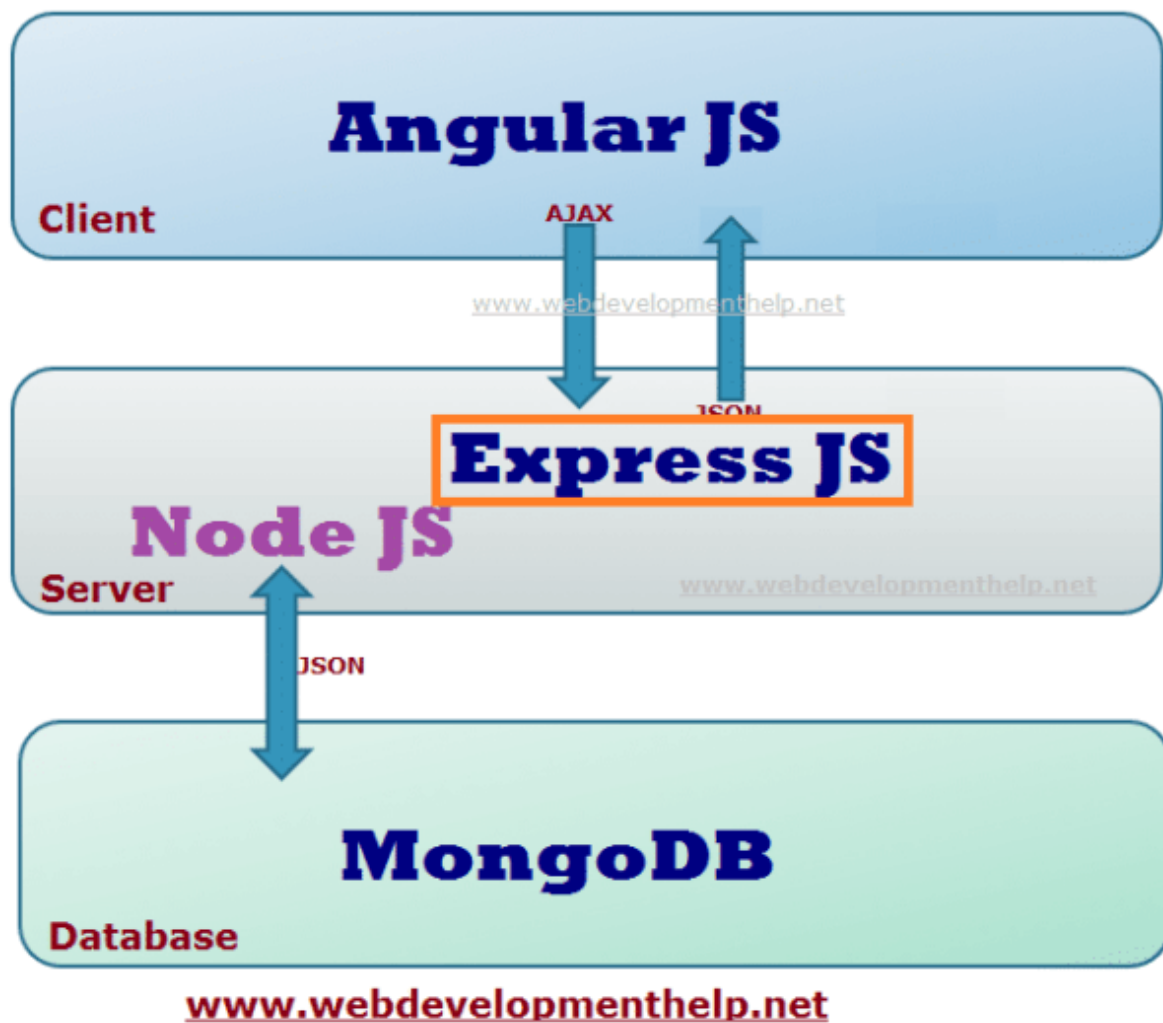
Top Express.js Interview Questions and Answers

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Express.js is another famous JavaScript Framework that gained a lot more popularity in recent years. We will follow the same strategy to explore all various topics by following Interview Question and Answer pattern.

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What is Express.js? What are core features of Express framework?

What is Express.js?

