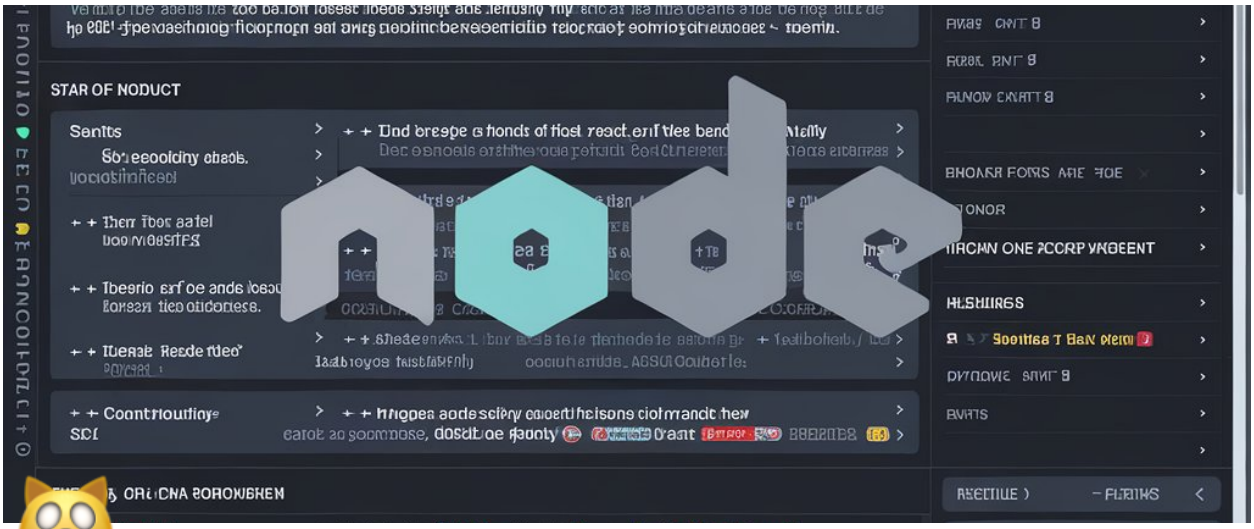

Episode 5: Diving into the NodeJS Github repo.

In this episode, we'll explore how modules actually work behind the scenes. We'll dive into how modules load into a page and how Node.js handles multiple modules, focusing on a deep dive into the `module.exports` and `require` functions

Behind the scenes

In JavaScript, when you create a function...

```
function x () {
const a = 10;
function b () {
console.log("b");
}
```

```
}

Will you be able to access this value? no
console.log(a);

//op - a is not defined
```

Q: if u execute this code, will you be able to access it outside the function?
A:

You cannot access `a` value outside the function `x` because it is defined within the function's scope. Each function creates its own scope, so variables inside a function are not accessible from outside that function.

To learn more about scope, check out this video: Understanding Scope in JavaScript.

- **imp concept** 🧐

- Modules in Node.js work similarly to function scopes. When you require a file, Node.js wraps the code from that file inside a function. This means that all variables and functions in the module are contained within that function's scope and cannot be accessed from outside the module unless explicitly exported.

- To expose variables or functions to other modules, you use `module.exports`. This allows you to export specific elements from the module, making them accessible when required elsewhere in your application.

- All the code of a module is wrapped inside a function when you call `require`. This function is not a regular function; it's a special type known as an IIFE (Immediately Invoked Function Expression). Here's how it works:

```
(function () {
    // All the code of the module runs inside here
})();
```

In this pattern, you create a function and then immediately invoke it. This is different from a normal function in JavaScript, which is defined and then called separately:

```
function x() {}
x();
```

In Node.js, before passing the code to the V8 engine, it wraps the module code inside an IIFE. The purpose of IIFE is to:

1. **Immediately Invoke Code:** The function runs as soon as it is defined.
2. **Keep Variables and Functions Private:** By encapsulating the code within the IIFE, it prevents variables and functions from interfering with other parts of the code. This ensures that the code within the IIFE remains independent and private.

Using IIFE solves multiple problems by providing scope isolation and immediate execution.

