

## Why Node.JS for a Backend - Part 2

- **Pros**

- Non-blocking API
- high performance servers
- when combined with a Document DB such as MongoDB and JSON offers:
  - JS on the client
  - JS on the server
  - JS on the DB
- Perfect for SPAs

- **Cons**

- Not matured enough as Java or PHP
- rapid changes of versions and packages
- unhandled errors will shutdown the server

- **Apps appropriate for Node.JS**

- apps involving a lot of I/O
- real time chat servers
- web servers
- rest servers
- streaming servers
- games

- **Bad choice for Node.JS**

- heavy CPU intensive apps