Express.js is a light-weight node.js based web application framework. This JavaScript framework provides a number of flexible and useful feature in order to develop mobile as well as web application using NodeJS.

ExpressJS Features:

Following are some of the core features of Express framework –

- Set up middlewares in order to respond to HTTP/RESTful Requests.
- It is possible to defines a routing table in order to perform different HTTP operations.
- Dynamically renders HTML Pages based on passing arguments to templates.
- Provides all the feature provides by core Node.js.
- Express prepare a thin layer, therefore, the performance is adequate.
- Organize the web application into an MVC architecture.
- Manages everything from routes to rendering view and preforming HTTP request.

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How to setup an Express.js App?

We can follow the below step by step approach to set up an Application using ExpressJS Framework.

- Create a folder with the same name as Project name.
- Inside the folder create a file called ***package.json***.

```
1 {  
2   "name": "npm_smart_grocery",  
3   "version": "1.0.0",  
4   "description": "a sample smart grocery manager ",  
5   "main": "index.js",  
6   "": {  
7     "ajv": "^4.9.0",  
8     "async": "^1.4.2",  
9     "body-parser": "^1.13.3",  
10    "cloudant": "^1.4.0",  
11    "dotenv": "^2.0.0",  
12    "express": "^4.13.3",  
13    "express-session": "^1.11.3",
```

```

14     "memory-cache": "^0.1.4",
15     "moment": "2.10.6",
16     "passport": "^0.3.2",
17     "path-exists": "^3.0.0",
18     "r-script": "0.0.3",
19     "rio": "^2.4.1",
20     "rox": "0.0.1-13",
21     "superagent": "^1.3.0",
22     "twitter": "^1.4.0",
23     "underscore": "^1.8.3",
24     "v8": "^0.1.0",
25     "winston": "^2.1.1",
26     "winston-daily-rotate-file": "^1.0.1"
27   },
28   "devDependencies": {},
29   "scripts": {
30     "test": "echo \"Error: no test specified\" && exit 1"
31   },
32   "repository": {
33     "type": "git",
34     "url": "git+https://github.com/dahlia05/npm_smart_grocery.git"
35   },
36   "author": "dahlia",
37   "license": "ISC",
38   "bugs": {
39     "url": "https://github.com/dahlia05/npm_smart_grocery/issues"
40   },
41   "homepage": "https://github.com/dahlia05/npm_smart_grocery#readme"
42 }

```

- Open command prompt on the project folder and run following command.

```
1 npm install
```

This will install all the libraries defined in **package.json** inside **dependencies{}** and the libraries are installed in **node_modules** folder.

- Create a file called **server.js**.

```

1  "use strict";
2
3  var express = require('express');
4  var bodyParser = require('body-parser');
5  var session = require('express-session')
6
7
8  //var Project = require('./schema').Project;
9  var http = require('http');
10 var https = require('https');
11
12 /* Initialize express app */
13 var app = express();
14
15 var host = process.env.APP_HOST || 'localhost';
16 var port = process.env.APP_PORT || '3000';
17 app.use(bodyParser.json());
18 app.use(session({
19   rolling: true,
20   saveUninitialized: true,
21   resave: true,
22   secret: config.SESSION_SECRET,
23   cookie: {
24     maxAge: 36000000,
25     httpOnly: false
26   }

```

```

27 });
28
29 app.use(express.static(__dirname + '/app'));
30
31 var index = require('./routes/index');
32
33 app.use('/', index);
34
35 app.all('*', function(req, res, next) {
36     res.set('Access-Control-Allow-Origin', '*');
37     res.set('Access-Control-Allow-Methods', 'GET, POST, DELETE, PUT');
38     res.set('Access-Control-Allow-Headers', 'X-Requested-With, Content-Type');
39     if ('OPTIONS' == req.method) return res.send(200);
40     next();
41 });
42
43 /* Define fallback route */
44 app.use(function(req, res, next) {
45     res.status(404).json({errorCode: 404, errorMsg: "route not found"});
46 });
47
48 /* Define error handler */
49 app.use(logging.errorHandler);
50
51 /* Start server */
52 app.listen(app.get('port'), function() {
53     logger.info('Express server listening on http://' + app.get('host') + ':' + app.get('port'));
54 });

```

- Create a folder called 'routes' inside the project folder.
- Create a file inside 'routes' folder called **index.js**.

```

1 var express = require('express');
2 var router = express.Router();
3
4 /* GET home page. */
5 router.get('/', function(req, res, next) {
6     res.render('index', { title: 'Express' });
7 });
8
9 module.exports = router;

```

- Create a folder called 'app' inside the project folder and create a file inside 'app' folder called 'index.html'.



