

Lesson 08 Demo 01 Installing Express.js and Creating a Hello World App

Objective: To install Express.js, verify Node.js installation, and create a Hello World Express app, to demonstrate basic functionality and server setup

Tools required: Visual Studio

Prerequisites: Knowledge of JavaScript and Node.js

Steps to be followed:

- 1. Verify the Node.js installation
- 2. Install Express.js
- 3. Create a Hello World Express app

Step 1: Verify the Node.js installation

1.1 Verify the Node.js installation using the following commands:

node -v npm -v



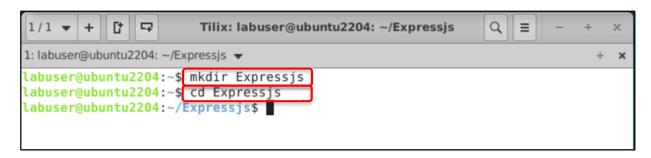
Note: If Node.js installation is successful, you will see the above output



Step 2: Install Express.js

2.1 Run the code below to create a directory to hold the application and make it the working:

mkdir Expressjs cd Expressjs



2.2 Open the working directory in VS code, open the terminal, and run the below command to create a package.json file for the application: npm init

Note: Enter all the questions and keep default values for now

```
author:
license: (ISC)
About to write to /home/labuser/Expressjs/package.json:

{
    "name": "expressjs",
    "version": "1.0.0",
    "description": "",
    "main": "index.js",
    "scripts": {
        "test": "echo \"Error: no test specified\" && exit 1"
    },
    "author": "",
    "license": "ISC"
}

Is this OK? (yes) yes
    labuser@ubuntu2204:~/Expressjs$ []
```



2.3 Run the following code to install Express in the Expressjs directory and save it in the dependencies list

npm install express

```
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• labuser@ubuntu2204:~/Expressjs$ npm install express

added 57 packages, and audited 58 packages in 3s

7 packages are looking for funding run `npm fund` for details

found 0 vulnerabilities

• labuser@ubuntu2204:~/Expressjs$ ■
```

Step 3: Create a Hello World Express app

3.1 Create file **index.js** in the Expressjs directory and write the following code for **Hello World** in that file:

```
const express = require('express')
const app = express()
const port = 3000

app.get('/', (req, res) => {
        res.send('Hello World!')
})

app.listen(port, () => {
        console.log(`Example app listening on port ${port}`)
})
```

3.2 Run the listed below command in the **terminal** to run the file: **node index.js**

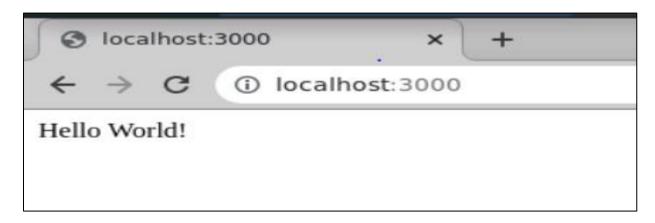
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• labuser@ubuntu2204:~/Expressjs$ node index.js

Example app listening on port 3000
```



3.3 Open the browser and search http://localhost:3000/.



The above output shows that the **Hello World Express app** is running successfully.

By following these steps, you have successfully installed Express.js, verified Node.js installation, and created a Hello World Express app, demonstrating basic functionality and server setup.