

Project: HTTP JSON API Node.js Time Server

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ABSTRACT

The main lesson about this assignment is to study JavaScript programming and deploy using HTTP JSON protocol.

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JavaScript Installation on Ubuntu

- HTTP JSON API Server have the following pre-requisites
 - Install Node.js on Ubuntu
 - Time Server Program
- Set up Ubuntu
- How to Check your Ubuntu Version
- `$ lsb_release -a`
- Enable the Node Source repository by running the following curl
- `$ curl -sL https://deb.nodesource.com/setup_10.x | sudo -E bash -`
- Install Node.js and npm
- `$ sudo apt install nodejs`
- Verify that the Node.js and npm were successfully
- `$ node --version`
- `$ npm --version`

JavaScript time_server.js

```
// HTTP serves JSON data when it gets request for current time
// receives a GET request to the path '/api/currenttme'.
// sends response as // {"year":2021,"month":09,"date":24,"hour":16,"minute":09}
var http = require('http')
var url = require('url')

// -Expect the request to contain a query the value // For example : /api/currenttme?
// The JSON response : {"year":2021,"month":09,"date":24,"hour":16,"minute":09}"
function currenttme () {
  var d = new Date()

  return "{Year:" + d.getFullYear() + "    " + "Month : " + (d.getMonth() + 1) + "    " + "Day : " + " " + d.getDate() +
    "    " + "Hours : " + d.getHours() + "    " + "Minutes : " + d.getMinutes() + "}"
}

var server = http.createServer(function (req, res) {
  // req.url = /api/currenttme?

  var parsedUrl = url.parse(req.url, true)

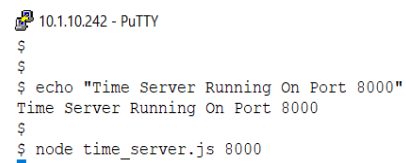
  // time = 2013-08-10T12:10:15.474Z

  var result

  // match req.url with the string /api/currenttme
  if (/^\/api\/currenttme/)
    // e.g., of time "2013-08-10T12:10:15.474Z"
    result = currenttme()

  if (result) {
    res.writeHead(200, { 'Content-Type': 'application/json' })
    res.end(JSON.stringify(result))
  } else {
    res.writeHead(404)
    res.end()
  }
})
server.listen(Number(process.argv[2]))
```

Java script time_server.js running on port 8000 of ubuntu server

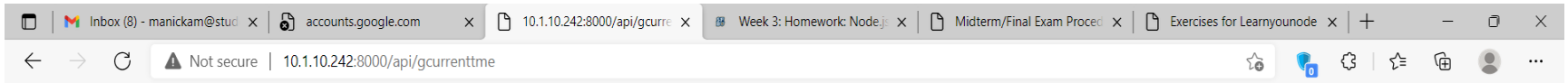


A terminal window titled "10.1.10.242 - PuTTY" displays the following commands and output:

```
10.1.10.242 - PuTTY
$
$
$ echo "Time Server Running On Port 8000"
Time Server Running On Port 8000
$
$ node time_server.js 8000
```

The terminal window has a standard Ubuntu interface with a title bar and window controls on the right side.

Output of http://10.1.10.242/api/currenttme



{"Year":2022, "Month":2, "Day":5, "Hours":3, "Minutes":57}"

Conclusion

Application usage of time server script:

- 1) It can be used as plugin in many applications to get currenttime.
- 2) Also web application server time can be accessed and customized.

Reference

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