

# Practical NodeJS

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# Agenda

- ✓ Why Node.JS
- ✓ REPL Mode, Node CLI, NPM, Addons, Package
- ✓ Modules (exports, requires)
- ✓ Modern Javascript – templates, scoping,
- ✓ NodeJS Architecture. V8/chakra, libuv, ..
- ✓ Node.js Concurrency – EventLoop
- ✓ Event Driven Architecture – EventEmitter, Streams
- ✓ http /s - Web Frameworks, Templates, Debugger - utilities
- ✓ More build-in modules os, fs, child\_process, crypto, dns, zlib, ..

# Why Node.JS

- Free, fast, streamed, open-source, cross platform, motivates to build **SSJS** apps & desktop apps.
- Every 6 mo Release. Even[April]/Odd[October], once a new odd version is released the previous even version undergoes transition to [Long Term Support](#) (18 mo+12mo)  
>node -p process.release.lts
- Originally has event-driven (**non-blocking**) architecture capable of async I/O. Aims to optimize [throughput](#) and [scalability](#) in web apps with many I/O operations. Node.js is not good for CPU-intensive tasks.
- Node.js is a JS runtime env. that runs on the V8 engine (or ~~Chakra~~) and executes JS code outside a web browser. VM (V8) is **Single threaded**.
- NPM – CLI / Registry, (Brew, NVM), Module dependency manager (CommonJS) – require. Webpack, ...
- First class support for C++ addons. See medium article for [addons on z/OS](#)
- "JS everywhere" paradigm – single Lang. **Full-stack** for Front-End[JS], Back-End[JS], DB [Mongo, Postgres, .. supports JS syntax] . Rather than real-full-stack. E.g. Java dev. also knows JS, PL-SQL, W3C tech
- Large Ecosystem, SS Frameworks, Desktop apps., Mobile and IoT, More Users, ..



# Node REPL Mode

Start REPL (Read Eval Print Loop) session [`>node`] to test quickly Node.JS & JS commands

<code>&gt; Math.random()</code> 0.5574170173050714	<code>&gt; let x=6</code> <b>undefined</b>	<code>&gt; 23 == '23'</code> true	Multiline? No navigate, no multi expression	Use Node .editor [^D, ^C] + multiline + paste from clipboard
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`>.help, .break ⇔ .clear, .editor, .exit, .load, .save.` Shortcuts [^L], [^D]

## TAB (single, double) & Underscore

Node.js has a set of **built-in modules**, classes, functions which you can use without any further installation.

C:\workspace\nodejs-app>node

<code>&gt; e</code> <code>&gt;events.</code> <code>&gt;events.EventEmitter</code>	<code>&gt; let s = ""</code> <code>&gt; Arrays.</code> Or <code>&gt;let arr=[]</code> <code>&gt;. //same as .help</code>	<code>&gt; s.</code> <code>&gt;arr.</code>	<code>&gt; _ //underscore, \$?</code> <code>&gt;new Date()</code> <code>&gt;let d = _</code>
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**Custom REPL sessions** REPL Module: **repl.start()** – to customize session (e.g. colors, eval, use socket instead stdin,...)

<code>&gt; let x=5;</code> undefined <code>&gt; b=2</code> 2	<code>&gt; node .\10-repl.js</code> <code>&gt; let x=5;</code> <code>&gt; b=2</code> Thrown: ReferenceError: b is not defined
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Control REPL **Global Context**: **r.context.lodash** = require('lodash');

- `lodash.last(['s', 'dd', 'z'])`
- `node -help | more`
- `-p` (print and eval), `-c` (--check), `--v8-options`, `-r` (--require)
- **`node -p process.argv.slice(1) 13 "ahoj"`**

# Node CLI

```
>node -v
>node -p "os.cpus.length"
>node -p "process.versions.v8"
7.0.276.38-node.19
>
```

```
>node -h | [less / more]
>node --v8-options (harmony, trace)
>node --v8-options | more
//--use-strict (enforce strict mode)
```

```
> node --v8-options | [find / grep]
"in progress"

//ENV-VAR
>NODE_DEBUG, NODE_PATH
```

## Process obj

To see all globals: > **//double tab** (or>**global.**)

```
>node -p process.versions
>node -p process.release.its
```

Can be used for dynamically configured values (you have name here): e.g. **process.env.val1**

