

Lesson 09 Demo 03

Working with Request Handlers

Objective: To illustrate request handling in Express.js by running and validating outputs for different request scenarios

Tools Required: Visual Studio, Node.js, and Express.js

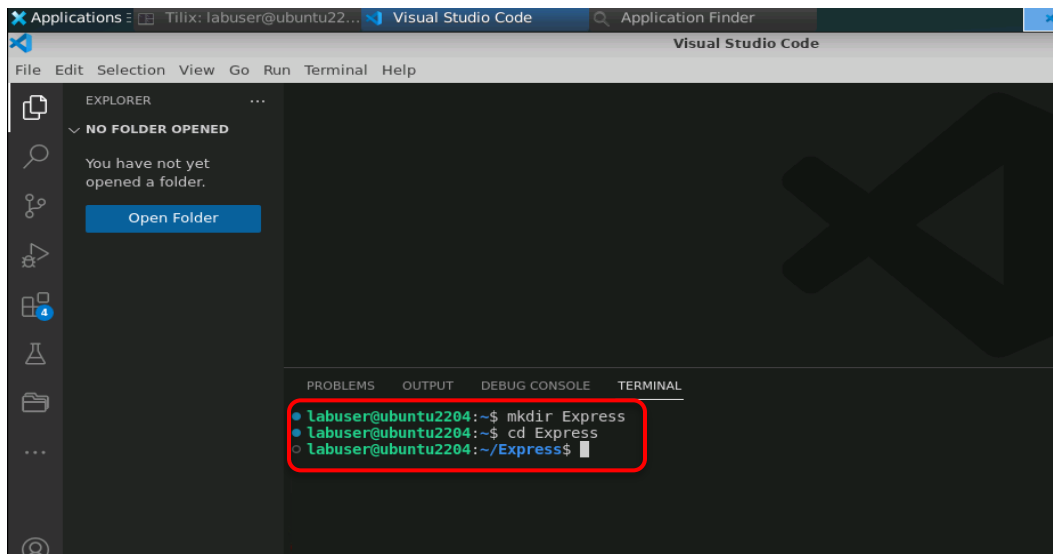
Prerequisites: Knowledge of JavaScript and Node.js

Steps to be followed:

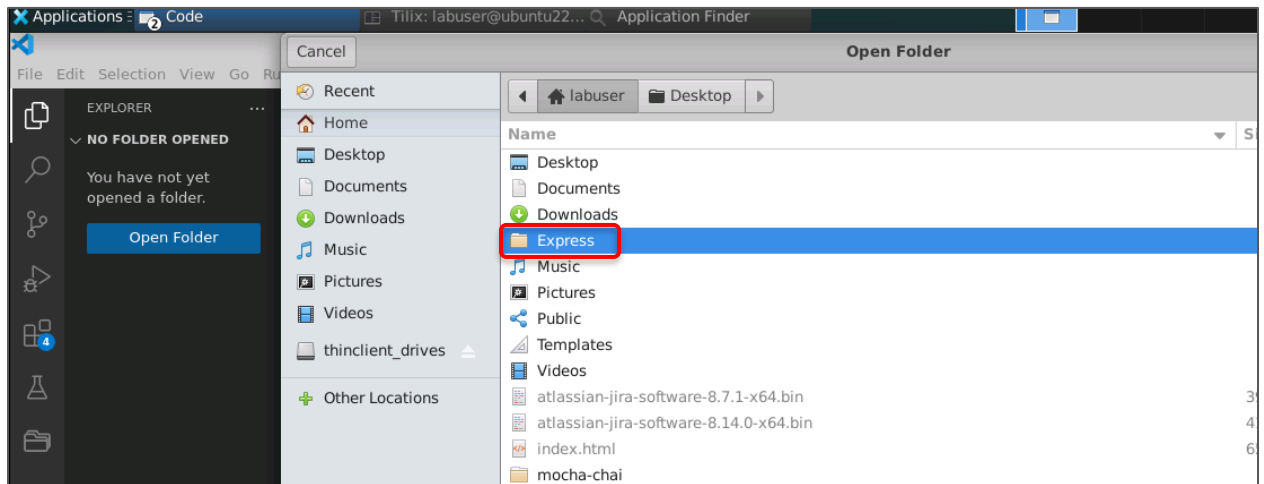
1. Perform routing in Express.js
2. Demonstrate req.params() parameter in Express.js
3. Demonstrate req.header() and req.get() parameters in Express.js