- Create a index.html file.

```
1 <h1> Hello World!</h1>
```

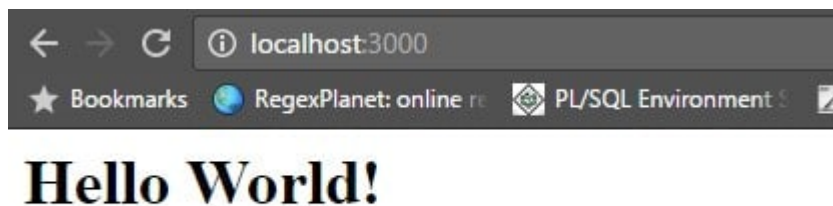
- Open command prompt on the project folder and run following command.

```
1 node server.js
```

The output would be

```
1 2017-02-01T21:31:15.889Z - info: Express server listening on http://localhost:3000
```

- Now open a browser with link <http://localhost:3000>, the output would be:



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How to config Angular 2.0 Frontend in Express.js Application?

With the Angular 2.0 the MEAN stack has a huge changes. These are the following steps to create an application using MEAN stack.

- Install Node.js.
- Create an express application using express generator.
- Use the view engine as ejs, therefore, install ejs.

```
1 npm install --save ejs
```

- Set view engine in app.js.

```
1 // view engine setup
2 app.set('views', path.join(__dirname, 'views'));
3 app.set('view engine', 'ejs');
4 app.engine('html', require('ejs').renderFile);
```

- Set the static folder.

```
1 // Set Static Folder
2 app.use(express.static(path.join(__dirname, 'public')));
```

- Create the config file inside public folder following the Getting started from angular.io.

package.json

```
1 {
2   "name": "todoapp",
3   "version": "1.0.0",
4   "scripts": {
5     "start": "tsc && concurrently \"tsc -w\" \"lite-server\" ",
6     "lite": "lite-server",
7     "postinstall": "typings install",
8     "tsc": "tsc",
9     "tsc:w": "tsc -w",
10    "typings": "typings"
11  },
12  "license": "ISC",
13  "dependencies": {
14    "@angular/common": "~2.0.1",
15    "@angular/compiler": "~2.0.1",
```

```

16   "@angular/core": "~2.0.1",
17   "@angular/forms": "~2.0.1",
18   "@angular/http": "~2.0.1",
19   "@angular/platform-browser": "~2.0.1",
20   "@angular/platform-browser-dynamic": "~2.0.1",
21   "@angular/router": "~3.0.1",
22   "@angular/upgrade": "~2.0.1",
23   "angular-in-memory-web-api": "~0.1.1",
24   "bootstrap": "^3.3.7",
25   "core-js": "^2.4.1",
26   "reflect-metadata": "^0.1.8",
27   "rxjs": "5.0.0-beta.12",
28   "systemjs": "0.19.39",
29   "zone.js": "^0.6.25"
30 },
31 "devDependencies": {
32   "concurrently": "^3.0.0",
33   "lite-server": "^2.2.2",
34   "typescript": "^2.0.3",
35   "typings": "^1.4.0"
36 }
37 }

```

tsconfig.json

```

1  {
2    "compilerOptions": {
3      "target": "es5",
4      "module": "commonjs",
5      "moduleResolution": "node",
6      "sourceMap": true,
7      "emitDecoratorMetadata": true,
8      "experimentalDecorators": true,
9      "removeComments": false,
10     "noImplicitAny": false
11   }
12 }

```

typings.json

```

1  {
2    "globalDependencies": {
3      "core-js": "registry:dt/core-js#0.0.0+20160725163759",
4      "jasmine": "registry:dt/jasmine#2.2.0+20160621224255",
5      "node": "registry:dt/node#6.0.0+20160909174046"
6    }
7  }

