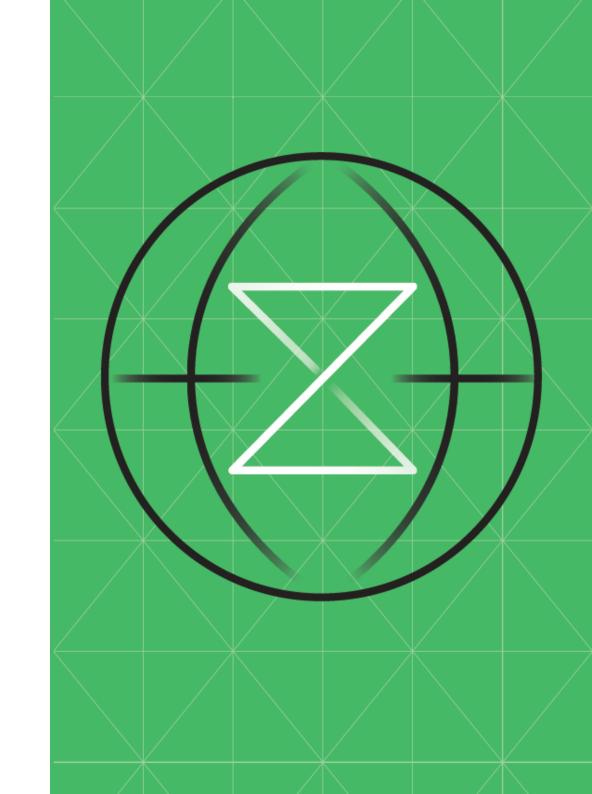
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AN ODE TO NODE

The Challenge

During this challenge you will use Node.js to build a small web-server, accessible from the public internet.

You will set your own specific parameters to make sure your URL is unique.

Before You Begin

Make sure you have a basic understanding of Datasets, Dataset members and the usage of USS.

Make sure you have set up your workstation correctly to connect to the IBM Z Xplore system with VSCode.

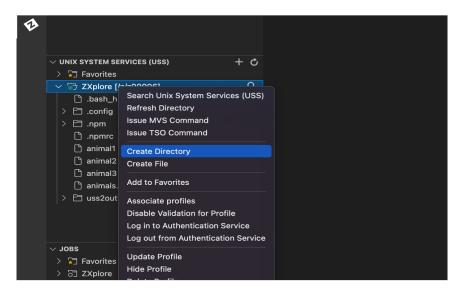
Investment

Steps	Duration
7	20 minutes

1 CREATE A NODE DIRECTORY

Set the filter on your VSCode **USS** view, to open your local user directory by entering: /z/zxxxxx. (As usual, make sure you replace "zxxxxx" with your own userid)

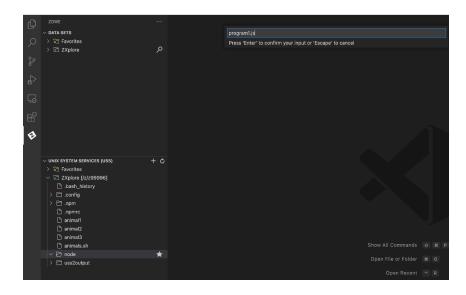
You will see files and directories from previous challenges.



Make sure your mouse is at the top-level directory, and right-click it to open the options menu. Select the option to "Create Directory" and name it "node". You will be prompted to select a location for your new directory.

Double-check that it says /z/zxxxxx

2 CREATE A NODE FILE



Right-click on the new directory and create a new file called **program1.js**, making sure to set the ".js" at the end of the filename to make sure it will be identified as a Node.js program.

Now locate the example code provided to help you get started.

