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TECHNOLOGY PROJECT -IBM FE Node JS Backend For Contact Form

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IBM-FE NODE JS BACKEND FOR CONTACT FORM

PHASE-5: PROJECT DEMONSTRATION AND DOCUMENTATION

1.FINAL DEMO WALKTHROUGH

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Project Overview:

Goal: Create a contact form where users fill details → backend saves/sends mail.

Folder Setup:

contact-form/

- server.js

- package.json

L.env

Step 1: Initialize Node

npm init -y

npm install express nodemailer dotenv body-parser cors

Step 2: Create .env

EMAIL_USER=yourgmail@gmail.com

EMAIL_PASS=your_app_password

Step 3: server.js

```
import express from "express";
import nodemailer from "nodemailer";
import bodyParser from "body-parser";
import cors from "cors";
import dotenv from "dotenv";
dotenv.config();
const app = express();
app.use(cors());
app.use(bodyParser.json());
app.post("/contact", async (req, res) => {
 const { name, email, message } = req.body;
 const transporter = nodemailer.createTransport({
 service: "gmail",
  auth: {
  user: process.env.EMAIL_USER,
  pass: process.env.EMAIL_PASS,
```

```
},
 });
 const mailOptions = {
 from: email,
 to: process.env.EMAIL_USER,
  subject: `Contact Form: ${name}`,
 text: `From: ${name} (${email})\n\nMessage: ${message}`,
 };
try {
  await transporter.sendMail(mailOptions);
  res.status(200).json({ success: true, message: "Mail sent
successfully!" });
 } catch (error) {
  res.status(500).json({ success: false, error: "Failed to send
mail" });
}
});
```

app.listen(5000, () => console.log("Server running on port
5000"));

Step 4: Frontend Call (example)

```
fetch("http://localhost:5000/contact", {
   method: "POST",
   headers: { "Content-Type": "application/json" },
   body: JSON.stringify({
    name: "Lavanya",
    email: "lavanya@gmail.com",
    message: "Hello from contact form!",
   }),
});
```

Step 5: Demo Walkthrough

1. Start backend → node server.js

2. Open frontend form → fill & submit
3. Check console → "Mail sent successfully"
4. Open your Gmail inbox → verify message arrived
2.PROJECT REPORT
Project Report – Node.js Contact Form
1 Title: Contact Form using Node.js Backend
2 Objective:
To collect user messages from a website and send them to admin email securely.
3 Tools Used:

Node.js
Express.js
Nodemailer
dotenv
Body-parser / CORS
4 Modules:
Frontend: HTML form (name, email, message)
Backend: API endpoint /contact
Mail Service: Sends email using Nodemailer

5 Workflow:

User fills form → data sent to backend → backend sends mail → admin receives message.

6 Advantages:

Real-time message delivery

Easy to integrate

Secure with environment variables

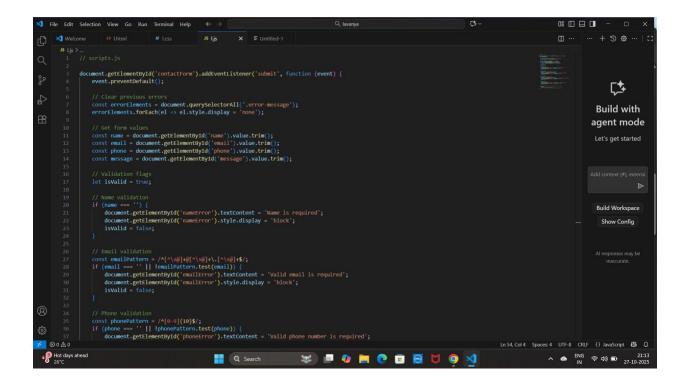
7 Result:

Successfully sends form data from website to admin email.

