Node.js Demo

1 Objectives

In this lab, you will learn how to set up a Node.js web service that accepts http calls implementing a very basic RESTful interface, queries your AWS database server, and returns JSON objects.temperature and humidity data (similar to the in class demonstration).

2 Exercise 1: Using a RESTful Web Service

In this exercise, Node.js code will be used to set up a web service that accepts "GET" requests from clients that are wanting to "consume" information currently contained in an AWS cloud based database.

1. Navigate to the folder on the C: drive containing the provided Node.js code. Open the file index.js using a text editor (i.e., Notepad++).

2. Look through the code and discuss with your group what you think each part does.

   This code defines our web service API. It currently supports only one type of call; a "GET". A "GET" returns the current value of the requested data.

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…
app.get('/invoice', function(req, res) {
        console.log("Invoice request: ALL invoices" + new Date()) ;

        con.connect(function(err) {
                if (err) throw err;
                console.log("Connected!");

                var sql = "SELECT * FROM invoices;";

                con.query(sql, function (err, result, fields) {
                        if (err) throw err;
                        res.json(result);
                });
        });
});
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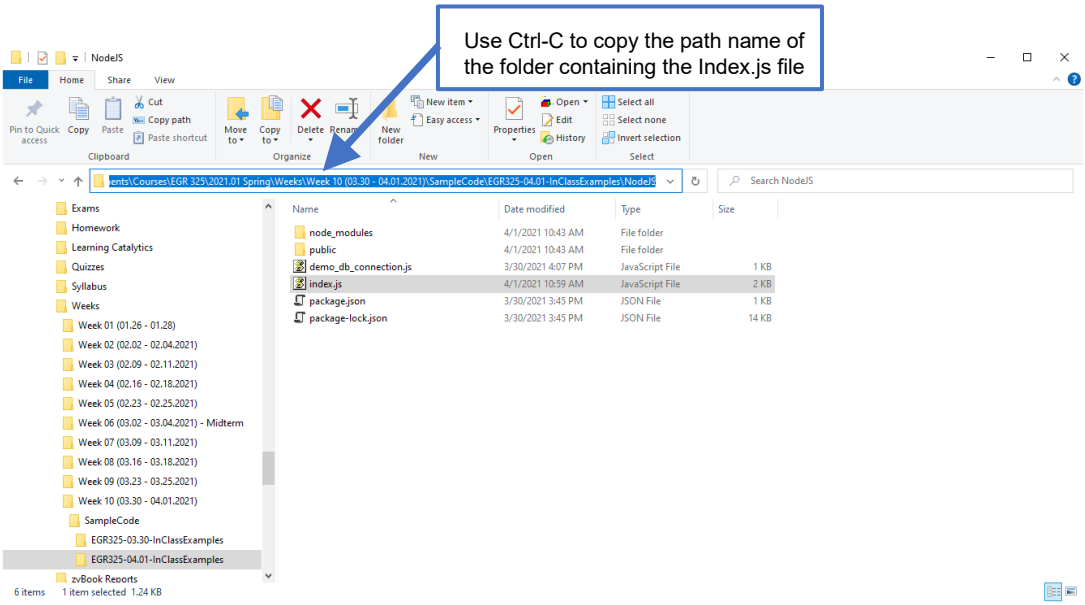
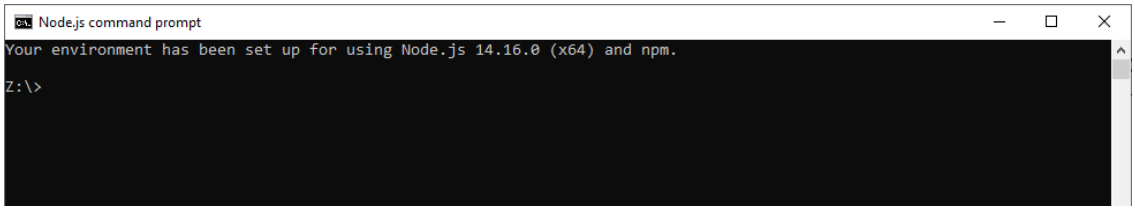
3. Close the file without making any changes. Use windows explorer to copy the name of the folder that contains the index.js file.

