General

What is express?

A thin web routing framework which supports chaining of middleware functions

next

common term for the next middleware function in the app’s request/response lifecycle

middleware

May be of following types

app-level

router-level

error-handling

built-in

third-party

Why middleware?

Allows you to execute any code

Make changes to req / res objects

End request/response cycle

Call next middleware function in stack

middleware functions

functions that have access to req and res and next function in the route stack

mount path

path under which a given middleware function is registered

handler function

functions having access to req and res