

Comp 324/424 - Client-side Web Design - Slides

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Final Assessment

- working final app
 - **NO** content management systems (CMSs) such as Drupal, Joomla, WordPress...
 - **NO** PHP, Python, Ruby, C# & .Net, Go, XML...
 - **NO** CSS frameworks, such as Bootstrap, Foundation, Materialize...
- presentation and demo - live working app...
 - due on Monday 23rd April 2018 @ 4.15pm
 - show and explain implemented differences from DEV week project
 - where and why did you update the app?
 - benefits of updates?
- how did you respond to peer review?
- final report
 - due on Monday 30th April 2018 @ 4.15pm

Final report

- Final Report Outline

HTML5, CSS, & JS - example - part 19

working with Flickr API - update travel notes JS

- room for improvement, updates, abstraction, and general refactoring of the existing code
- return to this issue when we consider refactoring the code in general
 - *there are still a few simple features we need to add*
- for example,
 - *add images to the `.contextual-output` section, resize `.note-output` section*
 - *moves focus to the current images*
 - *check loading progress of the notes and images*
 - *show feedback to the user*
 - *need to output a title for the images*
 - *set using the search query*

HTML5, CSS, & JS - example - part 20

working with Flickr API - modify travel notes JS

- first modification is to resize the `.notes-output`
 - *create more space for the images*
 - *gently shift focus to the new images*
- update existing `.createImage()` function in the `contextual.js` file

```
//manage new image output
function createImage(data) {
  ...
  if (checkVisible($(".contextual-output img")) === true) {
    $(".note-output").removeClass("col-12");
    $(".note-output").addClass("col-4");
    $(".contextual-output").fadeIn("slow");
  }
  ...
}
```

- add check to ensure images are not visible in the DOM
- remove current class from `.note-output` section
 - *12 column class for the grid*
- add new grid class to resize `.note-output` to 4 columns
 - *then fade in the `.contextual-output` class*
 - *set in the app's HTML to a class of `.col-8`*

HTML5, CSS, & JS - example - part 2I

working with Flickr API - modify travel notes JS

- next modification is some initial error handling
 - *checking for an empty array of images from the returned Flickr JSON*
- check `processImages ()` function for an empty array of image items

```
...  
  
if (response.items.length === 0) {  
    var img = "";  
    createImage(img);  
} else {  
    //return images from items array...  
}  
  
...
```

- checks images in the items array for the promise object
- if not, send an empty variable as a parameter to our `createImage ()` function

HTML5, CSS, & JS - example - part 22

working with Flickr API - modify travel notes JS

- check for empty value in `createImage()` function
 - *handle the simple errors as follows*

```
if (data !== "") {  
  //create each image element  
  var $img = $('<img class="flex-img">').attr("src", data);  
  //add image  
  img_output = $img;  
} else {  
  var $img_error = $('<p class="flex-item error">').html("No images available...");  
  //add error  
  img_output = $img_error;  
}
```

- we've abstracted the return variable for the image output
 - *can hold either the image or the error output...*
- add a check to see whether the `.contextual-output` section is visible or not
- modify the column class for the `.note-output` section
- then append our image output
- then show the `.contextual-output` section within the app
- DEMO - travel notes & Flickr

Image - HTML5, CSS, & JS - Travel Notes & Flickr

travel notes

record notes from various places visited...

menu...

search...

add note

search flickr

Curral das Freiras is a civil parish in the municipality of Câmara de Lobos in the Portuguese archipelago of Madeira. The population in 2011 was 2,001, in an area of 25.03 km². It is situated in the mountainous interior of the island.

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No images available. Please try a different search.

app's copyright information, additional links...

Travel Notes & Flickr - error checking

HTML5, CSS, & JS - example - part 23

working with Flickr API - modify travel notes JS

- continue to modify and build our Travel Notes app
- add some metadata for the returned images
 - using the title and link from the search query response
- add initial metadata output in the contextual.js file
 - modify the *processImages ()* function
 - metadata from Flickr JSON response in the deferred promise object

```
...  
//create object for search metadata  
var search_meta = {title:response.title, link:response.link};  
...
```

- then pass this to a new function, called *metaOutput ()*

```
//prepare and render metadata for returned search...  
function metaOutput(data) {  
  if (data !== "") {  
    //search metadata from response  
    var search_title = data.title;  
    var search_link = data.link;  
    //build heading output for metadata heading  
    var metaHeading = '<h6>'+search_title+' | <a href="'+search_link+'">Flickr</a></h6>';  
    //render metadata to contextual-output  
    $(".contextual-output").prepend(metaHeading);  
  }  
}
```

- DEMO - travel notes & Flickr - initial metadata

Image - HTML5, CSS, & JS - Travel Notes & Flickr

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Recent Uploads tagged curraldasfreiras | Flickr



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Travel Notes & Flickr - initial metadata