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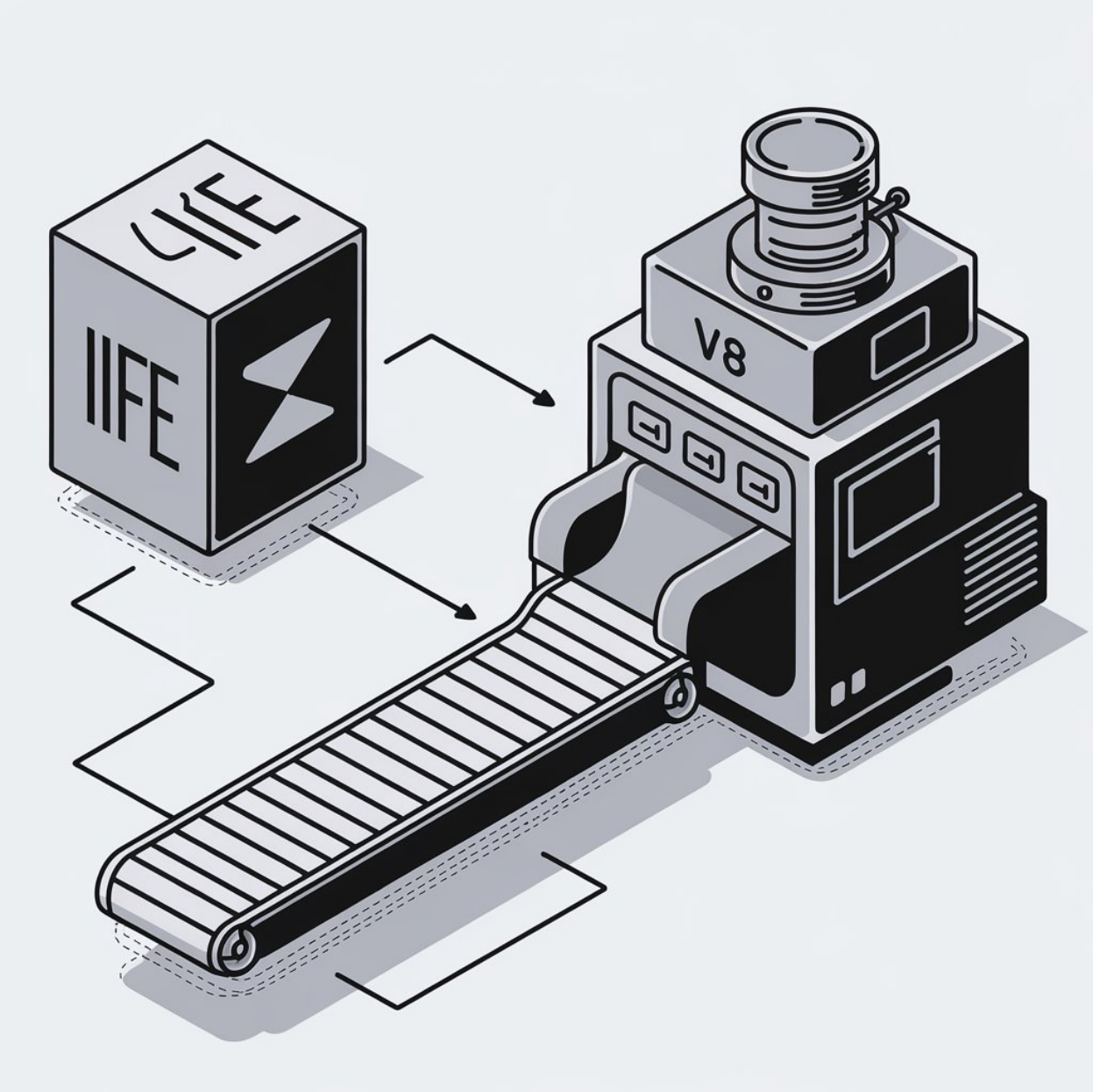
Q1: How are variables and functions private in different modules?

A:

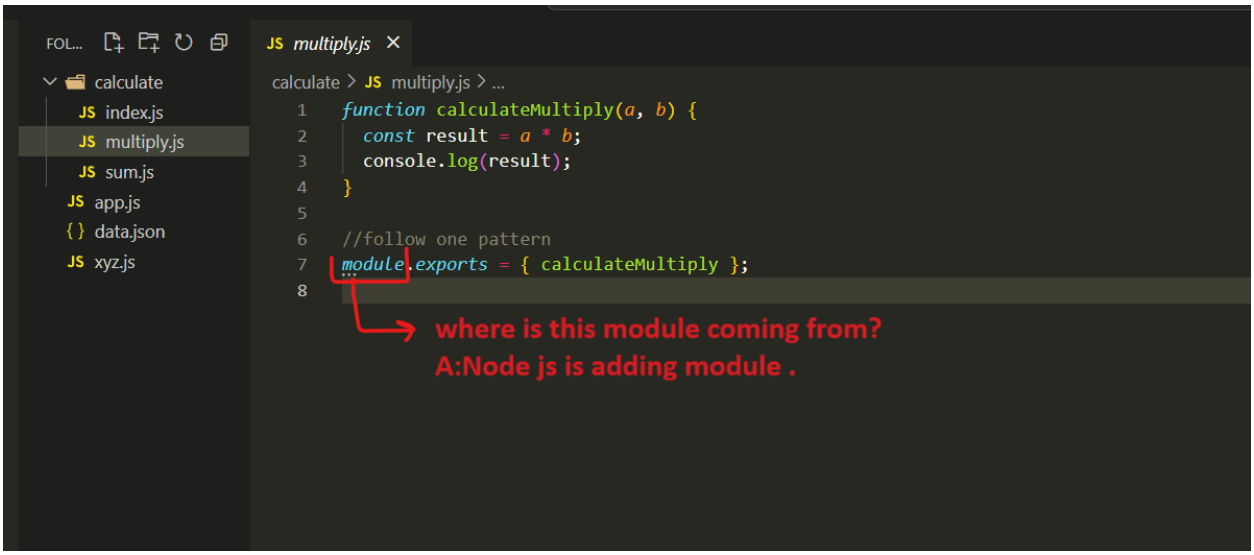
because of IIFE and the requirement (statement) wrapping code inside IFE.

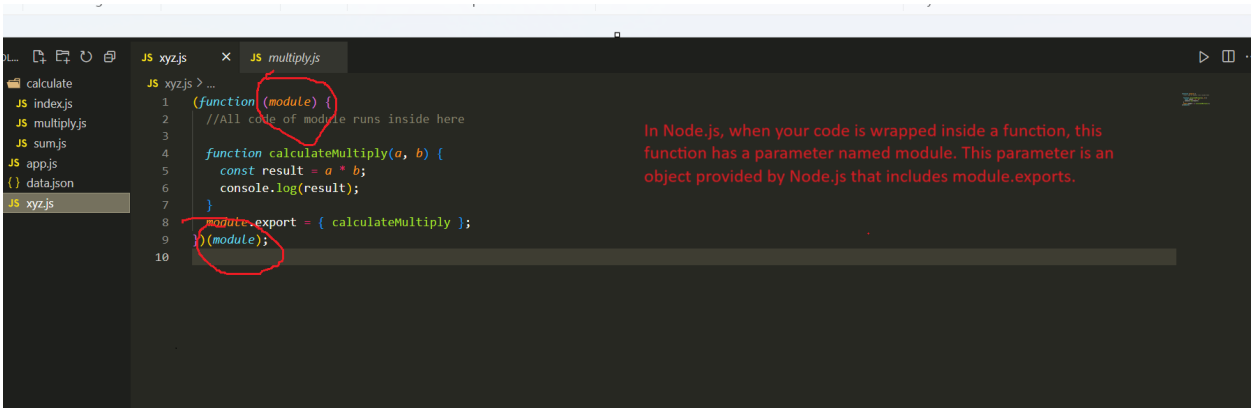


Q2: How do you get access to `module.exports`? Where does this `module` come from?