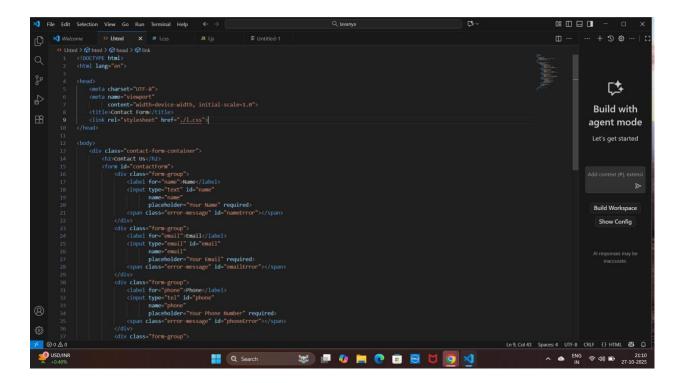
8 Conclusion:

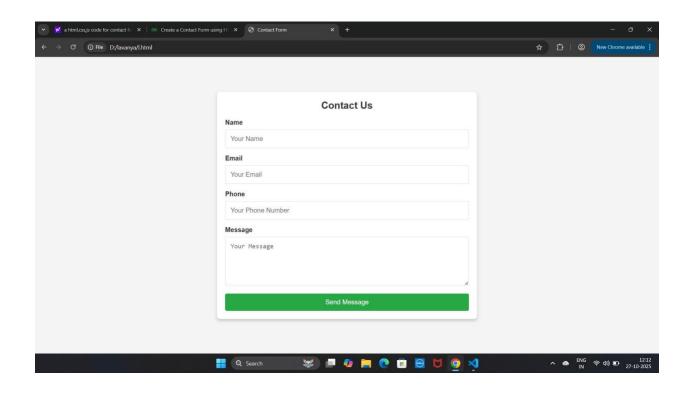
Node.js efficiently handles form submissions and email notifications.

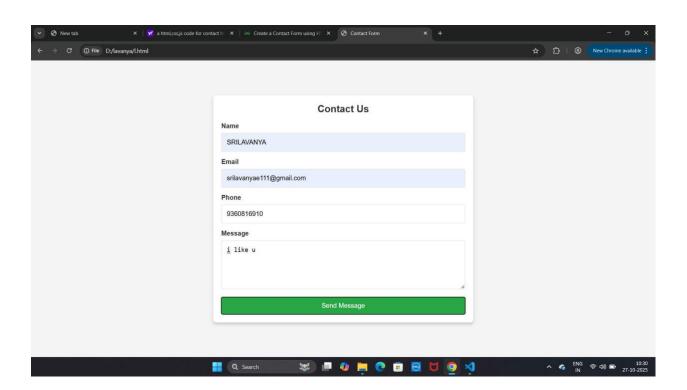
3.SCRENSHOTS/API DOCUMENTATION



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    background-color: ■#f4f4f4;
    margin: 0;
    padding: 0;
    display: flex;
    justify-content: center;
    align-items: center;
    height: 1000h;
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    padding: 20px;
    border-radius: 8px;
    box-shadow: 0 4px 8px □rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.2);
    max-width: 600px;
    width: 100%;
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              h2 {
    margin-top: 0;
    color: □#333;
    text-align: center;
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                .form-group {
    margin-bottom: 1rem;
                label {
    display: block;
    margin-bottom: 0.5rem;
    font-weight: bold;
    color: □#333;
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4.CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS

Challenges & Solutions –Node.js Contact Form

Challenge: Email not sending due to Gmail security.

Solution: Used App Password and .env file for safe authentication.

2 Challenge: CORS error when connecting frontend & backend.

Solution: Added cors() middleware in Express.

Challenge: Handling invalid or empty form data.

Solution: Added input validation before sending mail.

Challenge: Exposing credentials in code.

Solution: Stored sensitive data in .env file.

5 Challenge: Slow response when sending mail.

Solution: Used async/await to handle mail sending smoothly.

6 Challenge: Server crash on errors.

Solution: Used try-catch and proper error responses.