```

system.config.js

```

1  /**
2   * System configuration for Angular samples
3   * Adjust as necessary for your application needs.
4   */
5  (function (global) {
6    System.config({
7      paths: {
8        // paths serve as alias
9        'npm:': 'node_modules/'
10     },
11     // map tells the System loader where to look for things
12     map: {
13       // our app is within the app folder

```

```

14  app: 'app',
15  // angular bundles
16  '@angular/core': 'npm:@angular/core/bundles/core.umd.js',
17  '@angular/common': 'npm:@angular/common/bundles/common.umd.js',
18  '@angular/compiler': 'npm:@angular/compiler/bundles/compiler.umd.js',
19  '@angular/platform-browser': 'npm:@angular/platform-browser/bundles/platform-brow
20  '@angular/platform-browser-dynamic': 'npm:@angular/platform-browser-dynamic/bundl
21  '@angular/http': 'npm:@angular/http/bundles/http.umd.js',
22  '@angular/router': 'npm:@angular/router/bundles/router.umd.js',
23  '@angular/forms': 'npm:@angular/forms/bundles/forms.umd.js',
24  // other libraries
25  'rxjs': 'npm:rxjs',
26  'angular-in-memory-web-api': 'npm:angular-in-memory-web-api',
27  },
28  // packages tells the System loader how to load when no filename and/or no extensio
29  packages: {
30    app: {
31      main: './main.js',
32      defaultExtension: 'js'
33    },
34    rxjs: {
35      defaultExtension: 'js'
36    },
37    'angular-in-memory-web-api': {
38      main: './index.js',
39      defaultExtension: 'js'
40    }
41  }
42  });
43  })(this);

```

- Now run **'npm install'** command to install all the necessary dependencies.
- Change the 'views/index.html' folder with the following code.

```

1  <html>
2    <head>
3      <title>MyTaskList</title>
4      <meta charset="UTF-8">
5      <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1">
6      <link rel="stylesheet" href="bower_components/bootstrap/dist/css/bootstrap.css">
7      <link rel="stylesheet" href="styles.css">
8      <!-- 1. Load libraries -->
9      <!-- Polyfill(s) for older browsers -->
10     <script src="node_modules/core-js/client/shim.min.js"></script>
11     <script src="node_modules/zone.js/dist/zone.js"></script>
12     <script src="node_modules/reflect-metadata/Reflect.js"></script>
13     <script src="node_modules/systemjs/dist/system.src.js"></script>
14     <!-- 2. Configure SystemJS -->
15     <script src="systemjs.config.js"></script>
16     <script>
17       System.import('app').catch(function(err){ console.error(err); });
18     </script>
19   </head>
20   <!-- 3. Display the application -->
21   <body>
22     <my-app>Loading...</my-app>
23   </body>
24 </html>

```

- Create an app.component.

```

1  import { Component } from '@angular/core';
2  import { TaskService } from '../services/task.service';
3

```



```
4 @Component({
5   moduleId: module.id,
6   selector: 'my-app',
7   templateUrl: 'app.component.html',
8   providers:[TaskService]
9 })
10
11 export class AppComponent { }
```

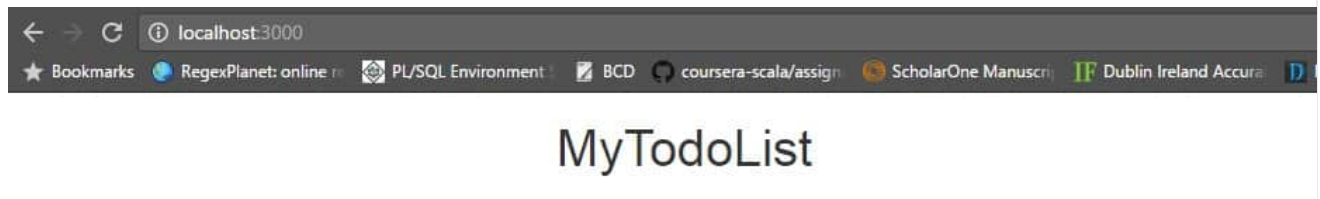
- Add the template.

```
1 <div class="container">
2   <h1>MyTodoList</h1>
3   <hr>
4
5 </div>
```

- Create Angular App module in 'public/app/app.module.ts'.

```
1 import { NgModule }      from '@angular/core';
2 import { BrowserModule } from '@angular/platform-browser';
3 import { HttpClientModule } from '@angular/http';
4 import { FormsModule } from '@angular/forms';
5 import { AppComponent } from './app.component';
6
7 @NgModule({
8   imports:      [ BrowserModule, HttpClientModule, FormsModule ],
9   declarations: [ AppComponent, TasksComponent ],
10  bootstrap: [ AppComponent ]
11 })
12 export class AppModule { }
```

- Now on the browser it would look like:



- Similarly add other angular module to the angular app.