A:

In Node.js, when your code is wrapped inside a function, this function has a parameter named `module`. This parameter is an object provided by Node.js that includes `module.exports`.

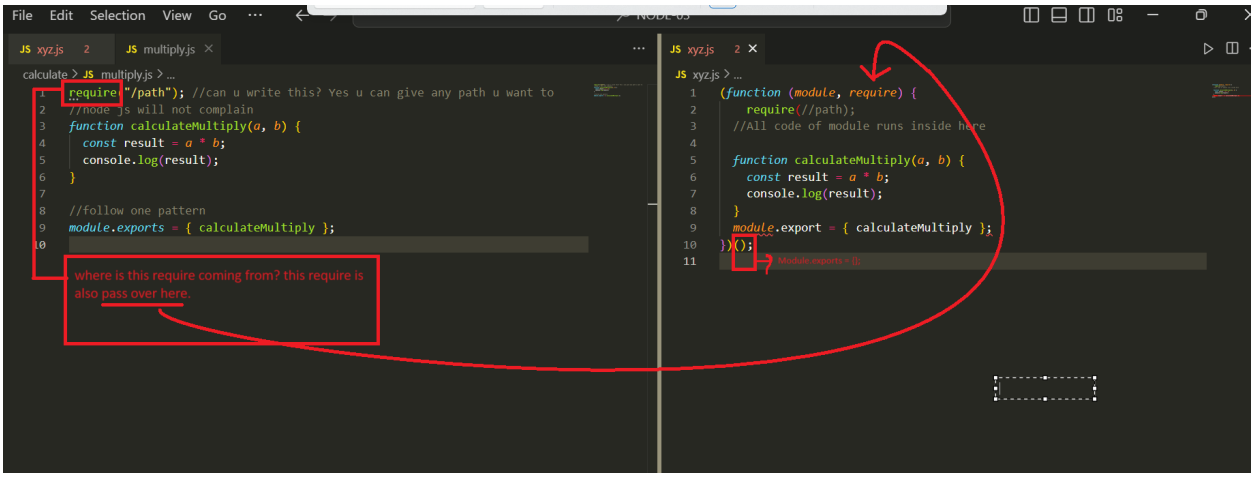




When you use `module.exports`, you're modifying the `exports` object of the current module. Node.js relies on this object to determine what will be exported from the module when it's required in another file.

The `module` object is automatically provided by Node.js and is passed as a parameter to the function that wraps your code. This mechanism allows you to define which parts of your module are accessible externally.

suppose you want to include one module inside it.