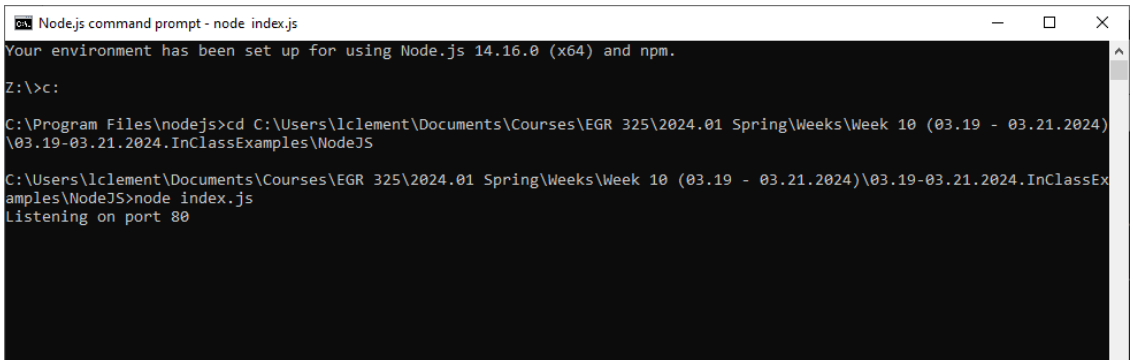


4. Click “Start->All Programs->Node.js->Node.js command prompt” to open a Node.js command prompt window. Type “CD” followed by a space. Then “right click” and PASTE the full path of the folder containing the index.js file to create a single command that changes the “directory” (another name for folder) to the one containing the index.js file.