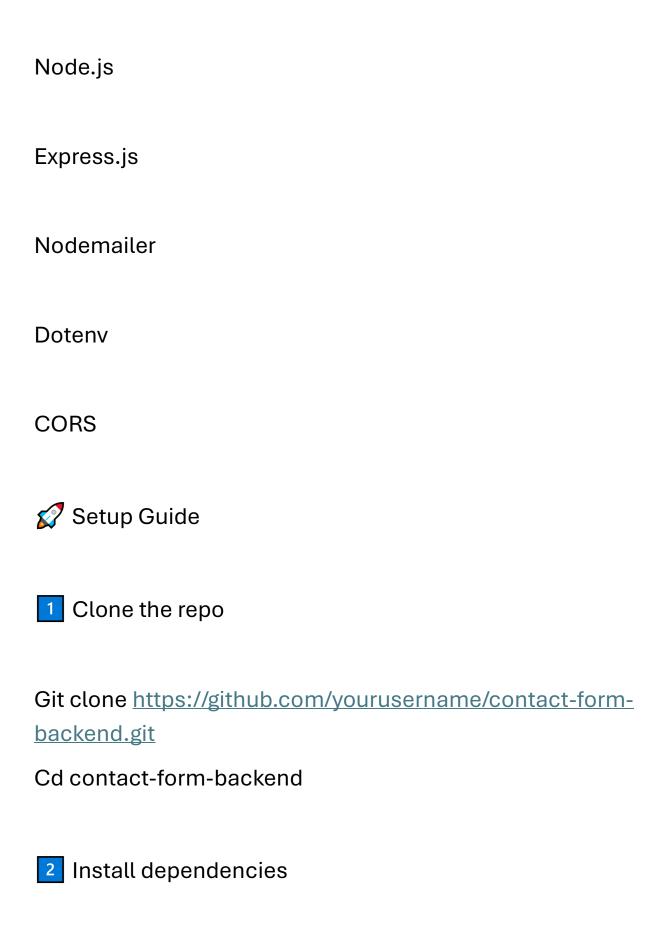
5. Github README and setup guide

Node.js Contact Form Backend

Description

A simple Node.js + Express backend that receives contact form data and sends it as an email using Nodemailer.

Tech Stack



Npm install

3 Create .env file

EMAIL USER=yourgmail@gmail.com

EMAIL_PASS=your_app_password

4 Run server

Node server.js

Server runs at:

http://localhost:5000

API Endpoint

POST /contact

{

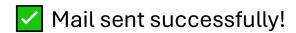
```
"name": "Lavanya",

"email": <a href="mailto:lavanya@gmail.com">lavanya@gmail.com</a>,

"message": "Hello!"

}
```

Response:





Contact-form-backend/

- server.js

package.json

∟.env

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6.FINAL SUBMISSION (REPOSITORY +DEPLOYED LINK)

Final Submission – Node.js Contact Form Backend
GitHub Repository
Repository Name:
nodejs-contact-form-backend
Contents:
nodejs-contact-form-backend/
- server.js
- package.json
env.example
- README.md
L.gitignore

✓ Must include:
Clean, commented code
Proper README
.env.example file (not real credentials)
Screenshot of mail success (optional)
Deployment Link
Deploy your backend using Render (free & easy):
Steps:
1 Go to https://render.com

- 2 Click New → Web Service
- Connect your GitHub repo
- 4 Set:

Build Command → npm install

Start Command → node server.js

5 Add environment variables:

EMAIL_USER

EMAIL_PASS

6 Click Deploy

After deploy → you'll get a link like:

https://node-contact-form.onrender.com

4 Final Submission Format

ItemLink

GitHub Repo https://github.com/yourusername/nodejs-contact-form-backend

Deployed Link https://node-contact-form.onrender.com

GITHUB LINK:

https://github.com/SriLavanya73/Node-js-backend-forcontact-form.git

NETLIFY LINK:

https://app.netlify.com/teams/srilavanya73/projects