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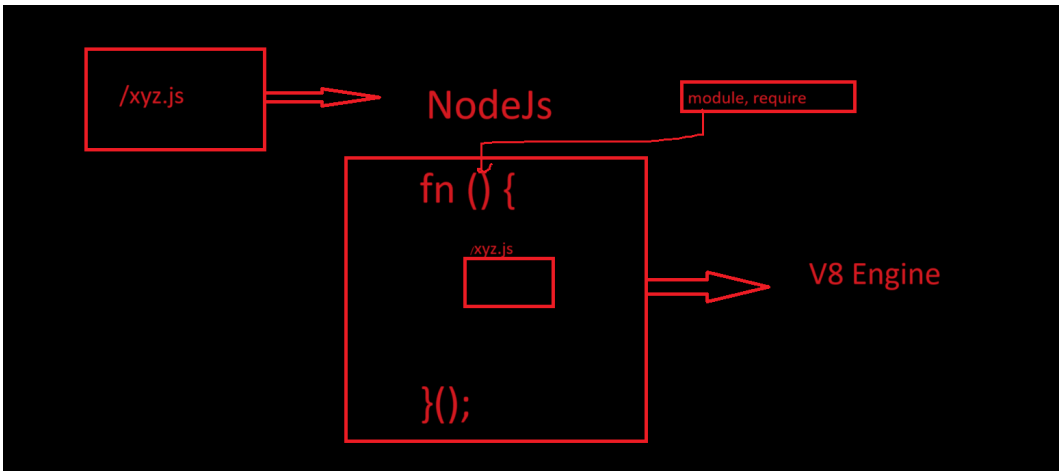
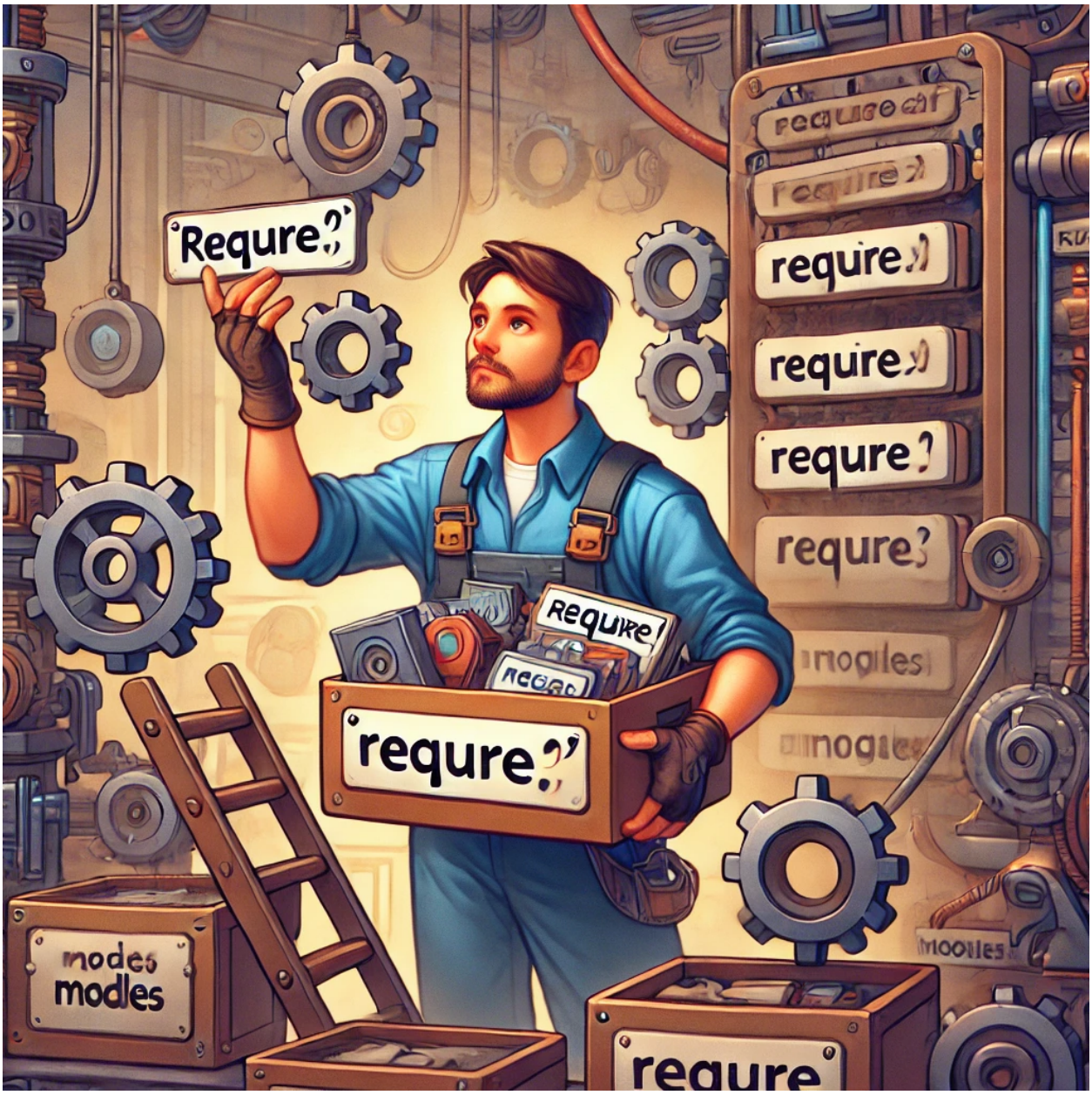


How `require()` Works Behind the Scenes



1. **Resolving the Module**
    - Node.js first determines the path of the module. It checks whether the path is a local file (`./local`), a JSON file (`.json`), or a module from the `node_modules` directory, among other possibilities.
2. **Loading the Module**
    - Once the path is resolved, Node.js loads the file content based on its type. The loading process varies depending on whether the file is JavaScript,

JSON, or another type.

3. **Wrapping Inside an IIFE**
    - The module code is wrapped in an Immediately Invoked Function Expression (IIFE). This wrapping helps encapsulate the module's scope, keeping variables and functions private to the module.
4. **Code Evaluation and M`odule Exports`**
    - After wrapping, Node.js evaluates the module's code. During this evaluation, `module.exports` is set to export the module's functionality or data. This step essentially makes the module's exports available to other files.
5. **Caching(very imp)**
    - **Importance:** Caching is crucial for performance. Node.js caches the result of the `require()` call so that the module is only loaded and executed once.

Example

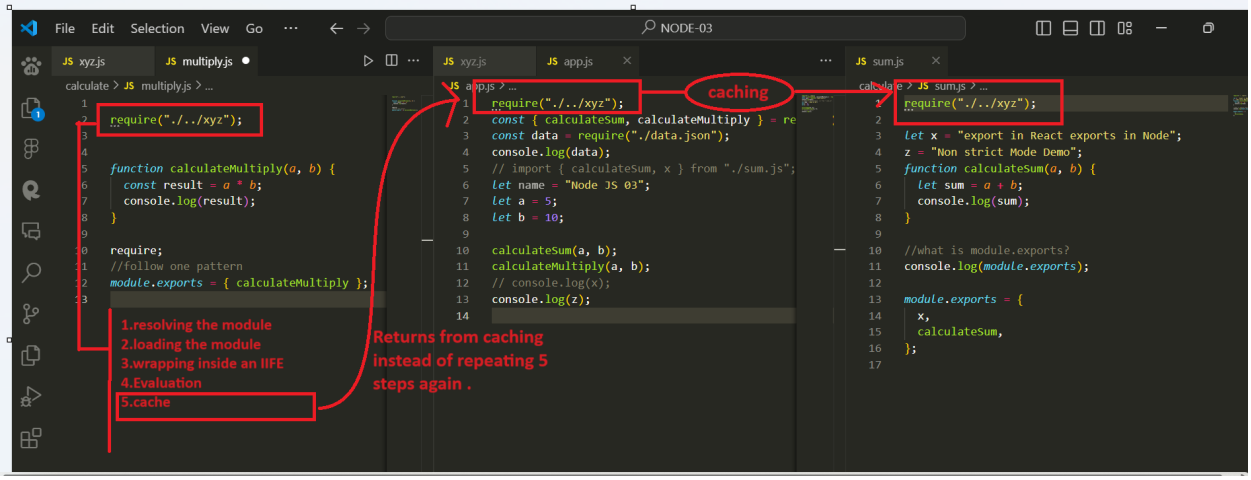
- **Scenario:** Suppose you have three files: `sum.js`, `app.js`, and `multiply.js`. All three files require a common module named `xyz`.
- **Initial Require:**
  - When `sum.js` first requires `xyz` with `require('./xyz')`, Node.js performs the full `require()` process for `xyz`:
    1. **Resolving** the path to `xyz`.
    2. **Loading** the content of `xyz`.