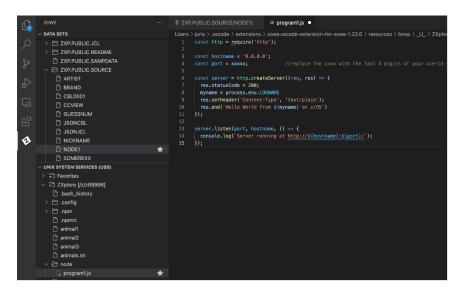
Open the DATA SETS navigation panel in VSCode and make sure your filter is set to include **zxp.public.*** Locate the **ZXP.PUBLIC.SOURCE** dataset and open the **NODE1**

Click to open and view the source code contents. Now select all the text and press Control+c or Cmd+c to copy the text, depending on your local workstation operating system.

3 CREATE FIRST NODE PROGRAM

Return to your program1.js file and click to open it.

Use Control+v or Cmd+v to paste the content from NODE1.



You may be prompted by VSCode to install a Node.js plugin which helps you in formatting Node.js code.

Feel free to accept and install this – the syntax highlighting will help with understand the node.js javascript programming language.

4 OPEN THE SERVER PORT

Investigate the code and see that line 4 has a port definition.

Change the port number to (30000 added to the last 5 digits of your userid).

This will be the port number you use to connect to your server application in the next steps.

Don't forget to save your changes.



5 READY TO RUN

You now need to connect to the IBM Z Xplore system with a SSH session. This will be done by issuing the following command:

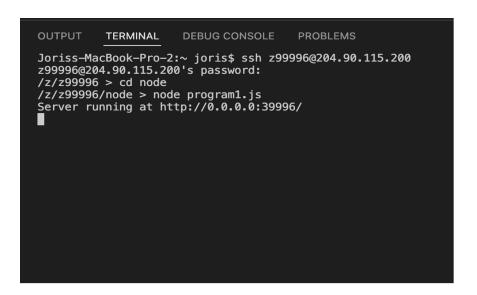
ssh zxxxxx@204.90.115.200

You will be prompted for your password - enter your IBM Z Xplore Z systems password.

By default, it will open your own home directory inside USS. This is the same directory that you set earlier in the USS section in your VSCode navigation view.

Change your current working directory to the node directory, and start the node application:

node program1.js



You should see a message like:

Server running at http://0.0.0.0:50010/

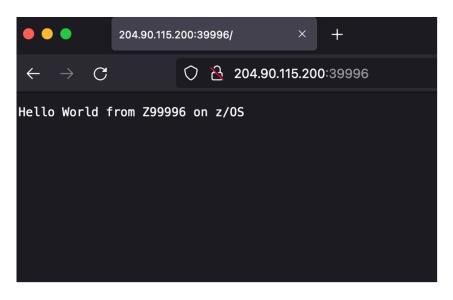


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6 IS IT WORKING?

The 0.0.0.0 in the server address is displayed because your application "binds" to the default IP interface for the IBM Z Xplore system.

From the internet, you will connect to the 204.90.115.200 address to reach your program.



In order to check if your first web-server is running properly, you need to use a browser to connect to your webs-erver.

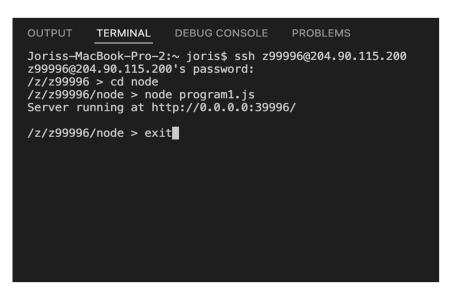
Type in the IBM Z Xplore IP address followed by ":" and your port number to navigate to **your** webserver.

This will open the website running in your Node.js web-server and should look similar to the screenshot above.

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7 STOP YOUR SERVER

To validate you have successfully completed this challenge, start running your node application, and then submit the **CHKNODE1** job from **ZXP.PUBLIC.JCL**



The validation process should cause your application to end; if your application is not active when you submit CHKNODE1, the validation will fail.

Type exit and press enter to end your SSH session.

Nice job - let's recap	Next up
You just built your own web-server, responding as a simple website showing some text. You have customized the URL with your unique port number and used a terminal session to connect to IBM Z Xplore and run your program.	Find some other cool challenges on the IBM Z Xplore Extended channel
This the kind of thing that launched the internet!	