

1. Installing Express framework: <https://www.npmjs.com/package/express>
2. Create a new folder named express-demo
3. Open the folder in Visual Studio Code
4. Generate **package.json** file

```
D:\NODEJS\WebServerandExpressJSApplication>npm init --yes
wrote to D:\NODEJS\WebServerandExpressJSApplication\package.json:

{
  "name": "WebServerandExpressJSApplication",
  "version": "1.0.0",
  "description": "",
  "main": "index.js",
  "scripts": {
    "test": "echo \"Error: no test specified\" && exit 1"
  },
  "keywords": [],
  "author": "",
  "license": "ISC"
}
```

5. Install Express using command: **npm install express**

Building Web Server

1. Create a file named **index.js** in the application
2. Load the express module and instantiate object to handle HTTP request from the client application

```
// express module returns a function express
// express() is a top-level function exported by the express module
const express = require('express');

// invoke the function that returns an objectx
const app = express()
```

3. Register the port for express to listen requests.

```
// listen on export
app.listen(3000, () => {
  console.log('Listening on port 3000...');
});
```

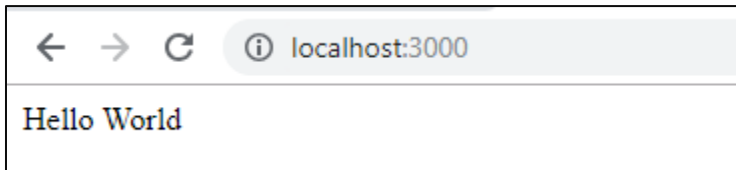
4. Write the handler for the HTTP GET request on URL '/'

5.

```
// app object has useful methods such as get(), post(), put(), delete()
// get(path or url, callback)
// callback function acts like a route handler
app.get('/', (req, res) => {
  res.send('Hello World');
});
```

6. Run index.js: **node index.js**

```
D:\NODEJS\WebServerandExpressJSApplication>node index.js
Listening on port 3000...
```



7.

8. Add another get request for the url – **‘/api/customers’** and return an array of customers back in the response

Environment Variables

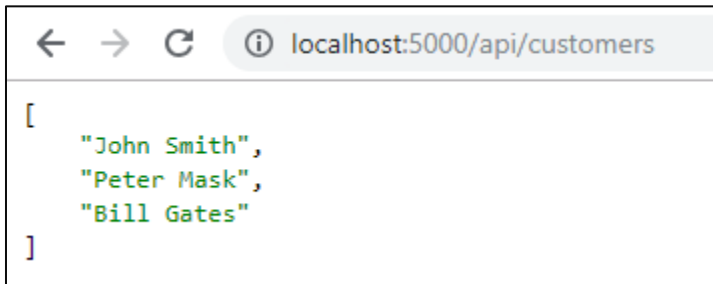
1. Set the PORT environment variable to set the port dynamically.

```
// to set the port dynamically
const port = process.env.port || 3000;
app.listen(port, () => {
  console.log(`Listening on port ${port}...`);
});
```

2. Now, on command prompt, we need to set an environment variable PORT using **set** command

```
D:\NODEJS\WebServerandExpressJSApplication>set PORT=5000
D:\NODEJS\WebServerandExpressJSApplication>nodemon index.js
[nodemon] 1.18.5
[nodemon] to restart at any time, enter `rs`
[nodemon] watching: *.*
[nodemon] starting `node index.js`
Listening on port 5000...
```

3. Execute URL on 5000 in the Web browser



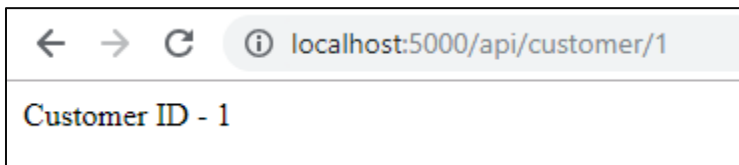
```
[
  "John Smith",
  "Peter Mask",
  "Bill Gates"
]
```

Route Parameters

1. Add the get with the route: `/api/customer/:id`

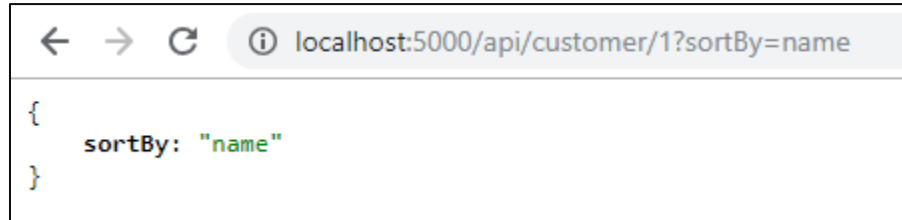
```
app.get('/api/customer/:id', (req, res) =>{
  // to read the parameter use params property in request object
  res.send('Customer ID - ' + req.params.id);
  res.end();
});
```

