Node JS & REST API



Outline

- What is Node JS?
- Why Node JS?



What is Node JS

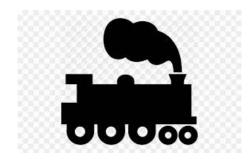
"Node JS is an open-source and cross-platform Javascript runtime environment that executes Javascript outside of a web browser".



- Node JS is NOT a programming language.
- It is a runtime which allows Javascript to run on the server.
- Previously, Javascript was designed as a scripting language that runs in the browser.

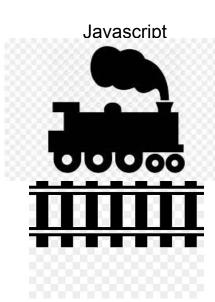


Browser Server





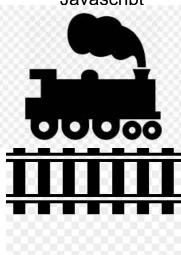
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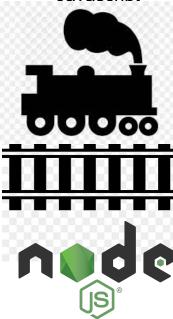
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Javascript

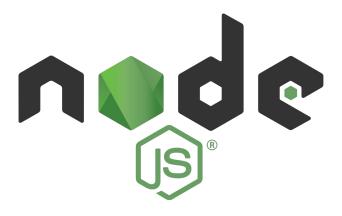


Server

Javascript







In Web Development

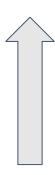








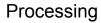
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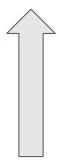






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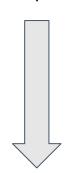




Send Responses







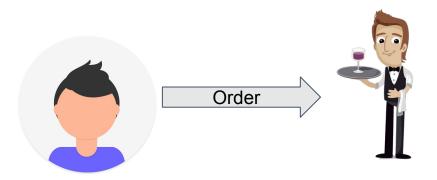


Server - Side JavaScript

- Node JS allows us to use the JavaScript language to create and develop a server-side application.
- Node JS uses an event-driven, non-blocking i/o model, asynchronous architecture



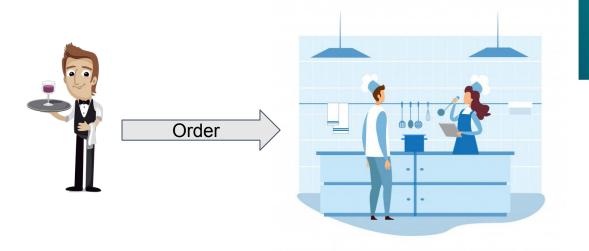
Case 1





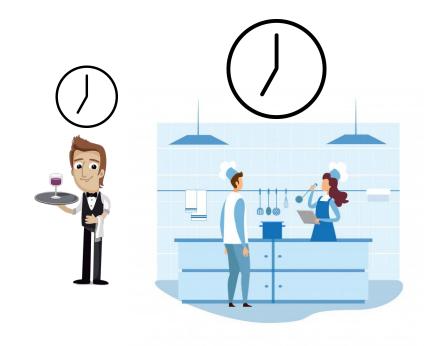






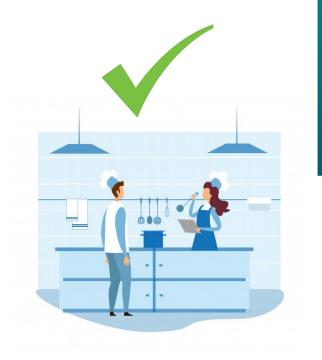














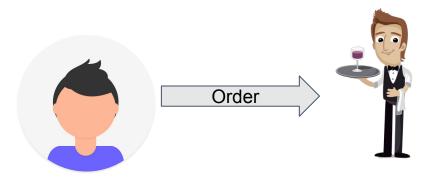








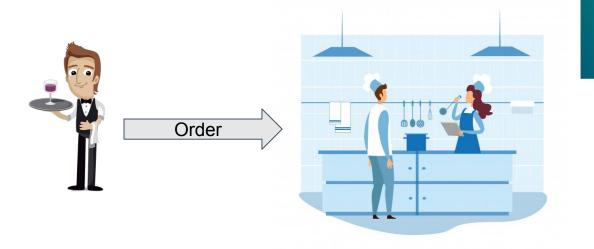
Case 2





















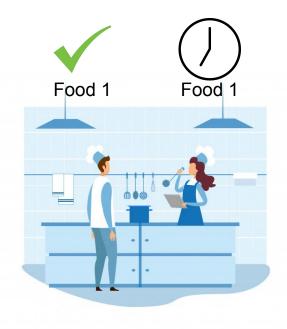














Case 1 vs Case 2

Synchronous

- The first order must be done for the waiter to continue with the next order
- The first order BLOCKS the progress of the second order
- This restaurant needs more waiters to be more efficient

Asynchronous

- While the first order is cooking, the waiter collects the next order.
 - Non-blocking
- When the kitchen is finished cooking, the waiter collects the food and delivers it to the customer.
 - Event-Driven (Event-queue)



Modules

- Modules are essentially JavaScript Libraries
- Which are a set of functions to be included in your Node JS application
- Node JS has 3 types of modules
 - Built-in modules which require no downloads and are readily available
 - NPM modules which are downloaded from NPM.
 - Your own module.
- Modules are added in your Node JS applications by using the require() function.



```
const http = require("http");
const server = http.createServer((req, res) => {
  res.writeHead(200, { "Content-Type": "text/html" });
  res.end("Hello World!");
});
server.listen(2000, () => console.log("active"));
```



```
module.exports = {
    addString : (string) => {
       return `my name is ${string}`;
    },
};
```

myModules.js

index.js

```
const http = require('http');
const myModules = require('./myModules');
const { addToString } = myModules;

const server = http.createServer((req,res) => {
    res.writeHead(200, {"Content-Type" : "text/html"});
    res.end(addToString('Lian'));
}

server.listen(2000, () => console.log('active'));
```



NPM

- NPM or Node Package Manager comes with Node JS
- The NPM registry has become the center of Javascript code sharing
 - With more than one million package becoming the largest software registry in the world.
- Basically NPM allows you to install modules in your project
 - Modules are additional Javascript libraries.
 - A package contains all the files you need for a module.
- NPM will create an additional folder called node_modules
 - Which will contain all the packages
 - Future libraries downloaded will be inside of this folder



Package.json

- This file contains various metadata relevant to the project
- This file is used to give information to NPM that allows it to identify project as well as its dependencies.



REST API

- REST or Representational State Transfer is an API architecture style
 - Basically it is a set of rules developers follow when creating an API.
- REST breaks down a transaction into smaller modules
 - Where each module addresses a particular part of the transaction
- Modularity creates a more flexible and scalable API



```
// GET /products
// GET /products/:id
// POST /products
// PUT/PATCH /products/:id
// DELETE /products/:id
```

- A REST based API makes use of the following functions:
 - GET Provides read-only access to a resource.
 - POST Creates a new resource.
 - DELETE Removes a resource.
 - PUT/PATCH Updates an existing resource



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