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Explain Routing in Express.js in details?

- Create a file called routes.js containing all the routes of the application.

```
1 /**
2  * Contains all application routes.
3  * @version 1.0
4  */
```

```
5 'use strict';
6
7 module.exports = {
8   '/member/register': {
9     post: {
10       controller: 'MemberController',
11       method: 'register',
12       public: true
13     }
14   },
15   '/member/login': {
16     post: {
17       controller: 'MemberController',
18       method: 'login',
19       public: true
20     }
21   },
22   '/member/logout': {
23     post: {
24       controller: 'MemberController',
25       method: 'logout',
26       public: true
27     }
28   },
29   '/member/profile/:profileId': {
30     post: {
31       controller: 'MemberController',
32       method: 'saveProfile',
33       public: false
34     },
35     get: {
36       controller: 'MemberController',
37       method: 'getProfile',
38       public: false
39     },
40     delete: {
41       controller: 'MemberController',
42       method: 'deleteProfile',
43       public: false
44     }
45   }
46 };
```

- Create a file called MemberController.js.

```
1 /**
2  * This controller exposes REST actions for managing Games.
3  *
4  * @version 1.0
5  */
6 'use strict';
7
8 var async = require('async');
9 var MemberService = require('../services/MemberService');
10 var helper = require('../helpers/helper.js');
11 var DBService = require('../services/DBService');
12 var UserAlreadyExistsError = require('../helpers/errors').UserAlreadyExistsError;
13 /**
14  * register a member
15  * @param {Object} req the request
16  * @param {Object} res the response
17  * @param {Function} next the next middleware
18  */
19 function register(req, res, next) {
20   var user = req.body;
```

```

21   async.waterfall([
22     function(cb) {
23       var query = { selector: { email: user.email }, limit: 1};
24       DBService.find(query , cb);
25     },
26     function(data, cb) {
27       if (typeof data.docs !== 'undefined' && data.docs.length > 0)
28         cb(new UserAlreadyExistsError());
29       else
30       {
31         MemberService.registerMember(user,cb);
32       }
33     },
34     function(result) {
35       res.json(helper.buildResponse(result));
36     }, function(err) {
37       if (err) {
38         return next(err);
39       }
40     })];
41   }
42
43   /**
44    * Login.
45    * @param {Object} req the request
46    * @param {Object} res the response
47    * @param {Function} next the next middleware
48    */
49   function login(req, res, next) {
50     var username = req.body.authInfo.username;
51     var password = req.body.authInfo.password;
52     async.waterfall([
53       function (cb) {
54         MemberService.loginMember(username,password, cb);
55       },
56       function (response, cb) {
57         var query = { selector: { email: username }, limit: 1};
58         DBService.find(query, cb);
59       },
60       function (data, cb) {
61         var user = {
62           "username": username,
63           "isLoggedIn": true
64         };
65         req.session.user = user;
66         res.json({
67           MemberInfo: user
68         });
69         cb();
70       }, function (err) {
71         if (err) {
72           req.session.destroy();
73           return next(err);
74         }
75     })];
76   }
77
78   /**
79    * Logout.
80    * @param {Object} req the request
81    * @param {Object} res the response
82    * @param {Function} next the next middleware
83    */
84   function logout(req, res, next) {
85     req.session.user = {};