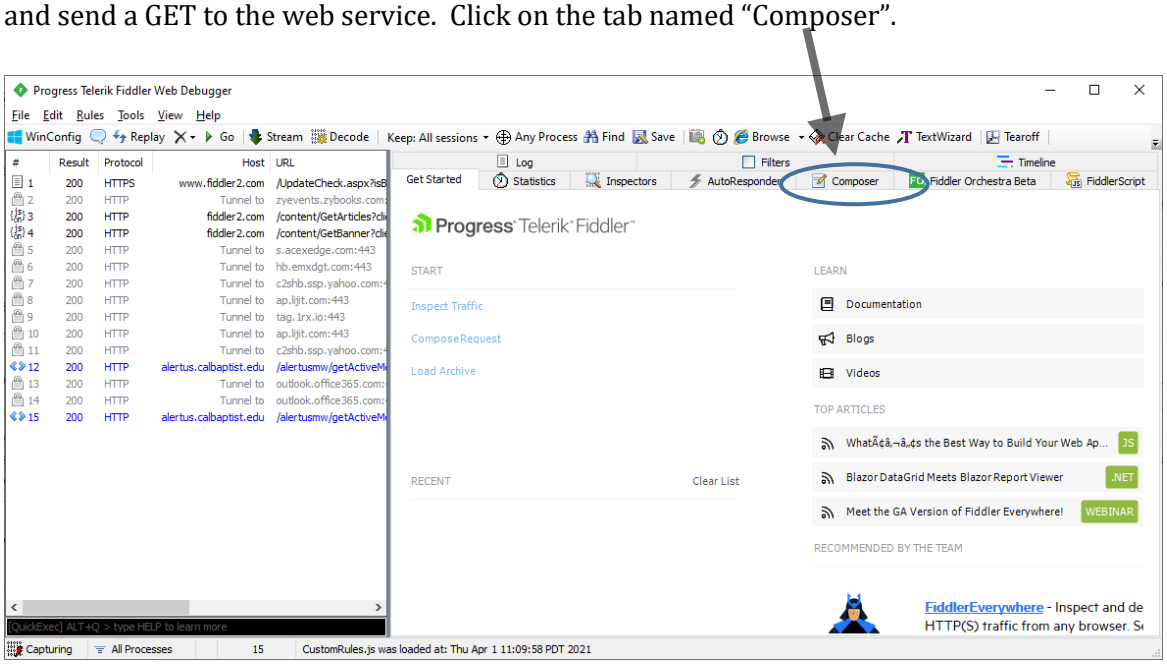


5. Enter the followig command in the Node.js command prompt window:
node index.js

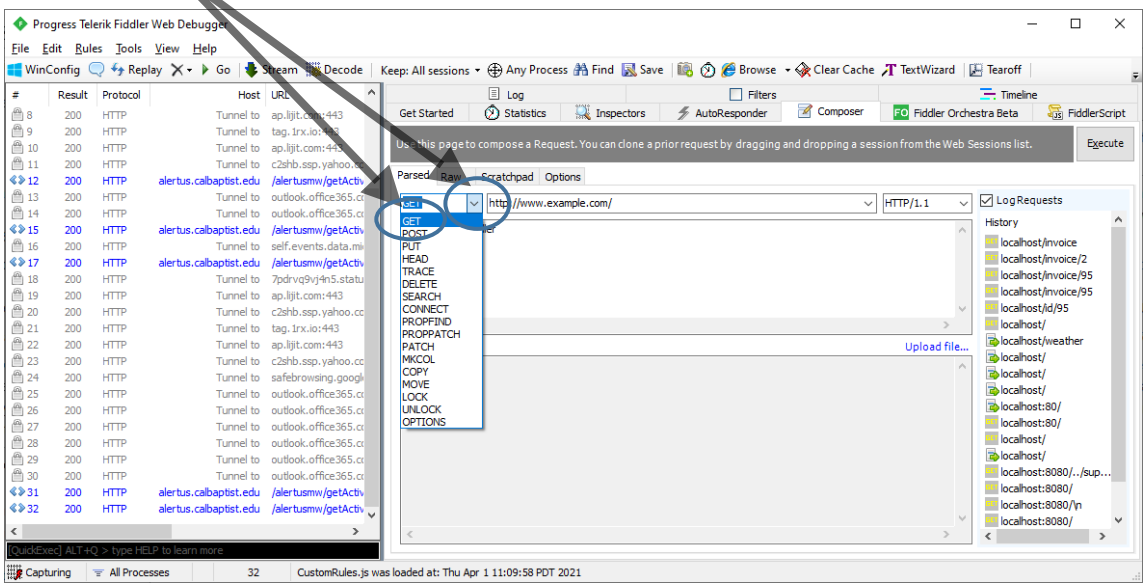
You should see a message appear indicating that the service is now “Listening on port 80”.



6. Click “Start->All Programs->Fiddler 4” to launch a program named “Fiddler” that will allow us to create and send a GET to the web service. Click on the tab named “Composer”.