Other way to pass information to execution context of node

```
>node -v
>process
>process.env [. Double TAB] [↵]
```

```
>process.argv [. Double TAB] [↵]
>node -p "process.argv" ahoj 23
>node -p "process.argv" 3-env-var.js ahoj 23
```

```
cpuUsage: [Function: cpuUsage],
memoryUsage: [Function: memoryUsage],
kill: [Function: kill],
exit: [Function: exit],
stdout: [Getter],
stderr: [Getter],
stdin: [Getter],
```

```
> console.log('dd') // uses stdout stream.
dd
undefined
> process.stdout.write('dd\n')
dd
true
```

STREAMS CAN BE USED WITH PIPES  
//process.stdin.pipe(process.stdout)

```
{ node: '11.15.0',
  v8: '7.0.276.38-node.19',
  uv: '1.27.0',
  zlib: '1.2.11',
  brotli: '1.0.7',
  ares: '1.15.0',
  modules: '67',
  nghttp2: '1.37.0',
  napi: '4',
  llhttp: '1.1.1',
  http_parser: '2.8.0',
  openssl: '1.1.1b',
  cldr: '34.0',
  icu: '63.1',
  tz: '2018e',
  unicode: '11.0' }
```

# Modules

- ❑ Node.js **Built-in Modules** (exports, requires), Module.obj – not confuse it with Browser global

```
console.log(arguments);  
//in Browser(undefined), in NodeJS ?
```

```
//wrapper-function: 5 arguments  
//function  
(exports, module, require, __filename, __dirname){  
  exports.x – not globally available like Browser  
  console.log(arguments);  
//} (module.exports) //APIs
```

## Caching

- ❑ Node.js global object, Wrapping and Caching Modules
- ❑ GLOBAL obj is like WINDOW in Browser

## How require works, require('module')

- ❑ Resolving - finds absolute **paths**
- ❑ Loading
- ❑ Wrapping
- ❑ Evaluating
- ❑ Caching
- ❑ > node .\6-require-module.js  
- **NOTE: for core-modules RESOLVE return immediate**  
- Just to resolve(no exec/load) - require.resolve('.')  
e.g. to check if optional-package installed or not

- ❑ CommonJS – Module Dep. Manager.
- ❑ Not like NPM more than ES Module

process, buffer, setTimeout -> global.setTimeout, global.ans? **not define global obj**

- 7-global.js
- Buffer.from(), .alloc() [filled], allocUnsafe(not) e.g.
- >Buffer.allocate(23), > Buffer.allocUnsafe(1000).toString()
- Also see REPL //double TAB or **global**.

# NPM, NPM Command

## Why NPM

- [npm](#) (see pre-installed) installs from the [npm registry](#) [search, meta-info, readme ]
- Code Share, Re-use
- Composability
- Versioning
- Team Work
- Anyone can publish anything (name must be unique)
- Alternative: yarn

```
>npm
>npm i --dry-run \\what will be installed to see before
>>npm ls -g (--depth=0, specific: npm ls lodash)
> npm ls -a -json
>npm install /i -g npm //self update, -g: GLOBAL (tools,..)
```

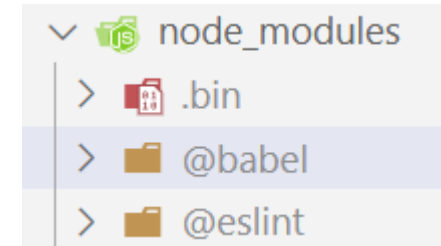
```
package.json/package-lock.json (i/ci/shrinkwrap)
--save[-S] (prod) /--save-dev[-D] , -O (optinal dep), -g
>npm i -D nodemon
>npm uninstall nodemon
>npm help ci
➤ --production //e.g. nodeman no need in prod
[maven runtime - Weblogic, compile, test ]
>npm search lodash >npm home lodash >npm repo lodash
```

## az-algos

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```
40 |
41 |
42 |   "dependencies": {
43 |     "az-algos": "^1.0.0",
44 |     "typings": "^2.1.1"
45 |   }
46 | }
```

## Package (a.k.a MODULE)



To see **all config**: > npm config list -l

- npm config list -l | find "init"
- npm config set/delete init-author-name "abc.xyz"
- npm config set save true //npm prune

- **Semantic Versioning (SemVer): (range of acceptables): ~, ^**
- **A.B.C [Major.Minor(^ >=B).Patch(~ >=C)]**
- or X notation e.g. 1.x.
- If exact e.g. "express": "4.17.1" same as "=4.17.1"
- **npm semver calculator** : <https://semver.npmjs.com/>