HTML5, CSS, & JS - example - part 24

travel notes - basic refactoring of JS

- as we continue to add features and modify existing code
 - may start to see unnecessary repetition and function calls in the code
- eg: initial error handling for our contextual images
 - `createImage()` function is being called in the `processImages()` function
 - called regardless of returned image data
- `createImage()` is being used unnecessarily to manage the error handling
- move check to `processImages()` function
 - then call function to render necessary error message

```
function outputError(message) {  
  var $img_error = $('<p class="flex-item error">').html(message);  
  //check for visible contextual-output - if not visible  
  if (checkVisible($(".contextual-output")) === true) {  
    $(".note-output").removeClass("col-12");  
    $(".note-output").addClass("col-4");  
  }  
  //append output to DOM  
  $(".contextual-output").append($img_error);  
  //fade in contextual-output with appended results  
  $(".contextual-output").fadeIn("slow");  
}
```

HTML5, CSS, & JS - example - part 25

travel notes - basic refactoring of JS

- updated `processImages ()` function can call `.outputError ()` function as needed

```
...
if (response.items.length !== 0) {
  //logic to add metadata and each image...
}
else {
  var img_error = "No images available - please try a different search.";
  outputError(img_error);
}
...
```

- use this function to output error messages for any type of contextual data
- also remove some unnecessary replication of code
 - by adding a simple function to change an element's class

```
//modify element class - from, to
function changeClass(element, size1, size2) {
  $(element).removeClass(size1);
  $(element).addClass(size2);
}
```

- resize a class, for example to modify our grid output
 - call this function - pass the selector to update, original class to remove, and new class to add

HTML5, CSS, & JS - example - part 26

working with Flickr API - modify travel notes JS

- add a modification to check for the image loading and the notes
 - *offer status feedback to the user*

```
//add initial loader spinner for ajax...  
$(".contextual-output").html('');
```

- remove it when the deferred promise object has returned

```
//remove ajax spinner  
$(".spinner").remove();
```

- DEMO - travel notes & Flickr - spinner

Image - HTML5, CSS, & JS - Travel Notes & Flickr

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JS Server-side considerations - save data

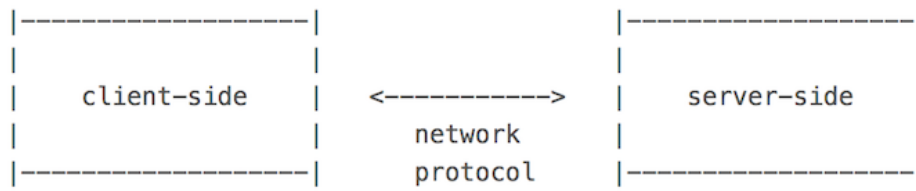
save JSON in travel notes app

- need to be able to save our simple notes
- now load from a JSON file as the app starts
 - *also we can add new notes, delete existing notes...*
- not as simple as writing to our existing JSON file direct from JS
 - *security implications if that was permitted directly from the browser*
- need to consider a few server-side options
- could use a combination of PHP on the server-side
 - *with AJAX jQuery on the client-side*
 - *traditional option with a simple ajax post to a PHP file on the server-side*
- consider JavaScript options on the client and server-side
- brief overview of working with **Node.js**

Server-side considerations - intro

- normally define computer programs as either client-side or server-side programs
- server-side programs normally abstract a resource over a network
 - *enabling many client-side programs to access at the same time*
 - *a common example is file requests and transfers*
- we can think of the client as the web browser
- a web server as the remote machine abstracting resources
- abstracts them via **hypertext transfer protocol**
 - *HTTP for short*
- designed to help with the transfer of HTML documents
 - *HTTP now used as an abstracted wrapper for many different types of resources*
 - *may include documents, media, databases...*

Image - Client-side and server-side computing



client-side & server-side

Server-side considerations - Node.js

intro - what is Node.js?

- Node.js is, in essence, a JavaScript runtime environment
 - *designed to be run outside of the browser*
- designed as a general purpose utility
- can be used for many different tasks including
 - *asset compilation*
 - *monitoring*
 - *scripting*
 - *web servers*
- with Node.js, role of JS is changing
 - *moving from client-side to a support role in back-end development*

