### **Node and the HTTP Module**

#### Objectives and Outcomes

In this exercise, you will explore three core Node modules: HTTP, fs and path. At the end of this exercise, you will be able to:

* Implement a simple HTTP Server
* Implement a server that returns html files from a folder

#### A Simple HTTP Server

* Create a folder named node-http in the NodeJS folder and move into the folder.
* In the node-http folder, create a subfolder named public.
* At the prompt, type the following to initialize a package.json file in the node-examples folder:

npm init

* Accept the standard defaults suggested until you end up with a package.json file containing the following:
* {
* "name": "node-http",
* "version": "1.0.0",
* "description": "Node HTTP Module Example",
* "main": "index.js",
* "scripts": {
* "test": "echo \"Error: no test specified\" && exit 1",
* "start": "node index"
* },
* "author": "FPTU",
* "license": "ISC"
* }
* Create a file named index.js and add the following code to it:
* const http = require('http');
* const hostname = 'localhost';
* const port = 5000;
* const server = http.createServer((req, res) => {
* console.log(req.headers);
* res.statusCode = 200;
* res.setHeader('Content-Type', 'text/html');
* res.end('<html><body><h1>Hello, World!</h1></body></html>');
* })
* server.listen(port, hostname, () => {
* console.log(`Server running at http://${hostname}:${port}/`);
* });
* Start the server by typing the following at the prompt:

  npm start

* Then you can type <http://localhost:5000> in your browser address bar and see the result.
* You can also use [postman](http://www.getpostman.com/) chrome extension to send requests to the server and see the response. Alternately, you can download the stand-alone Postman tool from [http://getpostman.com](http://getpostman.com/) and install it on your computer.
* Initialize a Git repository, check in the files and do a Git commit with the message "Node HTTP Example 1".

#### Serving HTML Files

* In the public folder, create a file named index.html and add the following code to it:
* <html>
* <title>This is index.html</title>
* <body>
* <h1>Index.html</h1>
* <p>This is the contents of this file</p>
* </body>
* </html>
* Similarly create an aboutus.html file and add the following code to it:
* <html>
* <title>This is aboutus.html</title>
* <body>
* <h1>Aboutus.html</h1>
* <p>This is the contents of the aboutus.html file</p>
* </body>
* </html>
* Then update index.js as follows:
* . . .
* const fs = require('fs');
* const path = require('path');
* . . .
* const server = http.createServer((req, res) => {
* console.log('Request for ' + req.url + ' by method ' + req.method);
* if (req.method == 'GET') {
  + var fileUrl;
  + if (req.url == '/') fileUrl = '/index.html';
  + else fileUrl = req.url;
  + var filePath = path.resolve('./public'+fileUrl);
  + const fileExt = path.extname(filePath);
  + if (fileExt == '.html') {
  + fs.exists(filePath, (exists) => {
    - if (!exists) {
    - res.statusCode = 404;
    - res.setHeader('Content-Type', 'text/html');
    - res.end('<html><body><h1>Error 404: ' + fileUrl +
      * + ' not found</h1></body></html>');
    - return;
    - }
    - res.statusCode = 200;
    - res.setHeader('Content-Type', 'text/html');
    - fs.createReadStream(filePath).pipe(res);
  + });
  + }
  + else {
  + res.statusCode = 404;
  + res.setHeader('Content-Type', 'text/html');
  + res.end('<html><body><h1>Error 404: ' + fileUrl +
    - * ' not a HTML file</h1></body></html>');
  + }
* }
* else {
  + res.statusCode = 404;
  + res.setHeader('Content-Type', 'text/html');
  + res.end('<html><body><h1>Error 404: ' + req.method +
    - * ' not supported</h1></body></html>');
* }
* })
* . . .
* Start the server and send various requests to it and see the corresponding responses.
* Do a Git commit with the message "Node HTTP Example 2".

#### Conclusions

In this exercise you learnt about using the Node HTTP module to implement a HTTP server.