Express.js Router Module

In Express.js, the Router module provides a powerful mechanism for organizing and structuring your application's routes.

Key Concepts:

* Creating a Router:

JavaScript

const express = require('express');

const router = express.Router();

* Defining Routes:
  + You define routes within the router object using the same methods as with the main app object:

JavaScript

router.get('/', (req, res) => {

// ...

});

router.post('/users', (req, res) => {

// ...

});

* Mounting the Router:
  + You mount the router onto a specific path in your main application:

JavaScript

app.use('/api', router);

* + - This means that all routes defined within the router will be prefixed with /api.
    - For example, if you have a route router.get('/users'), it will become accessible at /api/users in the main application.

Benefits of Using Routers:

* Improved Code Organization:
  + Routers help you break down your application into smaller, more manageable modules.
  + You can group related routes together (e.g., user routes, product routes) within separate router files.
* Increased Reusability:
  + Routers can be reused in different parts of your application or even in other projects.
* Enhanced Maintainability:
  + Makes your code easier to understand, modify, and debug.

Example:

userRouter.js:

JavaScript

const express = require('express');

const router = express.Router();

router.get('/', (req, res) => {

res.send('Get all users');

});

router.get('/:userId', (req, res) => {

const userId = req.params.userId;

res.send(`Get user with ID: ${userId}`);

});

router.post('/', (req, res) => {

res.send('Create a new user');

});

module.exports = router;

app.js:

JavaScript

const express = require('express');

const userRouter = require('./userRouter'); // Import the user router

const app = express();

// Mount the user router

app.use('/users', userRouter);

// ... other routes and middleware ...

app.listen(3000, () => {

console.log('Server listening on port 3000');

});

In this example:

* The userRouter defines routes for handling user-related requests (/users, /users/:userId).
* The userRouter is mounted to the /users path in the main application.

By using routers, you can create a more modular and organized structure for your Express.js applications, making them easier to develop, maintain, and scale.