3. **Wrapping** the code in an IIFE.
4. **Evaluating** the code and setting `module.exports`.
5. **Caching** is the result.

- Node.js creates a cached entry for `xyz` that includes the evaluated module exports.

Subsequent Requires:

- When `app.js` and `multiply.js` later require `xyz` using `require('./xyz')`, Node.js skips the initial loading and evaluation steps. Instead, it retrieves the module from the cache.
- This means that for `app.js` and `multiply.js`, Node.js just returns the cached `module.exports` without going through the resolution, loading, and wrapping steps again.



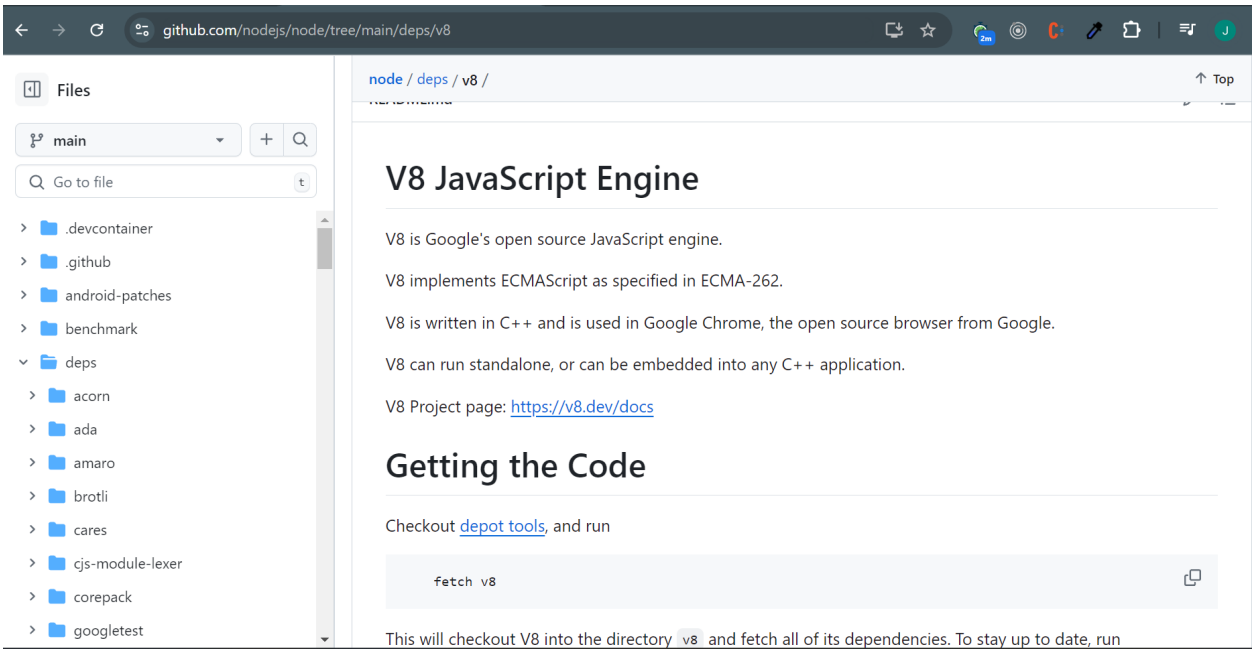
Impact on Performance:

- If caching did not exist, each `require('./xyz')` call would repeat the full module loading and evaluation process. This would result in a performance overhead, especially if `xyz` is a large or complex module and is required by many files.
- With caching, Node.js efficiently reuses the module's loaded and evaluated code, significantly speeding up module resolution and reducing overhead.

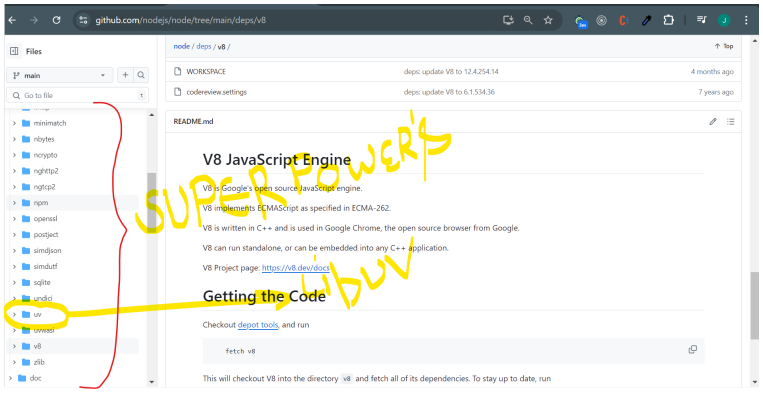
Welcome back! Now, I will go to the Node.js GitHub repo to show you what's happening.

https://github.com/nodejs

1. **NodeJs is an open-source Project**
2. **I will now show you how the V8 JavaScript engine is integrated within the Node.js GitHub repository to illustrate its role and interaction with Node.js.**



