**Node.js**

Node.js is the latest in the programming languages ,API’s ,and toolkits’ that sense, it lands equally in the tradition of Ajax , Hadoop,and even to some degree of IPhone programming and HTML5 . If you go to some technical conference , and you’ll almost certainly find a few talks on Node.js, most of them will fly far over the head of the common mortal programmer .

Lets know more about it , and you will hear that Node.js or many simply call it “NODE” . It’s a server-side solution for javaScript and in genral for receving and responging to HTTP requests. The questions arise is it really a java script and why anyone wants to run javascript outside the javaScript why not the alone at the server side .

If you thinking about this it means you going along the right things . Node is really is concerned about network programming and server-side requests/response processing . Node.js applications are written in javaScript, and can be run within the Node.js runtime on OS X ,Microsoft ,Windows and Linux.

Node.js also provides a rich library of various javaScript modules which simplifies the development of web application using Node.js to a great extent .

**Node.js = Runtime Enviorment + JavaScript Library**

**Features of Node.js**

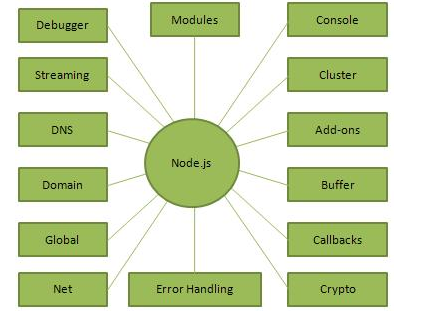
Following are some of the important features that make Node.js the first choice of software architects .

* Asynchronous and event driven - All the APIs of the Node.js library are asynchronous , that is non-blocking . It essentially means a Node.js based server never waits for an APIs to return data.The server moves to the next API after calling the notification mechanism of events of Node.js helps the server to get a response from the previous API call .
* No Buffering – There is never buffering in Node.js application. These application simply output data .
* Very Fast – Its build on google chrome V8 javaScript engine , that why its very fast in code execution .
* Single Threaded but highly scalable – Node.js uses a single threaded model with event looping . Event mechanism helps the server to respond in a non-blocking way and makes it very highly scalable as compared to other servers which creates limited threads to handle requests . Node.js uses a single threaded and at the same time same program can be used to provide to a much larger number of other requests than other servers like Apache and HTTP Servers .
* Licence – Node.js is released to under MIT license .

**Where its Used**

Now days big IT companies uses Node.js . This includes eBay, General Electric , GodDaddy ,Microsoft,Paypal , Uber,Wikipins,Yahoo, and Yammer.

**Concepts**

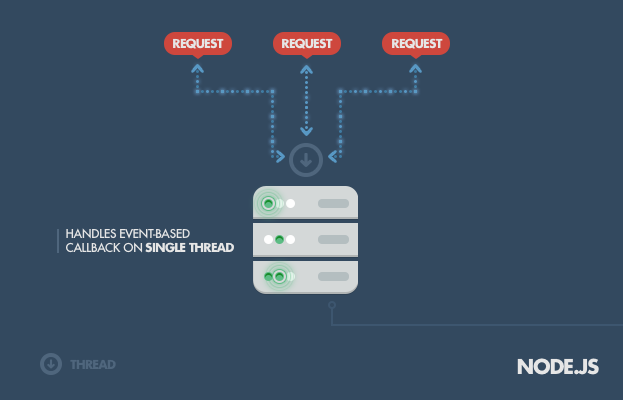
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**How does it work**

The main concept of Node.js is to use the non – blocking , event-driven I/O to remain lightweight and efficient in the face of data-intensive real time application that run across distributed devices .

That means Node.js is a platform that fills out a need of a particular application. Furthermore, understanding of it is absolutely essential. You definitely don’t want to use Node.js for CPU-intensive operations, infact using it for heavy computation will annual nearly all of its advantages . Node.js is really fast and compatible in building fast ans scalable network application, as its capable of handling very high number of throughput , which leads it to very high scalable.

How it works under-the-hood seems very interesting . Compared to other traditional web-serving techniques where each request handled by a new thread , taking upi system RAM and eventually maxing-out the amount of the RAM available, Node.js is operate on a single-thread, using non-blocking I/O call , allowing it to support thousands of connection at a time .



**Why we used Node.js**

Node.js has been enjoying developer’s attention ever since its launched . Node.js is a open source cross-platform run time environment has been written in javaScript, Which is why it makes it an exception choice for real time applications. Node.js comes with many features which helps developers to use for web development. Just because effective use of javaScript Node allows developers to create servers.

**It’s Fast -** Node.js has been written in javaScript and has phenomenal running speed and it uses a V8 engine by google that makes it running code much faster.

**It’s good for real time application –** Node.js has a phenomenal speed for real time applications such as chats , gaming apps and event based server as well as non-blocking driven servers. It is worth mentioning that there is some example websites we have been using in every day life like PayPal,eBay ,LinkedIn etc and they all have been developed using Node.

**Data streaming –** In real time requests and responses are taken as isolated events , although they are actually data streaming in real and it reduces the complete processing time.

**Node.js server as a proxy server –** Node.js has effective feature that may be employed to proxy a number of services with difference In their response time. It can be used to stream data from from different sources for eg : if a server side application is employed for communicating with third party resources , storing images or collecting data additionally, at that time node.js can be used and in our case we pulling information from API .

**Effective single codebase –** Node.js has proved as a game changing. As we able to write javaScript server side and client side as well. It became easy to send and synchronize the data between these two points automatically helped us to save time .