

Two Ways of Connecting Node + React

Server Hosts Node API + React SPA

Node (Express) API handles incoming requests

Requests not targeting API routes return React SPA

Data is exchanged between React app and Node API in JSON format

Two Separated Servers

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React SPA served from separate static host

Data is exchanged between React app and Node API in JSON format

In both Cases: Logically Separated Apps (SPA + API)!

A Third Way!