```
➤ Publishing a package (npm account)
>npm login (asks npm user/pwd/email)
>cd az-algos (create package.json via npm init)
>npm publish (publish package)
See: https://www.npmjs.com/package/az-algos
>npm install az-algos
>node .\5-npm-packages.js
```



## NPM, NPX

```
>cobol-lsp-vscode-extension> npm run test
>cobol-lsp-vscode-extension> npm t
>cobol-lsp-vscode-extension> npm test (finds jest+run)
>cobol-lsp-vscode-extension> npm jest (unknown)
>cobol-lsp-vscode-extension> npx jest (npm execute)

>npm help npm-scripts
EVENTS: 'posttest', 'pretest'
```

### Updating NPM Packages

- npm update (respects all **SemVer**, also may override ~ to ^)
- npm ls -a
- npm i express (adds ^ defaultly) [or @3.4, @latest, @next]
- npm show express (shows info, LATEST, NEXT)
- npm show express versions maintainers
- **npm outdated** (better than manual work)
- npm update

```
PS C:\workspace\che-che4z-lsp-for-cobol\clients\cobol-lsp-vscode-extension> npm outdated
```

Package	Current	Wanted	Latest	Location
@types/jest xtension	24.9.1	24.9.1	26.0.23	node_modules/@types/jest
@types/node xtension	12.12.54	12.20.13	15.3.0	node_modules/@types/node
@zowe/imperative	4.7.4	4.7.4	4.13.1	node_modules/@zowe/imperative

**We know how require works, require('xyz')**

- ❑ xyz.js -> xyz.json -> xyz-binary
- ❑ > node .\6-require-json.js

## JSON and C++ Addons

### Native bindings

Node.js provides a way to make Addons, also Read [addons for z-OS](#)

- npm install -g node-gyp@latest
- addon\addon-src> node-gyp configure
- > node-gyp build



# Modern Javascript



Node.js != JS

## The TC39 Process

The Ecma [TC39](https://tc39.github.io/) committee is responsible for evolving the ECMA! discretion to alter the specification as it sees fit. However, the gen

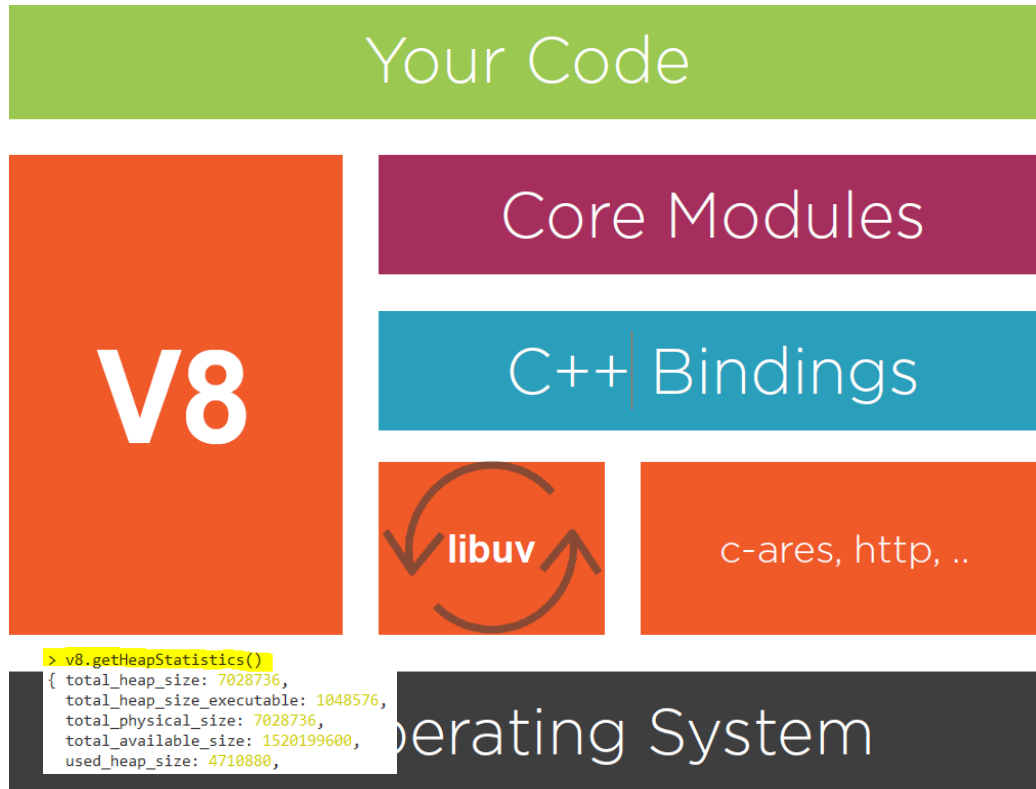
- ❖ [ES TC39](https://github.com/tc39), <https://github.com/tc39>, TC-39 Process, Ecma-262
- ❖ V8 Engine will follow implementing TC39
- ❖ Yearly Releases since ES2015 [ES6], ES2016, ....
- ❖ 5 StagedProcess  
[0-Strawman,1-Proposal,2-Draft,3-Candidate,4-Finished]
- ❖ Babel - faster
- ❖ Variables and Block Scopes, Object Literals
- ❖ Arrow Functions
- ❖ Destructing and Rest/Spread
- ❖ Inheritance – state and action based (in Java action based)
- ❖ Promises and Async/Await

- ❖ Templates-string (**interpolation**, `` ${dyno-exp} ``) (also like multi-lines Java 13)
- ❖ Dynamic properties