Server-side considerations - Node.js

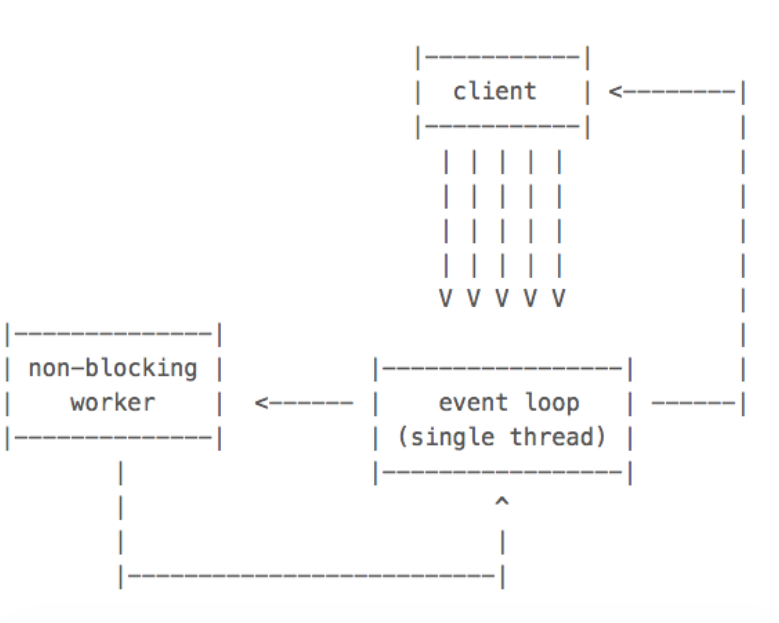
intro - speed of Node.js

- a key advantage touted for Node.js is its speed
- many companies have noted the performance benefits of implementing Node.js
 - *including PayPal, Walmart, LinkedIn...*
- a primary reason for this speed boost is the underlying architecture of Node.js
- Node.js uses an **event-based** architecture
- instead of a threading model popular in compiled languages
- Node.js uses a single event thread by default
- all I/O is asynchronous

Server-side considerations - Node.js

intro - conceptual model for processing in Node.js

- how does Node.js, and its underlying processing model, actually work?
- client sends a hypertext transfer protocol, HTTP, request
 - *request or requests sent to Node.js server*
- event loop is then informed by the host OS
 - *passes applicable request and response objects as JavaScript closures*
 - *passed to associated worker functions with callbacks*
- long running jobs continue to run on various assigned worker threads
- responses are sent from the non-blocking workers back to the main event loop
 - *returned via a callback*
- event loop returns any results back to the client
 - *effectively when they're ready*



Node.js - conceptual model for processing

Server-side considerations - Node.js

intro - threaded architecture

- concurrency allows multiple things to happen at the same time
- common practice on servers due to the nature of multiple user queries
- Java, for example, will create a new thread on each connection
 - *threading is inherently resource expensive*
- size of a thread is normally around 4MB of memory
- naturally limits the number of threads that can run at the same time
- also inherently more complicated to develop platforms that are thread-safe
 - *thereby allowing for such functionality*
- due to this complexity
 - *many languages, eg: Ruby, Python, and PHP, do not have threads that allow for real concurrency*
 - *without custom binaries*
- JavaScript is similarly single-threaded
 - *able to run multiple code paths in parallel due to **events***

Server-side considerations - Node.js

intro - event-driven architecture

- JavaScript originally designed to work within the confines of the web browser
- had to handle restrictive nature of a single thread and single process for the whole page
- synchronous blocking in code would lock up a web page from all actions
 - *JavaScript was built with this in mind*
- due to this style of I/O handling
 - *Node.js is able to handle millions of concurrent requests on a single process*
- added, using libraries, to many other existing languages
 - *Akka for Java*
 - *EventMachine for Ruby*
 - *Twisted for Python*
 - ...
- JavaScript syntax already assumes events through its use of callbacks
- **NB:** if a query etc is CPU intensive instead of I/O intensive
 - *thread will be tied up*
 - *everything will be blocked as it waits for it to finish*

Server-side considerations - Node.js

intro - callbacks

- in most languages
 - *send an I/O query & wait until result is returned*
 - *wait before you can continue your code procedure*
- for example, submit a query to a database for a user ID
 - *server will pause that thread/process until database returns result for ID query*
- in JS, this concept is rarely implemented as standard
- in JS, more common to pass the I/O call a **callback**
- in JS, this **callback** will need to run when task is completed
 - *eg: find a user ID and then do something, such as output to a HTML element*
- biggest difference in these approaches
 - *whilst the database is fetching the user ID query*
 - *thread is free to do whatever else might be useful*
 - *eg: accept another web request, listen to a different event...*
- this is one of the reasons that Node.js returns good benchmarks and is easily scaled
- **NB:** makes Node.js well suited for I/O heavy and intensive scenarios

Server-side considerations - Node.js

install Node.js

- a number of different ways to install **Node.js**, **npm**, and the lightweight, customisable web framework **Express**
- run and test Node.js on a local Mac OS X or Windows machine
- download and install a package from the following URL
 - *Node.js - download*
- install the Node module, **Express**
- Express is a framework for web applications built upon Node.js
 - *minimal, flexible, & easily customised server*
- use *npm* to install the Express module

```
npm install -g express
```

- `-g` option sets a global flag for Express instead of limited local install
- installs Express command line tool
 - *allows us to start building our basic web application*
- now also necessary to install Express application generator

```
npm install -g express-generator
```