2. Check in browser



```
Customer ID - 1
```

3. Send multiple parameters in the GET request
4. Pass the query parameters to the request



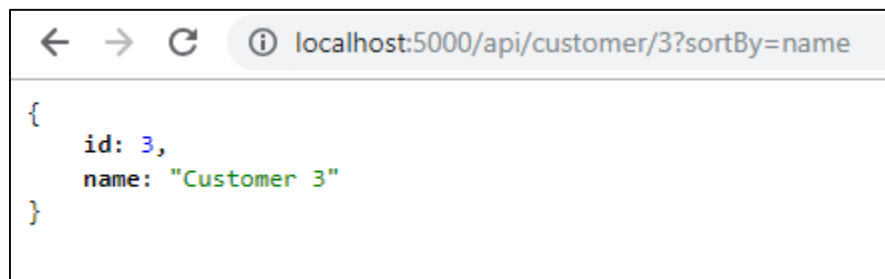
Search Based on Customer ID

1. Add customer array with few customer objects

```
const customers = [
  {id: 1, name: 'Customer 1'},
  {id: 2, name: 'Customer 2'},
  {id: 3, name: 'Customer 3'},
];

app.get('/api/customer/:id', (req, res) =>{
  let customer = customers.find(c => c.id ===
    parseInt(req.params.id));
  res.send(customer);
});
```

2. Check in browser



Post Request

1. In `index.js`, use middleware to use json object

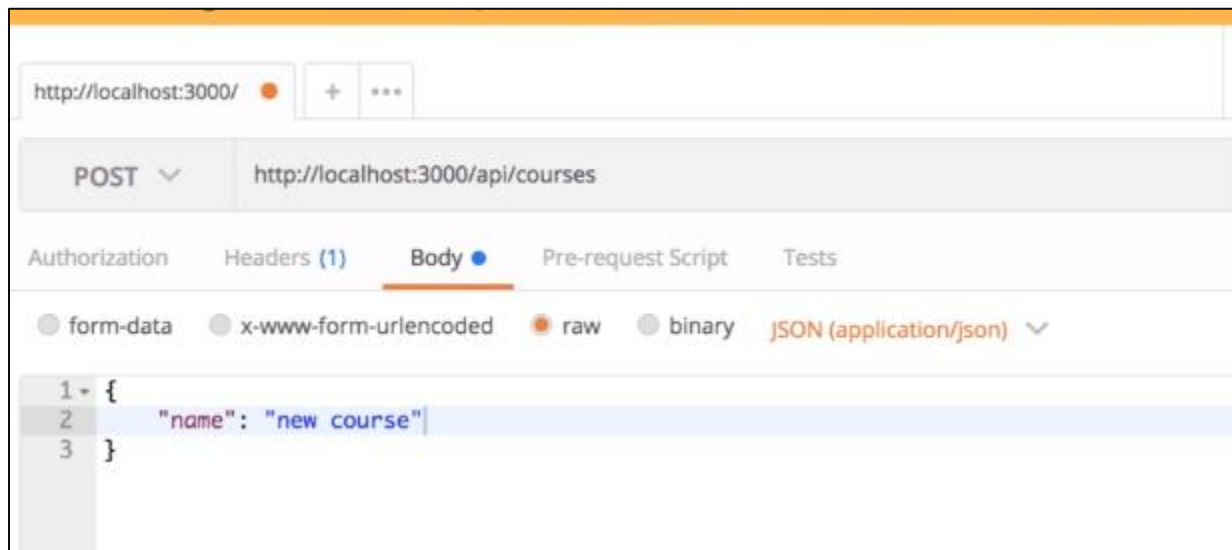
```
// Add a middleware
app.use(express.json());
```

Add

2. Add the post request to create a new customer resource on the server

```
// post request
app.post('/api/customer', (req, res) => {
  const customer = {
    id: customers.length + 1,
    name: req.body.name
  };
  customers.push(customer);
  res.send(customer);
});
```

3. Use postman client to check the post request



Input Validation

1. Input data needs to be validated before the server syncs up the data in the services.
2. To achieve this:

```
// post request
app.post('/api/customer', (req, res) => {

  if(!req.body.name || req.name.length < 3)
  {
    // 400 Bad request
    res.status(400).send('Name is required and length needs to be greater than 3');
    return;
  }
  const customer ={
    id: customers.length + 1,
    name: req.body.name
  };
  customers.push(customer);
  res.send(customer);
});
```

3. Use joi module - Object schema description language and validator for JavaScript objects.
4. Command: npm i joi

```
// joi module returns a class
const Joi = require('joi');
```

```
app.post('/api/courses', (req, res) => {
  const schema = {
    name: Joi.string().min(3).required()
  };

  Joi.validate(req.body, schema);

  if (!req.body.name || req.body.name.length < 3) {
    // 400 Bad Request
    res.status(400).send('Name is required and should be minimum 3 characters');
    return;
  }
}
```

Now, if we pass an empty object from client, then server throws validation exception on console.

To handle error using validator:

```
app.post('/api/courses', (req, res) => {
  const schema = {
    name: Joi.string().min(3).required()
  };

  const result = Joi.validate(req.body, schema);
  if (result.error) {
    res.status(400).send(result.error);
    return;
  }

  const course = {
    id: courses.length + 1,
    name: req.body.name
  };
  courses.push(course);
});
```

PUT Request

```
app.put('/api/courses/:id', (req, res) => {
  // Look up the course
  // If not existing, return 404 |

  // Validate
  // If invalid, return 400 - Bad request

  // Update course
  // Return the updated course
});
```