3. **when i say there are superpowers, what are this superpowers? This is all the code for the superpowers**



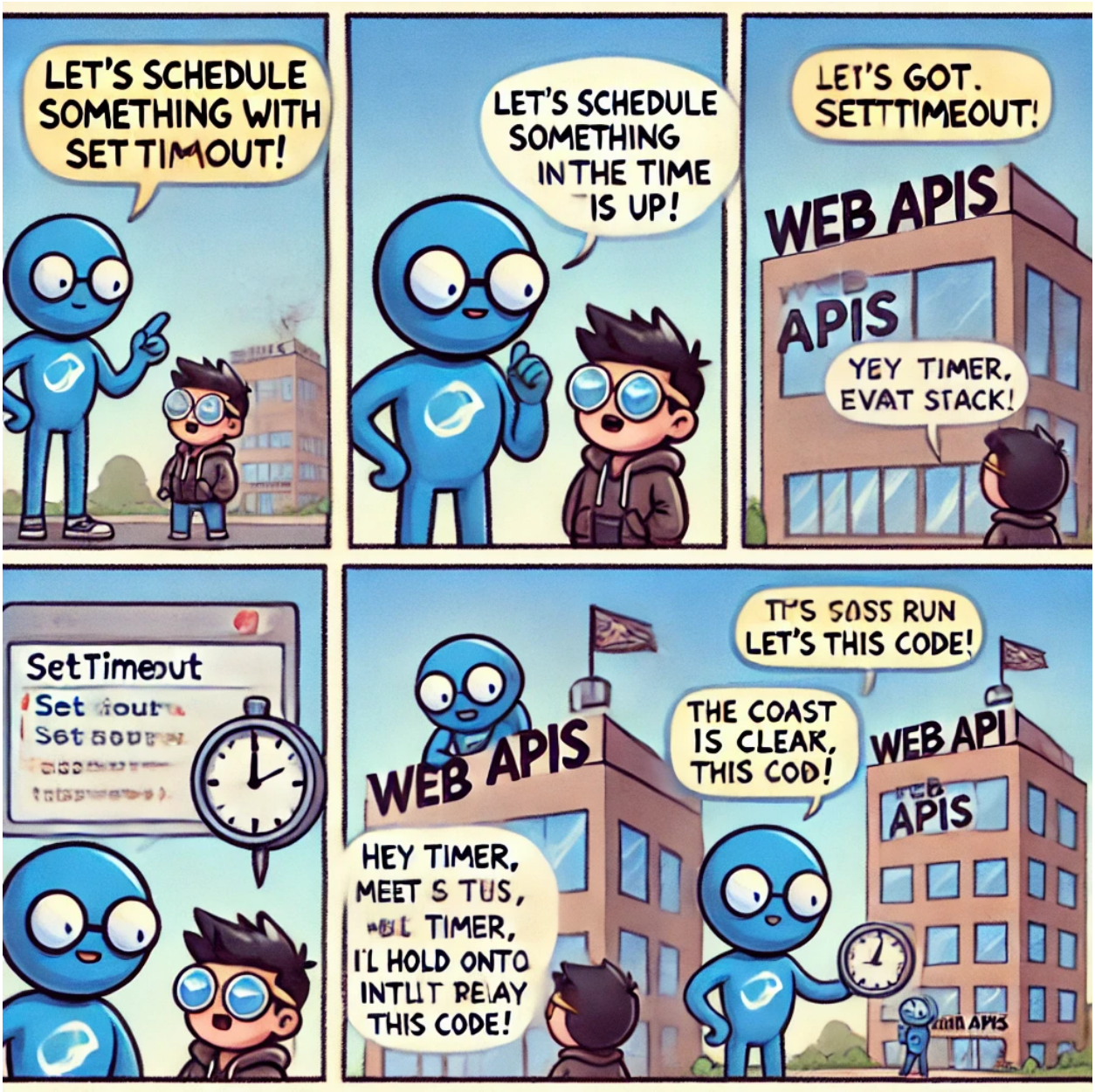
4. **Libuv** is the most amazing superpower

- **Node.js is popular just because of libuv**
- **libuv plays a critical role in enabling Node.js's high performance and scalability. It provides the underlying infrastructure for asynchronous I/O, event handling, and cross-platform compatibility.**

In the Node.js repository, if you navigate to the `lib` directory, you'll find the core JavaScript code for Node.js. This `lib` folder contains the source code for various built-in modules like `http`, `fs`, `path`, and more. Each module is implemented as a JavaScript file within this directory.

Q: Where is setTimeout coming from and how it work behind scenes ?