Server-side considerations - Node.js

NPM - intro

- **npm** is a package manager for Node.js
- Developers can use **npm** to share and reuse modules in Node.js applications
- **npm** can also be used to share complete Node.js applications
- example modules might include
 - *Markup, YAML etc parsers*
 - *database connectors*
 - *Express server*
 - ...
- **npm** is included with the default installers available at the Node.js website
- test whether **npm** is installed, simply issue the following command

```
npm
```

- should output some helpful information if **npm** is currently installed
- **NB:** on a Unix system, such as OS X or Linux
 - *best to avoid installing **npm** modules with `sudo` privileges*

Server-side considerations - Node.js

NPM - installing modules

- install existing **npm** modules, use the following type of command

```
npm install express
```

- this command installs module named `express` in the current directory
- it will act as a local installation within the current directory
- installing in a folder called `node_modules`
 - *this is the default behaviour for current installs*
- we can also specify a global install for modules
 - eg: we may wish to install the **express** module with global scope

```
npm install -g express
```

- again, the `-g` flag specifies the required global install

Server-side considerations - Node.js

NPM - importing modules

- import, or effectively add, modules in our Node.js code
 - *use the following declaration*

```
var module = require('express');
```

- when we run this application
 - *Node.js looks for the required module library and its source code*

Server-side considerations - Node.js

NPM - finding modules

- official online search tool for **npm** can be found at
 - *npmjs*
- top packages include options such as
 - *browserify*
 - *express*
 - *grunt*
 - *bower*
 - *karma*
 - ...
- also search for Node modules directly
 - *search from the command line using the following command*

```
npm search express
```

- returns results for module names and descriptions

Server-side considerations - Node.js

NPM - specifying dependencies

- ease Node.js app installation
 - *specify any required dependencies in an associated `package.json` file*
- allows us as developers to specify modules to install for our application
 - *which can then be run using the following command*

```
npm install
```

- helps reduce the need to install each module individually
- helps other users install an application as quickly as possible
- our application's dependencies are stored in one place
- example `package.json`

```
{
  "name": "app",
  "version": "0.0.1",
  "dependencies": {
    "express": "4.2.x",
    "underscore": "~1.2.1"
  }
}
```

Server-side considerations - Node.js

initial Express usage

- now use Express to start building our initial basic web application
- Express creates a basic shell for our web application
 - *cd to working directory and use the following command*

```
express /node/test-project
```

- command makes a new directory
 - *populates with required basic web application directories and files*
- cd to this directory and install any required dependencies,

```
npm install
```

- then run our new app,

```
npm start
```

- or run and monitor our app,

```
nodemon start
```

Server-side considerations - Node.js

initial Express server - setup

- we've now tested **npm**, and installed our first module with **Express**
- test **Express**, and build our first, simple server
- initial directory structure

```
| - .  
  | - 424-node  
    | - node_modules
```

- need to do is create a JS file to store our server code, so we'll add `server.js`

```
| - .  
  | - 424-node  
    | - node_modules  
    | - server.js
```

- start adding our Node.js code to create a simple server

Server-side considerations - Node.js

initial Express server - server.js - part I

- add some initial code to get our server up and running

```
/* a simple Express server for Node.js*/
var express = require("express"),
    http = require("http"),
    appTest;

// create our server - listen on port 3030
appTest = express();
http.createServer(appTest).listen(3030);

// set up routes
appTest.get("/test", function(req, res) {
  res.send("welcome to the 424 test app.");
});
```

- then start and test this server as follows at the command line

```
node server.js
```

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initial Express server - server.js - part 2

- open our web browser, and use the following URL

```
http://localhost:3030
```

- this is the route of our new server
 - to get our newly created route use the following URL

```
http://localhost:3030/test
```

- this will now return our specified route, and output message
- update our `server.js` file to support root directory level routes

```
appTest.get("/", function(req, res) {  
  res.send("Welcome to the 424 server.")  
});
```