```

```
86     res.end();
87   }
88
89   /**
90    * save profile
91    *
92    */
93   function saveProfile(req, res, next) {
94     var profile = req.body;
95     var profileId = req.params.profileId;
96     var username = req.body.authInfo.username;
97     async.waterfall([
98       function (cb) {
99         MemberService.validateprofile(profile, cb);
100       }, function (profile, cb) {
101         MemberService.saveProfile(profile, profileId, cb);
102       },
103       function(result) {
104         res.json(helper.buildResponse({
105           profileId: profileId,
106           message: result
107         }));
108       }, function (err) {
109         if (err) {
110           req.session.destroy();
111           return next(err);
112         }
113       }
114     ]);
115   }
116
117   /**
118    * get profile
119    *
120    */
121   function getProfile(req, res, next) {
122     var profileId = req.params.profileId;
123     var username = req.body.authInfo.username;
124     async.waterfall([
125       function (cb) {
126         MemberService.getProfile(profileId, cb);
127       },
128       function(result) {
129         res.json(helper.buildResponse(result));
130       }, function (err) {
131         if (err) {
132           req.session.destroy();
133           return next(err);
134         }
135       }
136     ]);
137   }
138
139   /**
140    * delete profile
141    *
142    */
143   function deleteProfile(req, res, next) {
144     var profileId = req.params.profileId;
145     async.waterfall([
146       function (cb) {
147         MemberService.deleteProfile(profileId, cb);
148       },
149       function(result) {
150         res.json(helper.buildResponse(result));
151       }, function (err) {
152         if (err) {
153           req.session.destroy();
154           return next(err);
155         }
156       }
157     ]);
158   }
159 }
```

```

151     req.session.destroy();
152     return next(err);
153   }
154 });
155 }
156
157 module.exports = {
158   login: login,
159   register: register,
160   logout: logout,
161   saveProfile: saveProfile,
162   getProfile: getProfile,
163   deleteProfile: deleteProfile
164 }
165 };

```

- Create a file called MemberService.js and DatabaseService.js would be created.
- In server.js add the following code:

```

1  /* Load all routes */
2  _.each(require("./routes"), function (verbs, url) {
3    _.each(verbs, function (def, verb) {
4
5      var method = require("./controllers/" + def.controller)[def.method];
6      if (!method) {
7        throw new Error(def.method + " is undefined");
8      }
9      var signature = def.controller + "#" + def.method;
10     var actions = [];
11     actions.push(function(req, res, next) {
12       req.signature = signature;
13       return next();
14     });
15     /* If route is not public, check for user session first */
16     if (!def.public) {
17       actions.push(function(req, res, next) {
18         var user = req.session.user;
19         if (!user || !(user.isLoggedIn)) {
20           return next(new NotAuthenticatedError('You need to login first.'));
21         }
22         next();
23       });
24     }
25     actions.push(function(req, res, next) {
26       try {
27         logger.info('ENTER ' + signature);
28         method(req, res, next);
29         logger.info('EXIT ' + signature);
30       } catch(e) {
31         logging.logError(signature, e);
32         next(e);
33       }
34     });
35     app[verb](url, actions);
36   });
37 });

```

- Now any of the route defined in routes.js can be accessed.

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Explain Logging in Express.js? Give a practical example to demonstrate?

With Express 4.0, the application can be generated using express-generator and it includes **morgan** as the logger:

- Create express app using express generator.
- The middleware in app.js is already added.

```
1 var logger = require('morgan');
```

- Create the local middleware.

```
1 var logger = morgan('combined');
```

- Otherwise, If logging is need to be added to a log file.
Add fs to app.js

```
1 var fs = require('fs')
```

Add the file

```
1 var log_file = fs.createWriteStream(path.join(__dirname, log.log'), {flags: 'a'})
```

Create the middleware

```
1 Var logger = morgan('combined', {stream: log_file})
```

- Make sure logging will be enabled only in development environment.

```
1 app.use(logger('dev'));
```

- Now if we run from the browser we can see that every request is being logged.

```
1 GET /dsfsdf 500 387.461 ms - 1144
2 GET /stylesheets/style.css 304 3.383 ms - -
3 GET / 304 40.564 ms - -
4 GET /stylesheets/style.css 304 1.791 ms - -
5 GET /todos 200 1.397 ms - 51
6 GET /todos/new 304 62.912 ms - -
7 GET /stylesheets/style.css 304 0.397 ms - -
```