https://github.com/nodejs/node/blob/main/lib/timers/promises.js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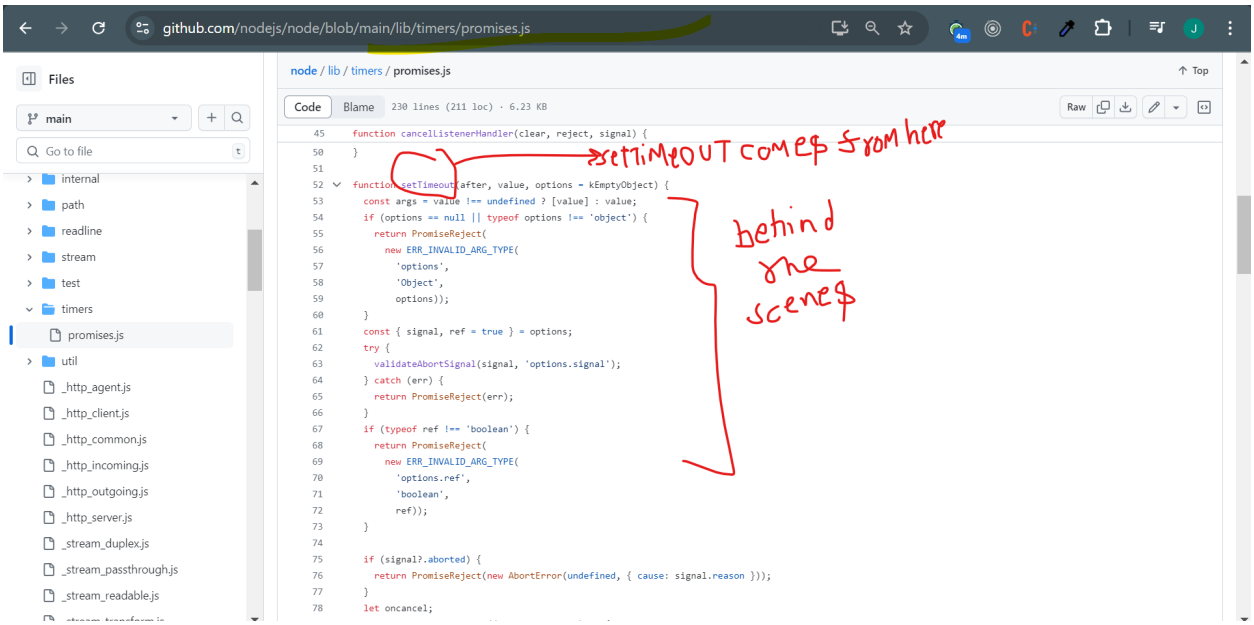
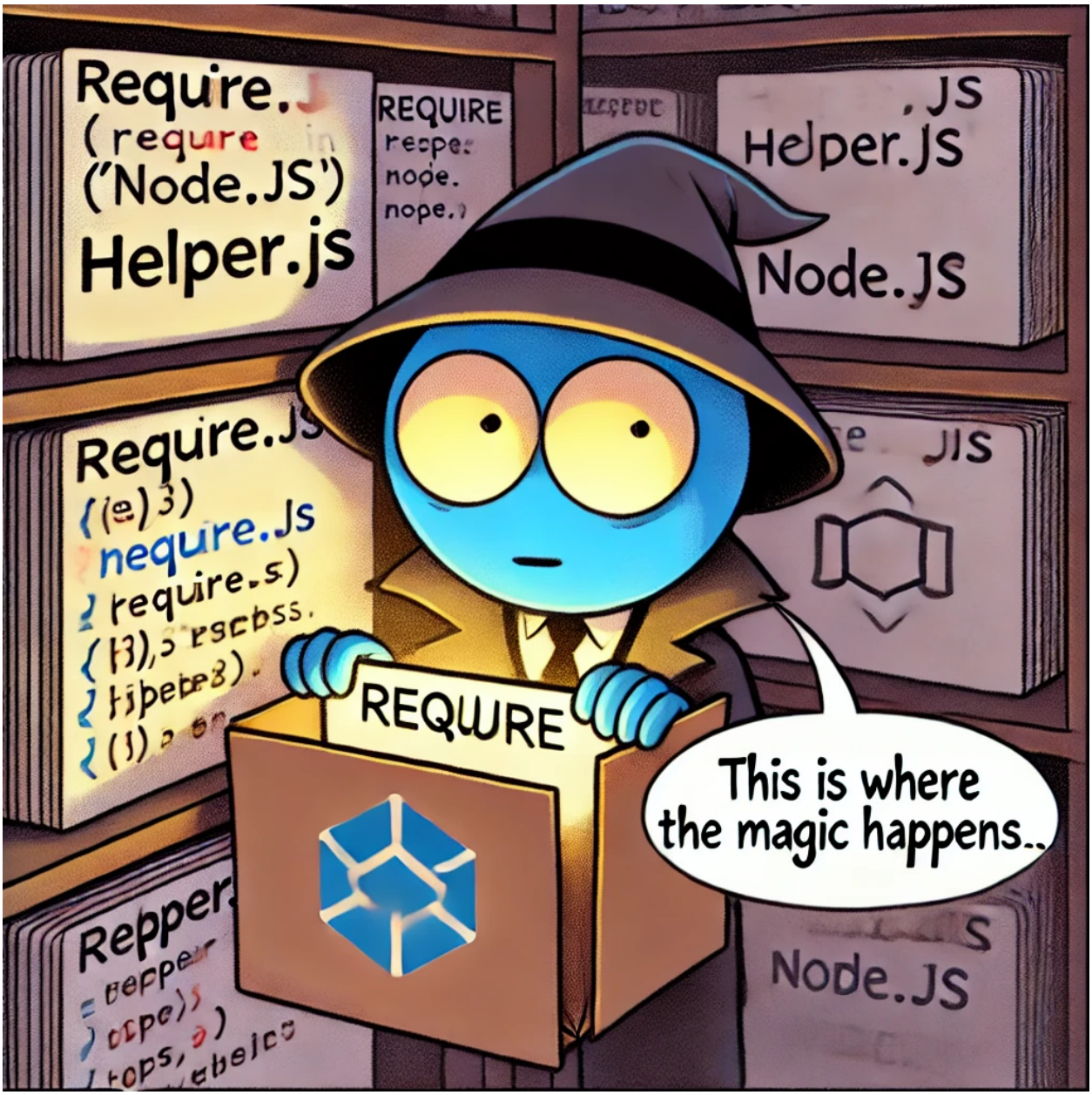