- now load our server at the root URL

```
http://localhost:3030
```

- stop server from command line using CTRL and c

Server-side considerations - Node.js

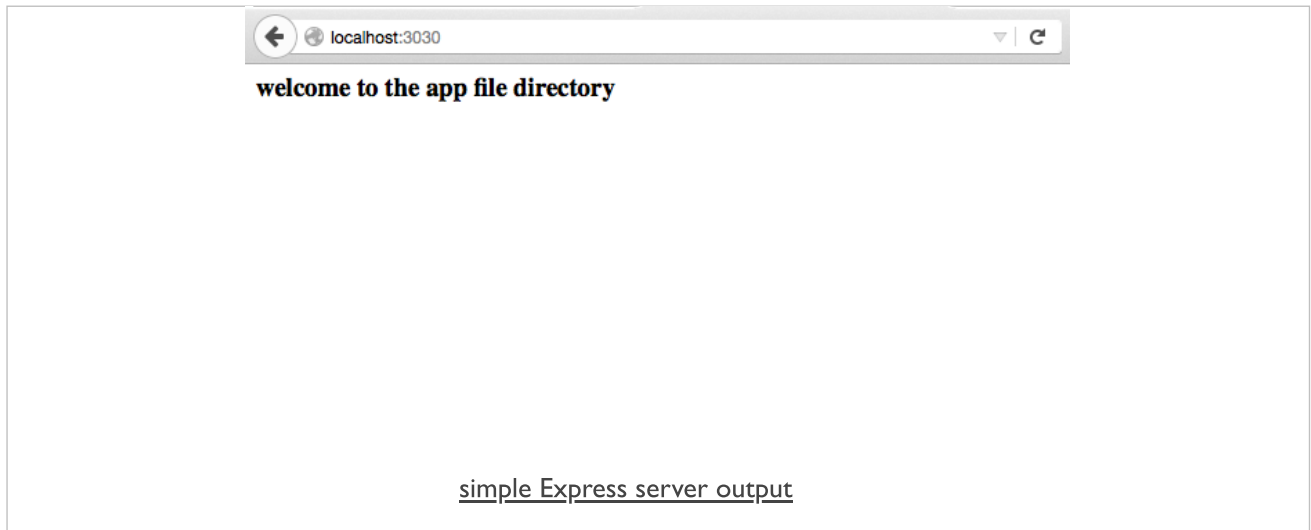
initial Express server - server.js - part 3

- currently, initial Express server is managing some static routes for loading content
 - *we simply tell the server how to react when a given route is requested*
- what if we now want to serve some HTML pages?
 - *Express allows us to set up routes for static files*

```
//set up static file directory - default route for server  
appTest.use(express.static(__dirname + "/app"));
```

- now defining Express as a static file server
 - *enabling us to publish our HTML, CSS, and JS files*
 - *published from our default directory, /app*
- if requested file not available
 - *server will check other available routes*
 - *or report error to browser if nothing found*
- DEMO - 424-node

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Server-side considerations - Node.js

working with data - JSON

- let us now work our way through a basic Node.js app
- serve our JSON, then read and load from a standard web app
- create our initial `server.js` file

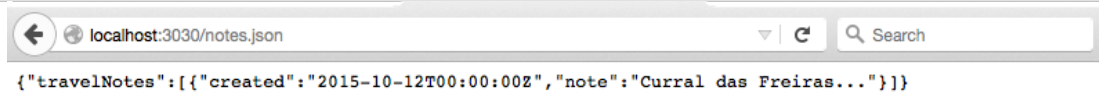
```
var express = require('express'),
    http = require("http"),
    jsonApp = express(),
    notes = {
      "travelNotes": [{
        "created": "2015-10-12T00:00:00Z",
        "note": "Curral das Freiras..."
      }]
    };

jsonApp.use(express.static(__dirname + "/app"));

http.createServer(jsonApp).listen(3030);

//json route
jsonApp.get("notes.json", function(req, res) {
  res.json(notes);
});
```

Image - Client-side and server-side computing



simple Express JSON route output

Server-side considerations - Node.js

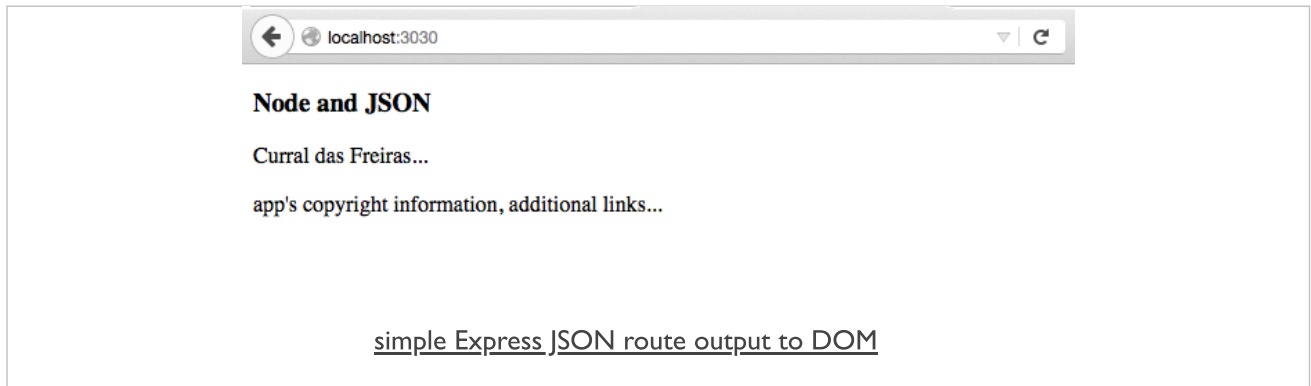
working with data - JSON

- now have our get routes setup for JSON
- now add some client-side logic to read that route
- render to the browser
- same basic patterns we've seen before
 - using jQuery's `.getJSON()` function

```
...  
$.getJSON("notes.json", function (response) {  
  console.log("response = "+response.toSource());  
  buildNote(response);  
})  
...
```