```
const cube = (a) => a * a * a;  
const html = `  
  <div>  
    ${Math.random()}  
  <br/>  
    ${cube(3)};  
  </div>  
`;  
;
```

```
const dyno = "dynamo";  
const LOG2E = Math.LOG2E;  
const obje = {  
  a1: 23,  
  a2: "oka",  
  f1() {}, //function with object literal  
  f2: () => {}, //arrow function  
  [dyno]: 63, //[] no arr, dynamo : 63  
  LOG2E //shorter than LOG2E : LOG2E  
};
```

# NodeJS Architecture



V8 Feature Groups : Shipping, Staged, In Progress

- `node -p process.versions.v8`
- `node --v8-options | find "in progress"`
- `node --harmony -p "'Node'.padEnd(8, '*')"`
- `node --v8-options | more`
- `node --v8-options | find "gc"`
- `v8.getHeapSpaceStatistics()` (in repl mode)

## Benefits

- **Node.js** - a runtime environment based on Chrome's V8
- **Single threaded architecture** – used as opportunity
- VM agnostic: V8 [**>v8**] /Chakra **Single threaded** - no race condition, locking issues, ..
- **Non-Blocking I/O** - Not waiting till I/O operation is complete.
- **Asynchronous** - Handle dependent code later once its complete.
- **libuv** (C-lib) – Handles all async events. Used by Node, Rust, Julia. NodeJS – libuv, Ruby – EventMachine, Python – Twisted.