Step 1: Perform routing in Express.js

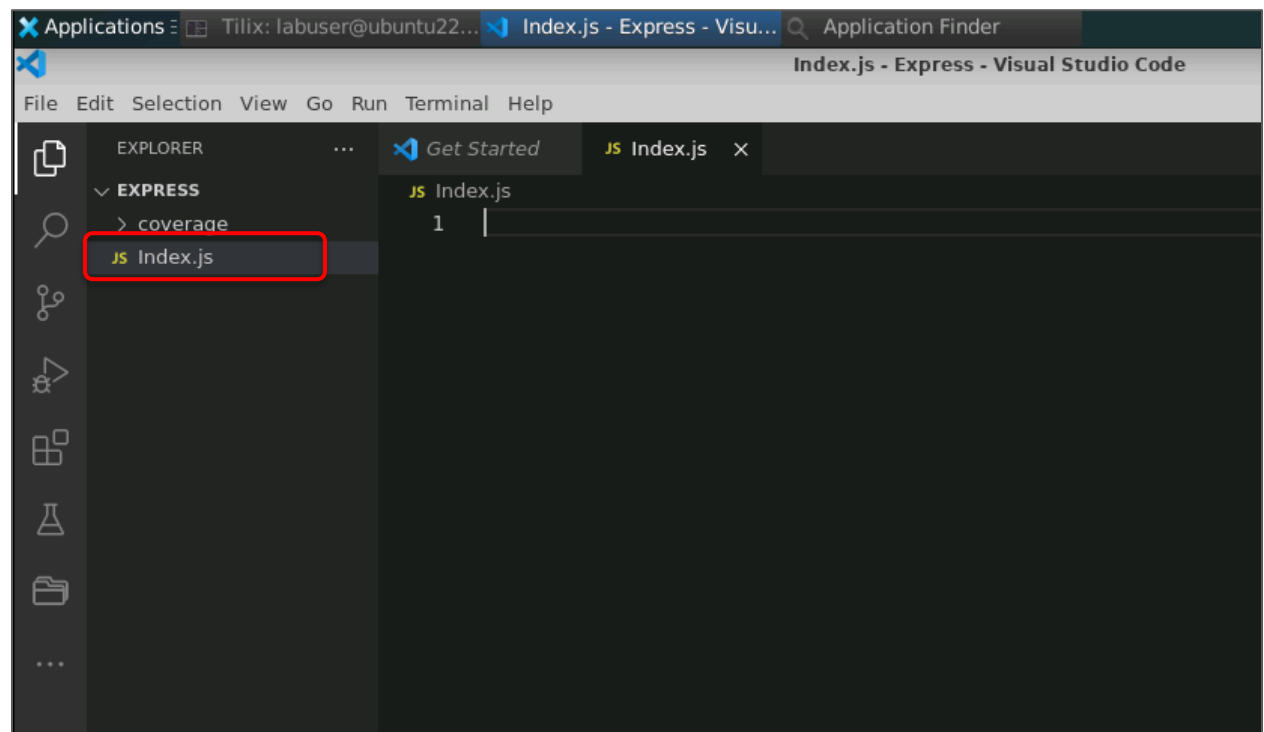
- 1.1 Open VS Code, create a folder named **ExpressJS** with the command `mkdir Express`, and change the current working directory using `cd Express`



1.2 Open the **Express** folder in VS code



1.3 Create an **index.html** file



1.3 Add the following code in the **index.js** file:

```
const express = require("express");
const res = require("express/lib/response");
const app = express();

app.get ("/request-query", (req, res) => {
  console.log(req.query);
  return res.json({
    message: "Request Query",
    title: req.query.title,
  })
})

app.listen(3000, err => {
  if (err) {
    console.log("there was a problem", err);
    return;
  }
  console.log("listening on port 3000");
});
```