- response object from our JSON
 - *this time from the server and not a file or API*
- use our familiar functions to create and render each note
 - *call our normal `buildNote()` function*
- DEMO - 424-node-json |

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Server-side considerations - Node.js

working with data - *post* data

- we've seen examples that load JSON data
 - using jQuery's *.getJSON()* function
- now consider jQuery's *post* function
 - allow us to easily send JSON data to the server
 - simply called *post*
- begin our updates by creating a new route in our Express server
 - one that will handle the *post* route

```
jsonApp.post("/notes", function(req, res) {  
  //return simple JSON object  
  res.json({  
    "message": "post complete to server"  
  });  
});
```

Server-side considerations - Node.js

working with data - post data

- may look similar to our earlier `get` routes
 - *difference due to browser restrictions*
 - *can't simply request direct route using our browser*
 - *as we did with `get` routes*
- need to change JS we use for the client-side
 - *allows us to post new route*
 - *then enables view of the returned message*
- update our test app to store data on the server
 - *then initialise our client with this stored data*

Server-side considerations - Node.js

working with data - post data

- start with a simple check that the post route is working correctly
 - *add a button, submit a request to the post route, and then wait for the response*
 - *add event handler for a button*

```
$("#post").on("click", function() {  
  $.post("notes", {}, function (response) {  
    console.log("server post response returned..." + response.toSource());  
  })  
});
```

- submit a post request
 - *specify the route for the post to the Node.js server*
 - *then specify the data to post - an empty object in this example*
 - *the specify a callback for the server's response*
- test returns the following output to the browser's console,

```
server post response returned...({message:"post complete to server"})
```

Server-side considerations - Node.js

working with data - post data

- now send some data to the server
 - *add new note to our object*
- update the server to handle this incoming object
 - *process the submitted jQuery JSON into a JavaScript object*
 - *ready for use with the server*
- use the **Express** module's `body-parser` plugin
- update `server.js` as follows

```
//add body-parser for JSON parsing etc...
var bodyParser = require("body-parser");
...
//Express will parse incoming JSON objects
jsonApp.use(bodyParser.urlencoded({ extended: false }));
...
```

- as server receives new JSON object
 - *it will now parse, or process, this object*
 - *ensures it can be stored on the server for future use*

Server-side considerations - Node.js

working with data - post data

- now update our test button's event handler
 - send a new note as a JSON object
- note will retrieve its new content from the input field
 - gets the current time from the node server

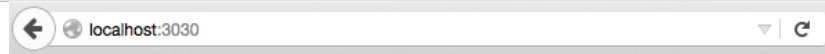
```
$(".note-input button").on("click", function() {  
  //get values for new note  
  var note_text = $(".note-input input").val();  
  var created = new Date();  
  //create new note  
  var newNote = {"created":created, "note":note_text};  
  //post new note to server  
  $.post("notes", newNote, function (response) {  
    console.log("server post response returned..." + response.toSource());  
  })  
});
```

- input field and button follow the same pattern as previous examples

```
<!-- note input -->  
<section class="note-input col-6">  
  <h5>add note</h5>  
  <input><button>add</button>  
</section>
```

- DEMO - 424-node-json2

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Node and JSON

add note

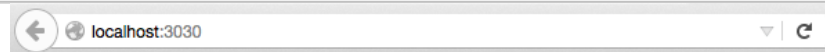
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Node.js and Express - post new note to server



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Node.js and Express - get new notes from server

Server-side considerations - data storage

intro

- tested Node.js, created a server for hosting our files and routes with ExpressJS
 - *read JSON from the server*
 - *updated our JSON on the server-side*
- works well as long as we do not need to restart, repair, update etc our server
- data lost with restart etc...
- need to consider a persistent data storage
 - *independent from the application*
- NoSQL options such as Redis and MongoDB
- integration with Node.js

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SQL or NoSQL

- common database usage and storage
 - *often thought solely in terms of SQL, or structured query language*
- SQL used to query data in a relational format
- relational databases, for example MySQL or PostgreSQL, store their data in tables
 - *provides a semblance of structure through rows and cells*
 - *easily cross-reference, or relate, rows across tables*
- a relational structure to map authors to books, players to teams...
 - *thereby dramatically reducing redundancy, required storage space...*
- improvement in storage capacities, access...
 - *led to shift in thinking, and database design in general*
- started to see introduction of non-relational databases
 - *often referred to simply as **NoSQL***
- with NoSQL DBs
 - *redundant data may be stored*
 - *such designs often provide increased ease of use for developers*
- some NoSQL examples for specific use cases
 - *eg: fast reading of data more efficient than writing*
 - *specialised DB designs*