- **Robust technology stack** – **built-in modules**, providing rich features via asynchronous APIs
- [Dependencies](#): http-parser, c-ares, OpenSSL, zlib, gtest
- Node.js supports [WebAssembly](#) and as of Node 14 has experimental support of [WASI](#)

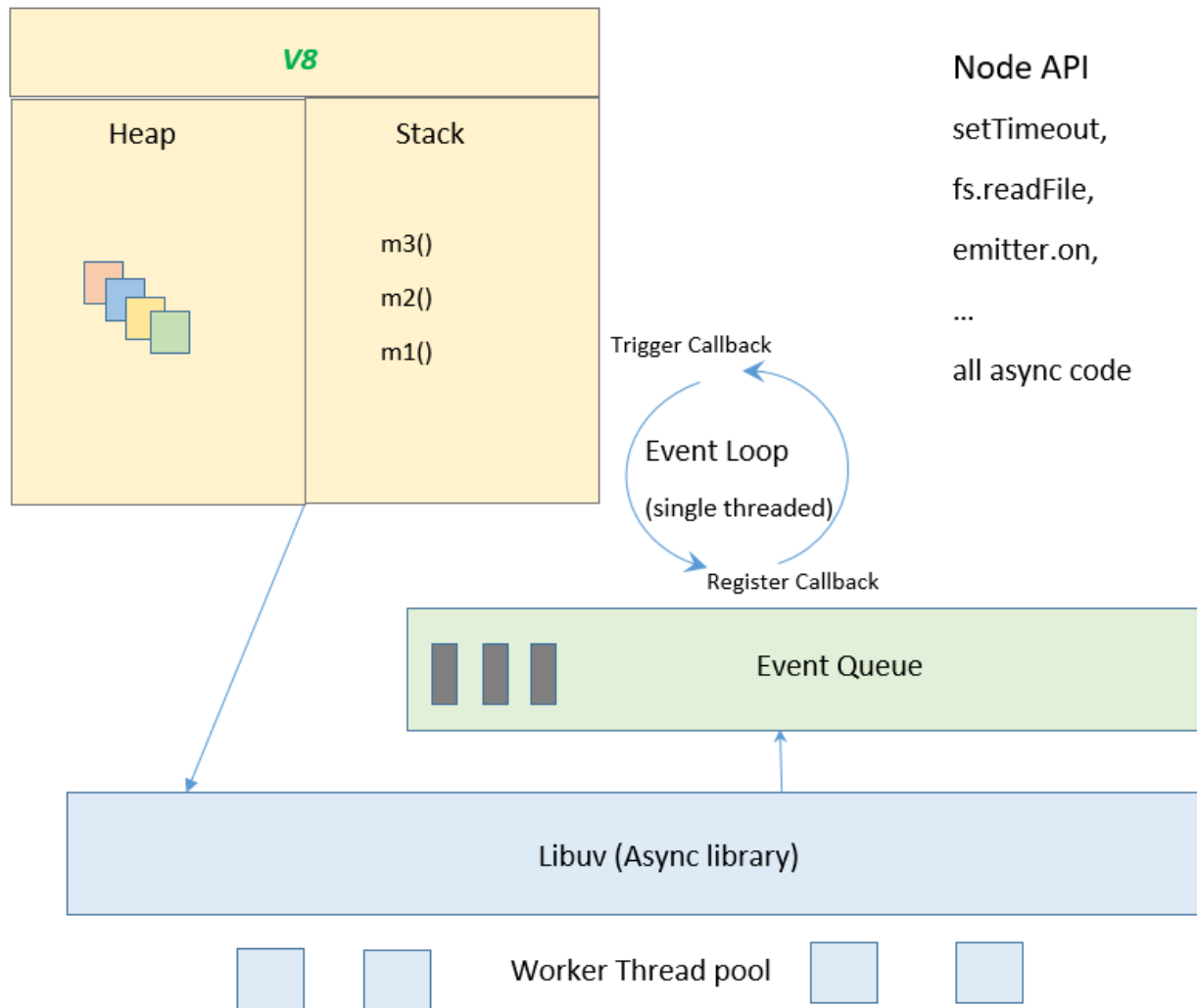
## Drawbacks

**Low performance on heavy computation** - CPU bound tasks.

**Callback hell issue** - asynchronous nature relies heavily on callbacks

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# Node.js Concurrency – EventLoop. EventEmitter



- **Slow I/O Operations** [disks, network resource, .. ] can be handled by one of: sync, **event loop**, thread, fork()
- **Event Loop** (single threaded) is an Event Dispatcher.
- Event Loop adds its own queues to be processed by the **libuv thread pool**.
- If task is written one of async ways (Callbacks | Promises | Async/Await), then it will be handled by Event Loop afford.
- EventEmitter is module that facilitates communication between objects. Emitter object emits(spread) named event that causes listeners to be called