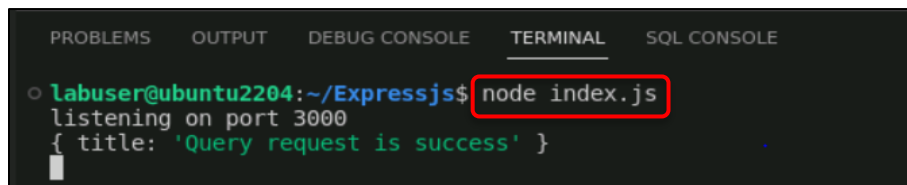
A screenshot of a code editor window titled 'index.js'. The code is as follows:

```
1 const express = require("express");
2 const res = require("express/lib/response");
3 const app = express();
4 app.get ("/request-query", (req, res) => {
5   console.log(req.query);
6   return res.json({
7     message: "Request Query",
8     title: req.query.title,
9   })
10 })
11 app.listen(3000, err => {
12   if (err) {
13     console.log("there was a problem", err);
14     return;
15   }
16   console.log("listening on port 3000");
17 });
```

1.4 Run **node index.js**, go to the browser and run <http://localhost:3000/request-query?title=Query request is success>



Note: Here '?' shows the query and text return after that passes through the **req.query**



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PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL SQL CONSOLE
labuser@ubuntu2204:~/Expressjs$ node index.js
listening on port 3000
{ title: 'Query request is success' }
```

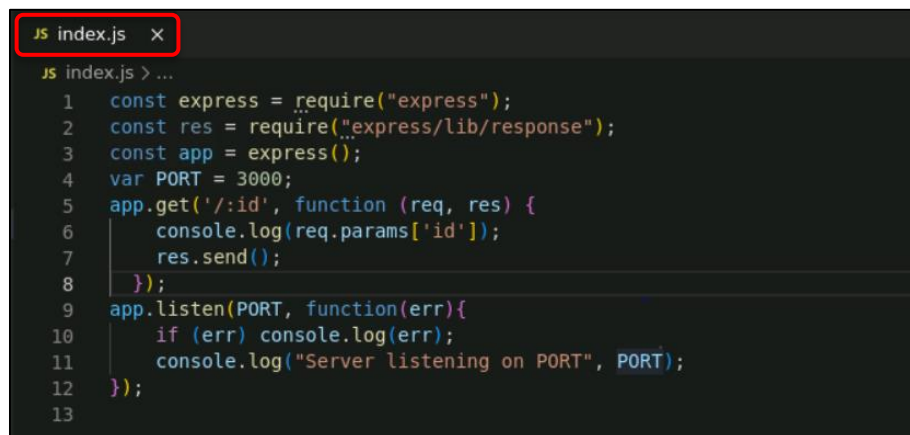
Step 2: Demonstrate req.params() parameter in Express.js

2.1 Write the following code in **index.js** file:

```
const express = require("express");
const res = require("express/lib/response");
const app = express();
var PORT = 3000;

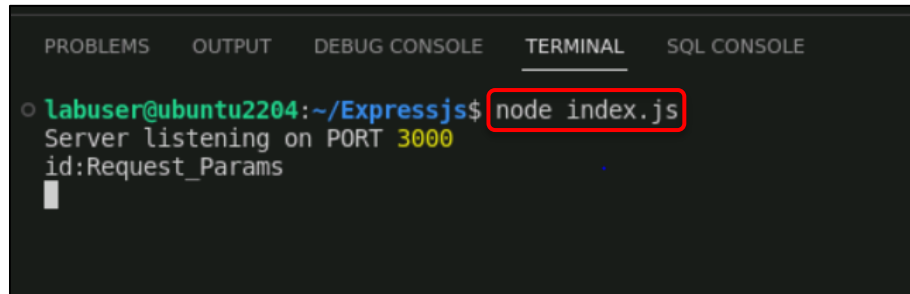
app.get('/:id', function (req, res) {
  console.log(req.params['id']);
  res.send();
});

app.listen(PORT, function(err){
  if (err) console.log(err);
  console.log("Server listening on PORT", PORT);
});
```



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2  const res = require("express/lib/response");
3  const app = express();
4  var PORT = 3000;
5  app.get('/:id', function (req, res) {
6    console.log(req.params['id']);
7    res.send();
8  });
9  app.listen(PORT, function(err){
10   if (err) console.log(err);
11   console.log("Server listening on PORT", PORT);
12 });
13
```

- 2.2 Run **node index.js**, go to the browser run http://localhost:3000/id:Request_Params, and Check the terminal for output