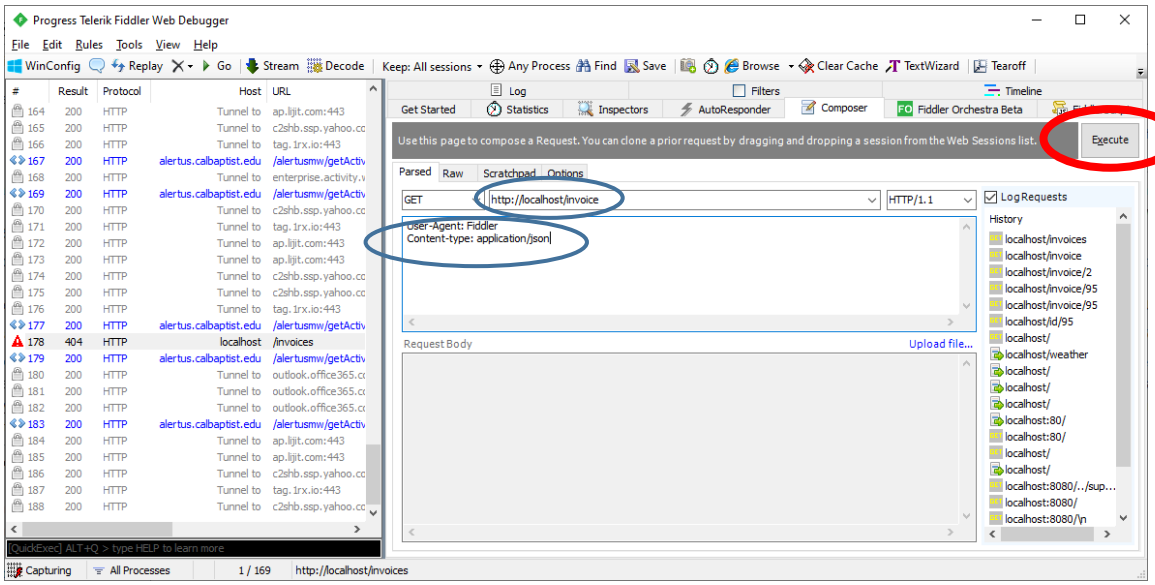


7. Click the down arrow to open a drop down menu and select “GET”. That is all that our index.js file currently supports…

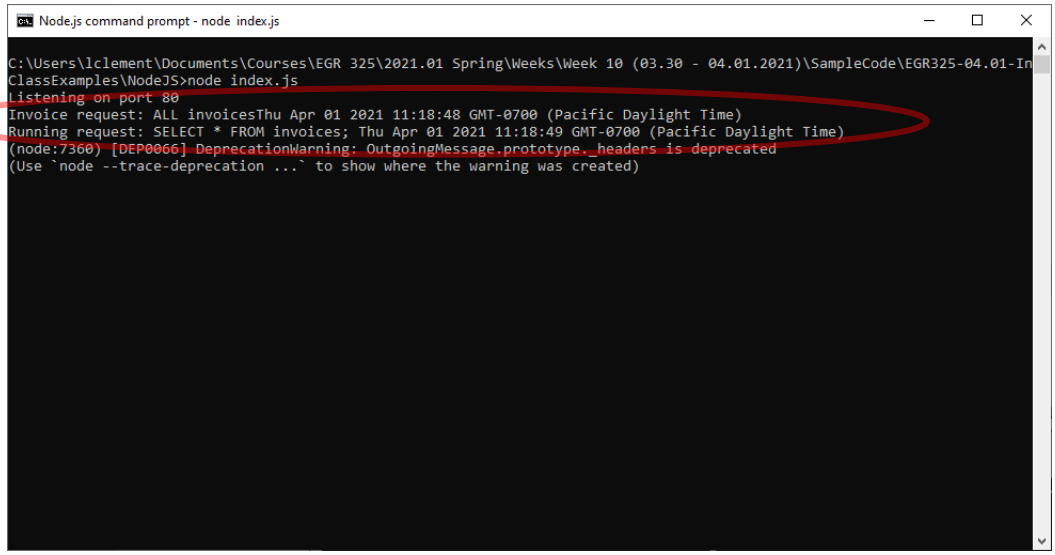


8. Change the URL to be http://localhost/invoice, add a new header “Content-type: application/json” to the text box containing the headers. When everything is entered click the Execute button to submit the

GET request.



You should then see a record of the GET request in the Node.js command window.



9. Return to the Fiddler window and update the URL for the HTTP GET request to be

http://localhost/invoice/2. Click the Execute button to submit the GET request.

You should then see a record of the GET request in the Node.js command window.