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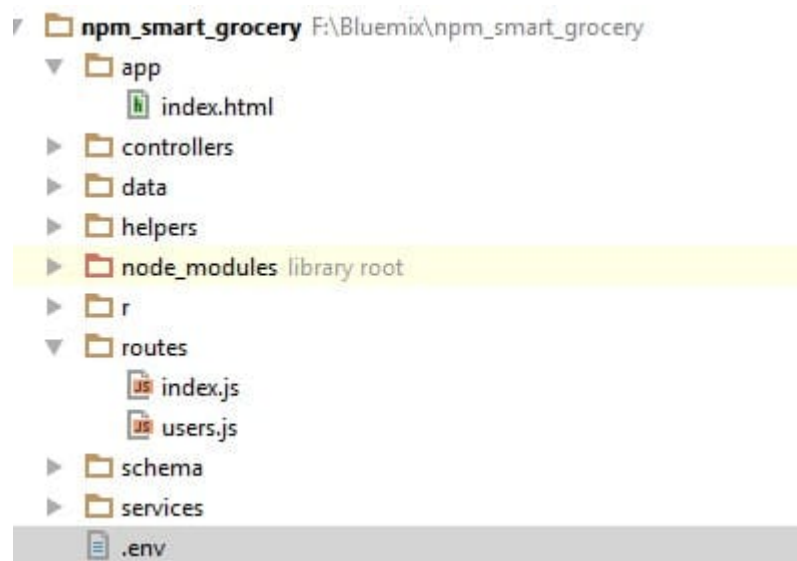
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How to config properties in Express Application?

In an ExpressJS Application, we can config properties in following two ways:

With Process.ENV?

- Create a file with name ``.env`` inside the project folder.



- Add all the properties in ``.env`` file.

```
cloudant_username=sampleusername  
cloudant_password=#####  
cloudnt_databasename=smart_gocery  
env.APP_HOST=localhost  
env.APP_PORT=9080  
recipe_design_doc=recipes  
recipe_index_name=searchall
```

- In `server.js` any of the properties can be used as:

```
1 var host = process.env.APP_HOST
```

```
2 app.set('host', host);
3 logger.info('Express server listening on http://' + app.get('host'));
```

With RequireJs?

- Create a file called **'config.json'** inside a folder called **'config'** inside the project folder.
- Add config properties in **config.json**.

```
1 {
2   "env": "development",
3   "apiurl": "http://localhost:9080/api/v1/"
4 }
```

- Use require to access the config.json file.

```
1 var config = require('./config/config.json');
```

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How to allow CORS in ExpressJS? Explain with an example.

In order to allow CORS in Express.js, add the following code in server.js:

```
1 app.all('*', function(req, res, next) {
2   res.set('Access-Control-Allow-Origin', '*');
3   res.set('Access-Control-Allow-Methods', 'GET, POST, DELETE, PUT');
4   res.set('Access-Control-Allow-Headers', 'X-Requested-With, Content-Type');
5   if ('OPTIONS' == req.method) return res.send(200);
6   next();
7 });
```

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How to redirect 404 errors to a page in ExpressJS?

In **server.js** add the following code to redirect 404 errors back to a page in our ExpressJS App:

```
1 /* Define fallback route */
2 app.use(function(req, res, next) {
3   res.status(404).json({errorCode: 404, errorMsg: "route not found"});
4 });
```

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Explain Error Handling in Express.js using an example?

From Express 4.0 Error handling is much easier. The steps are as following:

- Create an express.js application and as there is no built-in middleware like errorhandler in express 4.0, therefore, the middleware need to be either installed or need to create a custom

one.

Create a Middleware:

- Create a middleware as following:

```
1 // error handler
2 app.use(function(err, req, res, next) {
3   // set locals, only providing error in development
4   res.locals.message = err.message;
5   res.locals.error = req.app.get('env') === 'development' ? err : {};
6
7   // render the error page
8   res.status(err.status || 500);
9   res.render('error');
10 });
```

Install Error Handler Middleware:

- Install errorhandler.

```
1 npm install errorhandler --save
```

- Create a variable.

```
1 var errorHandler = require('errorhandler')
```

- Use the middleware as following:

```
1 if (process.env.NODE_ENV === 'development') {
2   // only use in development
3   app.use(errorhandler({log: errorNotification}))
4 }
5
6 function errorNotification(err, str, req) {
7   var title = 'Error in ' + req.method + ' ' + req.url
8
9   notifier.notify({
10     title: title,
11     message: str
12   })
13 }
```

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How to implement File uploading and downloading with Express?