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labuser@ubuntu2204:~/Expressjs$ node index.js
Server listening on PORT 3000
id:Request_Params
```

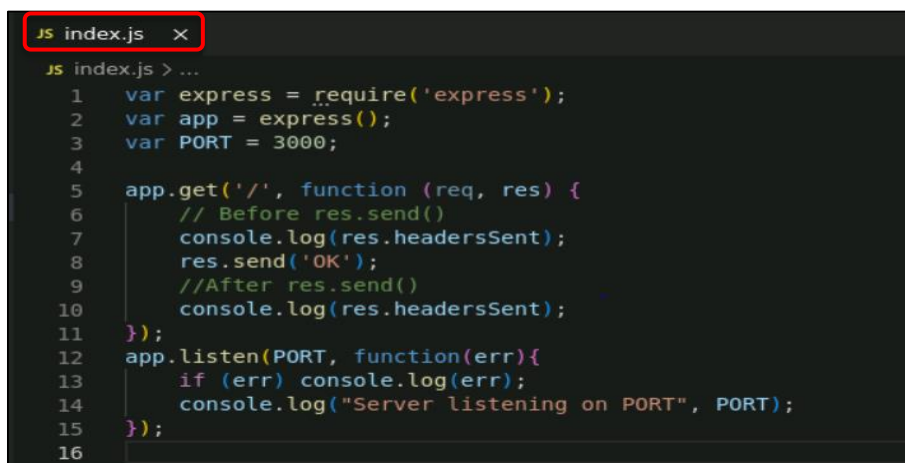
Step 3: Demonstrate req.header() and req.get() parameters in Express.js

- 3.1 Replace the following code in the **index.js** file:

```
var express = require('express');
var app = express();
var PORT = 3000;

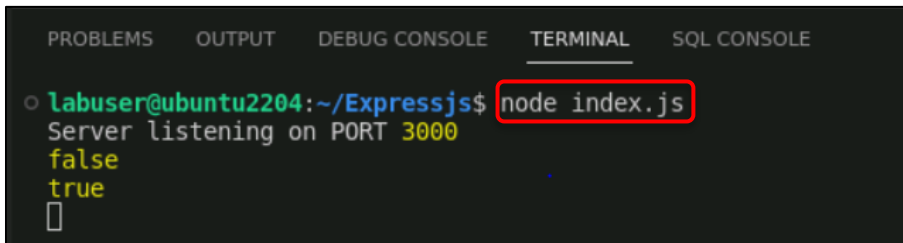
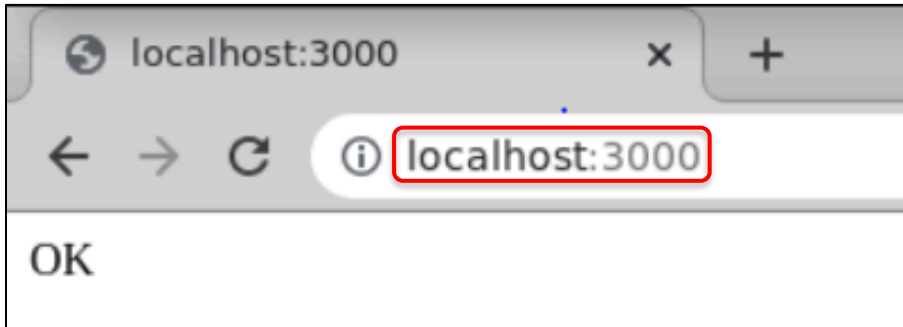
app.get('/', function (req, res) {
  // Before res.send()
  console.log(res.headersSent);
  res.send('OK');
  //After res.send()
  console.log(res.headersSent);
});

app.listen(PORT, function(err){
  if (err) console.log(err);
  console.log("Server listening on PORT", PORT);
});
```



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8    res.send('OK');
9    //After res.send()
10   console.log(res.headersSent);
11  });
12  app.listen(PORT, function(err){
13    if (err) console.log(err);
14    console.log("Server listening on PORT", PORT);
15  });
16
```

3.2 Run node index.js, access the browser at **http://localhost:3000/**, and inspect the terminal for the output



Note:

The following are the other attributes and methods:

- req.headers
- req.url
- req.ip
- req.hostname
- req.method --get
- req.protocol --http /https
- req.path --just the path part of the url
- req.subdomains --test.sales.example.com ['test','sales']
- req.query --querystring
- req.params --/user/72 --/product/234234

By following these steps, you have successfully implemented effective request handling in Express.js with validated functionality for diverse request scenarios.