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Redis - intro

- Redis provides an excellent example of NoSQL based data storage
- designed for fast access to frequently requested data
- improvement in performance often due to a reduction in perceived reliability
 - *due to in-memory storage instead of writing to a disk*
- able to flush data to disk
 - *performs this task at given points during uptime*
 - *for majority of cases considered an in-memory data store*
- stores this data in a **key-value** format
 - *similar in nature to standard object properties in JavaScript*
- Redis often a natural extension of conventional data structures
- Redis is a good option for quick access to data
 - *optionally caching temporary data for frequent access*

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Redis - installation

- On OS X, use the Homebrew package manager to install Redis

```
brew install redis
```

- Windows port maintained by the Microsoft Open Tech Group - Redis
 - or use Windows package manager - <https://chocolatey.org/>
- for Linux - download, extract, and compile Redis

```
$ wget http://download.redis.io/releases/redis-3.0.5.tar.gz
$ tar xzf redis-3.0.5.tar.gz
$ cd redis-3.0.5
$ make
```

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Redis - server and CLI

- start the Redis server with the following command,

```
redis-server
```

- interact with our new server directly using the CLI tool,

```
redis-cli
```

- store some data in Redis using the set command
 - *create a new key for `notes`, and then set its value to 0*
 - *if value is set, Redis returns `OK`*

```
set notes 0
```

- retrieve a value using the get command
 - *returns our set value of 0*

```
get notes
```

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```
Drs-MacBook-Air-2:~ ancientlives$ redis-cli
127.0.0.1:6379> set notes 0
OK
127.0.0.1:6379> get notes
"0"
127.0.0.1:6379> █
```

Redis CLI - set and get

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Redis - server and CLI

- also manipulate existing values for a given key
 - eg: *increment and decrement a value, or simply delete a key*
- increment key notes value by 1

```
incr notes
```

- decrement key notes value by 1

```
decr notes
```

- we can then increment or decrement by a specified amount

```
// increment by 10
incrby notes 10
// decrement by 5
decrby notes 5
```

- delete our key

```
// single key deletion
del notes
// multiple keys deletion
del notes notes2 notes3
```

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127.0.0.1:6379> incr notes
(integer) 1
127.0.0.1:6379> incr notes
(integer) 2
127.0.0.1:6379> get notes
"2"
127.0.0.1:6379> decr notes
(integer) 1
127.0.0.1:6379> get notes
"1"
127.0.0.1:6379> incrby notes 10
(integer) 11
127.0.0.1:6379> get notes
"11"
127.0.0.1:6379> decrby notes 5
(integer) 6
127.0.0.1:6379> get notes
"6"
```

Redis CLI - increment and decrement

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Redis and Node.js setup

- test Redis with our Node.js app
- new test app called 424-node-redis1

```
| - 424-node-redis1  
  | - app  
    | - assets  
  | - node_modules  
  | - package.json  
  | - server.js
```

- create new file, `package.json` to track project
 - eg: *dependencies, name, description, version...*

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Redis and Node.js - package.json

```
{
  "name": "424-node-redis1",
  "version": "1.0.0",
  "description": "test app for node and redis",
  "main": "server.js",
  "dependencies": {
    "body-parser": "^1.14.1",
    "express": "^4.13.3",
    "redis": "^2.3.0"
  },
  "author": "ancientlives",
  "license": "ISC"
}
```

- we can write the `package.json` file ourselves or use the interactive option

```
npm init
```

- then add extra dependencies, eg: Redis, using

```
npm install redis --save
```

- use `package.json` to help with app management and abstraction...

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Redis and Node.js - set notes value

- add Redis to our earlier test app
- import and use Redis in the `server.js` file

```
...  
var express = require("express"),  
    http = require("http"),  
    bodyParser = require("body-parser"),  
    jsonApp = express(),  
    redis = require("redis");  
...
```

- create client to connect to Redis from Node.js

```
//create client to connect to Redis  
redisConnect = redis.createClient();
```

- then use Redis, for example, to store access total for notes on server

```
redisConnect.incr("notes");
```

- check Redis command line for change in notes value

```
get notes
```

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Redis and Node.js - get notes value

- now set the counter value for our notes
 - *add our counter to the application to record access count for notes*
- use the get command with Redis to retrieve the incremented values for the notes key

```
redisConnect.get("notes", function(error, notesCounter) {  
  //set counter to int of value in Redis or start at 0  
  notesTotal.notes = parseInt(notesCounter,10) || 0;  
});
```

- get accepts two parameters - error and return value
- Redis stores values and strings
 - *convert string to integer using `parseInt()`*
 - *two parameters - return value and `base-10` value of the specified number*
- value is now being stored in a global variable `notesTotal`
 - *declared in `server.js`*

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var express = require("express"),  
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```