```
>node 8-event-emitter.js
```

- `// Streams are Event Emitters:`  
`// process.stdin, process.stdout`

**Libuv** by default creates thread pool with **4** threads max-size is **128**, can be tuned at startup time

# Node.js Concurrency - Worker Threads

- Before Worker Threads:
  - All time consuming tasks are not considered I/O (CPU intensive)
  - CPU intensive operations blocks main thread
  - Never execute anything from event queue of any pending I/O tasks
  - Used `child_process` | `cluster` | `Napa.js` for CPU intensive tasks
- Worker threads introduced in 2018, v12LTS – has stable “`worker_thread`”
  - `new Worker(..)` - represents an independent JS execution thread
  - Each worker owns instance of V8 and EventLoop by V8 isolate.
  - Unlike child process or cluster workers share memory
  - Creating Worker instance inside of other Worker is possible
  - Two-way communication like in like WebWorkers, cluster
  - Two ways using workers - (new threads for each incoming task or parent keeps worker live (worker pool))

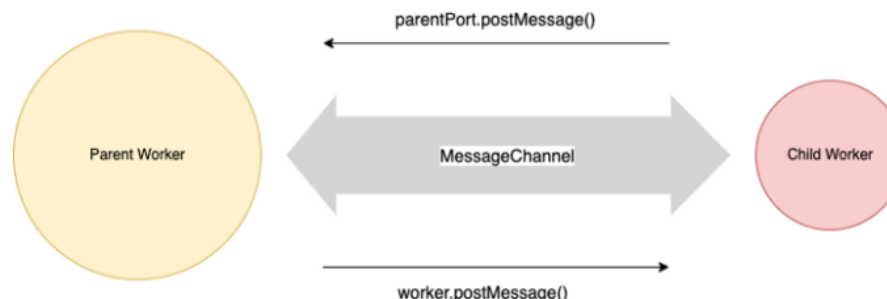


Diagram 1: Message Channel between the parent and the child workers

# Streams

are collections of data that might not be available all at once and don't have to fit in memory. All Streams are EventEmitters.

## Streams

**Types of Streams:** Readable, Writable, Duplex, Transform

### Readable Streams

### Writable Streams

HTTP responses, on the client

HTTP requests, on the client

HTTP requests, on the server

HTTP responses, on the server

fs read streams

fs write streams

zlib streams

zlib streams

crypto streams

crypto streams

TCP sockets

TCP sockets

child process stdout and stderr

child process stdin

process.stdin

process.stdout, process.stderr

Streams

### Readable Streams

#### Events

- data
- end
- error
- close
- readable

#### Functions

- pipe(), unpipe()
- read(), unshift(), resume()
- pause(), isPaused()
- setEncoding()

### Writable Streams

#### Events

- drain
- finish
- error
- close
- pipe/unpipe

#### Functions

- write()
- end()
- cork(), uncork()
- setDefaultEncoding()

Piping

#### Implementing

`require('stream')`

#### Consuming

`pipeing/events`

Linux

`a | b | c | d`

Node.js

`a.pipe(b).pipe(c).pipe(d);`

`a.pipe(b);  
b.pipe(c);  
c.pipe(d);`

# Working with http/s

- ☐ Streaming Ready HTTP Server
- ☐ Requesting HTTP/HTTPS Data
- ☐ HTTP/HTTPS objects
- ☐ Working with Routes
- ☐ Parsing URLs and Query Strings
- ☐ url/querystring modules
- ☐ req/res both Streams & EE
- ☐ req=Readable, res=Writable

- ☐ Nodemon
- ☐ >npm i -g nodemon
- ☐ >npm server.js (NOOP)
- ☐ >nodemon server.js //monitors, like Spring dev-tool

```
const server = http.createServer((req, res) => {  
  //console.log(req); //big REQUEST obj. IncomingMessage (2x?)  
  console.dir(req, {depth: 0});  
  console.dir(res, {depth: 0}); //status code, headers, body  
  res.end("Hello Nodemon !\n");  
});
```

// [https://nodejs.org/api/http.html#http\\_class\\_http\\_incomingmessage](https://nodejs.org/api/http.html#http_class_http_incomingmessage)  
//no confuse with: [https://nodejs.org/api/http.html#http\\_class\\_http\\_clientrequest](https://nodejs.org/api/http.html#http_class_http_clientrequest)



## Web Frameworks, Templates

Web Frameworks:

- Express, koa, sails (inspired by Rails), METEOR, ..

Templates:

- PUG (Jade), handlebars, <% EJS %>, React[JSX]
- //e.g. Java (tiles, velocity, freemarker, thymeleaf, .. )

## Debugger and more utilities

- ☐ Debugger (Node built-in) and more utilities
  - ☐ Debug with Chrome dev tools
- >node --inspect-brk buggy-file.js  
>chrome://inspect (in Chrome)  
Click "inspect" and Ctrl+P



**THANK YOU**

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