Below we have explained the process to upload as well as download a file with ExpressJS App.

Upload File in Express.js:

- Install formidable.

```
1 npm install --save formidable
```

- Add the following code in server.js in order to upload a file.

```
1 var formidable = require('formidable');
2 app.post('/', function (req, res){
3   var form = new formidable.IncomingForm();
4
5   form.parse(req);
6
7   form.on('fileBegin', function (name, file){
8     file.path = __dirname + '/uploads/' + file.name;
9   });
10
11  form.on('file', function (name, file){
12    console.log('Uploaded Successfully! ' + file.name);
13  });
14  res.sendFile(__dirname + '/index.html');
15 });
```

- Update the index.html as following:

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3 <head>
4   <title>Simple File Upload Example</title>
5 </head>
6 <body>
7   <form action="/" enctype="multipart/form-data" method="post">
8     <input type="file" name="upload" multiple>
9     <input type="submit" value="Upload">
10  </form>
11 </body>
12 </html>
```

- On Browser run `'http://localhost:3000'`.

Download File in Express.js:

- Add the following code in server.js.

```
1 var router = express.Router();
2 // ...
3 router.get('/:id/download', function (req, res, next) {
4   var filePath = "/my/file/path/...";
5   var fileName = "samplefile.pdf";
6   res.download(filePath, fileName);
7 });
```

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How to enable debugging in express app?

In different Operating Systems, we have following commands:

On Linux the command would be as follows:

```
1 $ DEBUG=express:* node index.js
```

On Windows the command would be:

```
1 set DEBUG=express:* & node index.js
```

From Webstorm IDE

```
1 C:\Program Files (x86)\JetBrains\WebStorm 2016.2.4\bin\runnerw.exe" "C:\Program Files\nodejs\
```

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How to implement JWT authentication in Express app ? Explain with example.

- Create a folder called 'keys' inside project folder.
- Install some dependencies as following:

```
1 npm install jsonwebtoken -save
```

- Add the login router routes/index.js

```
1 router.post('/login, function(req, res) {
2   // find the user
3   User.findOne({
4     name: req.body.username
5   }, function(err, res) {
6     if (err) throw err;
7     if (!res) {
8       res.json({ success: false, message: Login failed.' });
9     } else if (res) {
10
11       // check if password matches
12       if (res.password != req.body.password) {
13         res.json({ success: false, message: Login failed. Wrong password.' });
14       } else {
15         var token = jwt.sign(res, app.get('superSecret'), {
16           expiresInMinutes: 1600
17         });
18         // return the information including token as JSON
19         res.json({
20           success: true,
21           message: 'Valid token!',
22           token: token
23         });
24       }
25     } }
26 });
```

- Use the token in application

```
1 jwt = require("express-jwt");
2 app.use(function(req, res, next) {
3   var token = req.body.token || req.query.token || req.headers['x-access-token'];
4   if (token) {
5     jwt.verify(token, app.get('superSecret'), function(err, decoded) {
6       if (err) {
7         return res.json({ success: false, message: 'Invalid token.' });
8       } else {
9         req.decoded = decoded;
10        next();
11      }
12    });
13  }
14  next();
15 });
```

```
11     }
12   });
13   } else {
14     return res.status(403).send({
15       success: false,
16       message: 'No token given.'
17     });
18   }
19 });
```

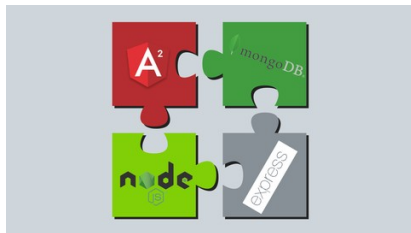
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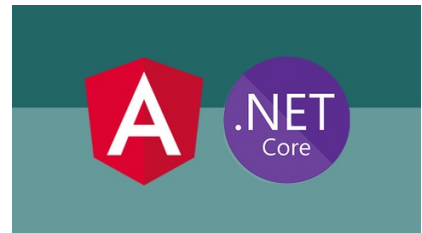
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