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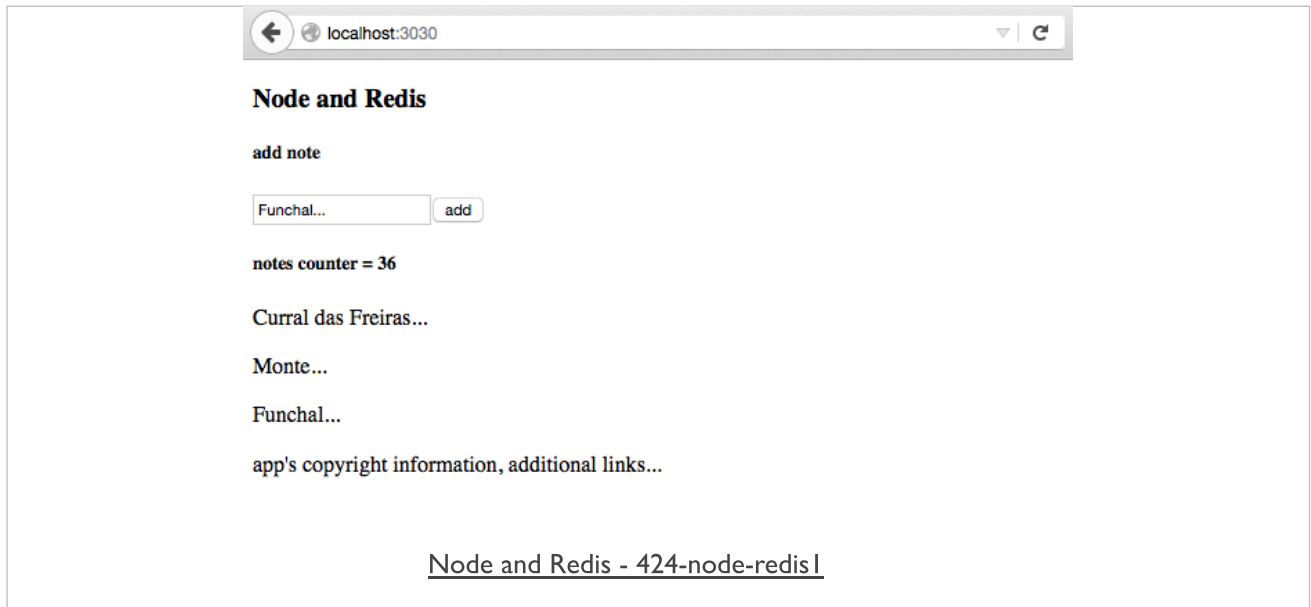
Redis and Node.js - get notes value

- store notes counter value in Redis
- create new route in `server.js`
 - *monitor the returned JSON for the counter*

```
//json get route
jsonApp.get("/notesTotal.json", function(req, res) {
  res.json(notesTotal);
});
```

- start using it with our application
 - *load by default, within event handler...*
- render to DOM
- store as a internal log record
- link to create note event handler...
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MongoDB - intro

- MongoDB is another example of a NoSQL based data store
 - *a database that enables us to store our data on disk*
- unlike MySQL, for example, it is not in a relational format
- MongoDB is best characterised as a **document-oriented** database
- conceptually may be considered as storing objects in collections
- stores its data using the BSON format
 - *consider similar to JSON*
 - *use JavaScript for working with MongoDB*

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MongoDB - document oriented

- SQL database, data is stored in tables and rows
- MongoDB, by contrast, uses **collections** and **documents**
- comparison often made between a collection and a table
- **NB:** a document is quite different from a table
- a document can contain a lot more data than a table
- a noted concern with this document approach is duplication of data
- one of the trade-offs between NoSQL (MongoDB) and SQL
- SQL - goal of data structuring is to normalise as much as possible
- thereby avoiding duplicated information
- NoSQL (MongoDB) - provision a data store, as easy as possible for the application to use

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MongoDB - BSON

- BSON is the format used by MongoDB to store its data
- effectively, JSON stored as binary with a few notable differences
 - eg: *ObjectId* values - data type used in MongoDB to uniquely identify documents
 - created automatically on each document in the database
 - often considered as analogous to a primary key in a SQL database
- *ObjectId* is a large pseudo-random number
- for nearly all practical occurrences, assume number will be unique
- might cease to be unique if server can't keep pace with number generation...
- other interesting aspect of *ObjectId*
 - they are *partially* based on a timestamp
 - helps us determine when they were created

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MongoDB - general hierarchy of data

- in general, MongoDB has a three tiered data hierarchy

1. database

- *normally one database per app*
- *possible to have multiple per server*
- *same basic role as DB in SQL*

2. collection

- *a grouping of similar pieces of data*
- *documents in a collection*
- *name is usually a noun*
- *resembles in concept a table in SQL*
- *documents do not require the same schema*

3. document

- *a single item in the database*
- *data structure of field and value pairs*
- *similar to objects in JSON*
- *eg: an individual user record*

Demos

Travel notes app - series 4

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- DEMO 5 - Travel Notes & Flickr - spinner

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