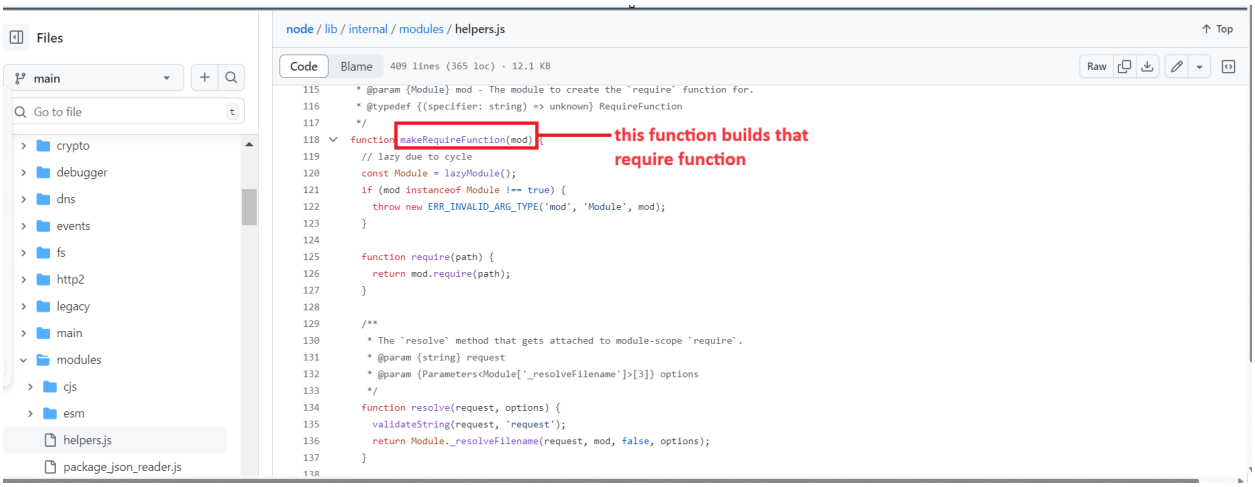
require in nodejs repo



In helper.js file, you can find the actual implementation of require method Here is where the required function is formed

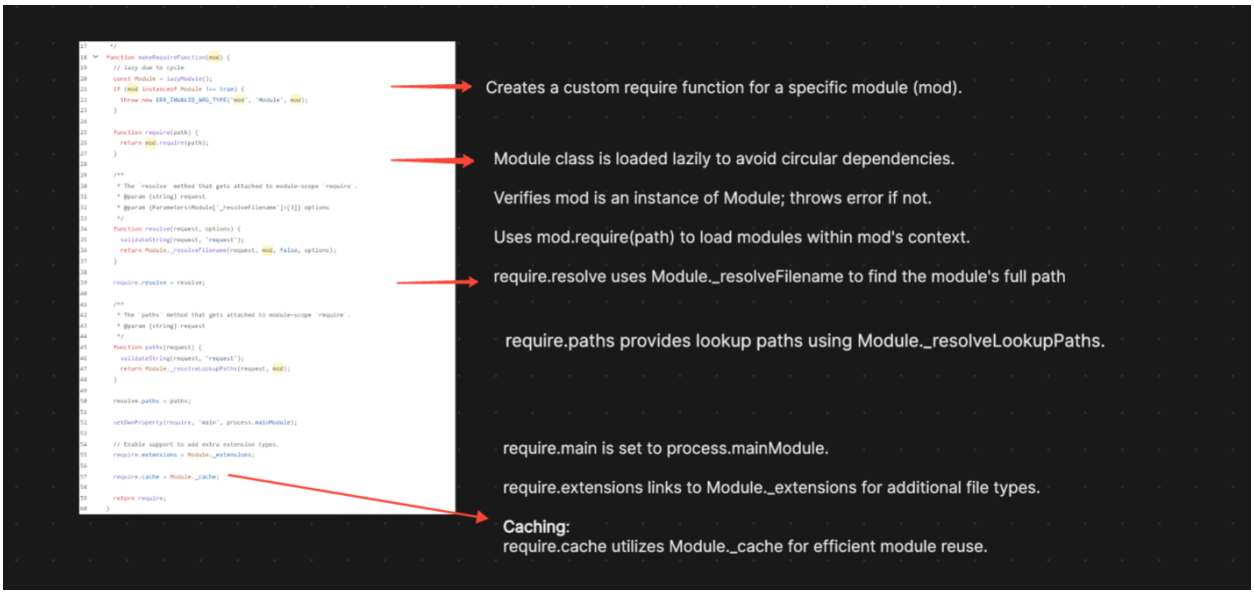
go to this path node/lib/internal/modules/helper.js

https://github.com/nodejs/node/blob/main/lib/internal/modules/helpers.js



the `makeRequireFunction` creates a custom `require` function for a given module `mod`. This function:

- **Validates** that `mod` is an instance of `Module`.
- **Defines** a `require` function that uses `mod.require()` to load modules.
- **Implements** a `resolve` method for resolving module paths using `Module._resolveFilename()`.
- **Implements** a `paths` method for finding module lookup paths using `Module._resolveLookupPaths()`.
- **Sets** additional properties on the `require` function, such as `main`, `extensions`, and `cache`.



LazyModule()

https://github.com/nodejs/node/blob/main/lib/internal/modules/cjs/loader.js

- If the `id` argument provided to the `require()` function is empty or undefined, Node.js will throw an exception. This is because the `require()` function expects

a string representing the path or identifier of the module to load. When it receives `undefined` instead, it results in a `TypeError`, indicating that an invalid argument value was provided.

- **Node.js documentation** and **GitHub repository provide** insights into how `require()` handles module loading. Reviewing these resources can help you understand how to properly use `require()` and handle potential errors.


Reading documentation in 10 min and then coding the solution
Coding first and then debugging it for 10 hours
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We're so glad you were here!
Until next time, Keep coding
and stay curious!
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