CS 572 Modern Web Applications

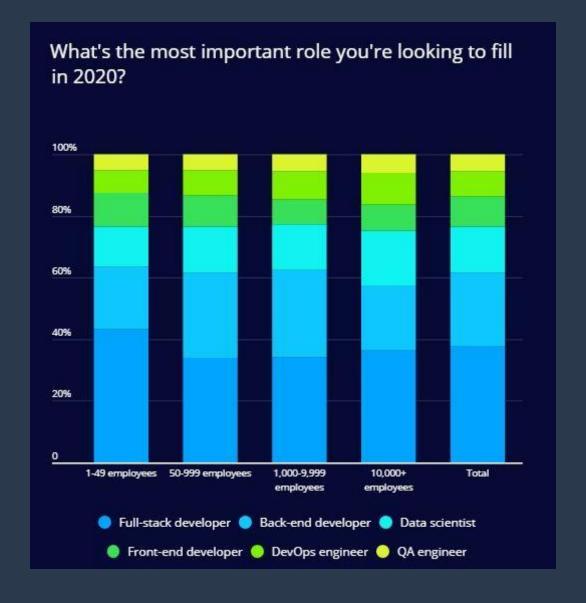
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Why Full Stack Development?

- The HackerRank Developers skills report 2020^[1].
- Small companies hiring priority, 38% of hiring managers state full-stack as the number 1.



Full Stack Development

- Build the front end and back end of a website or web application.
- Front end: Interaction with browser.
- Back end: Interaction with database and server.
- Database driver application.

JavaScriptFullStack Development



- MongoDB
 - NoSQL database (document store)
 - Stores JSON documents
- Express
 - JavaScript web framework
 - On top of Node
- Angular
 - TypeScript UI framework
 - Single Page Applications
- Node
 - JavaScript server-side platform
 - Single threaded, fast and scalable

Introducing NodeJS & Express Do Less Accomplish More

Wholeness

Writing everything from scratch is difficult and time-consuming. When you use a platform or a framework it performs most of the heavy lifting. You may only fully utilize a framework if you write code that is aligned with the framework expectations. You get the support of nature when your actions are aligned with the laws of nature, this results in actions being correct the first time, and there is no need to waste time correcting things.

No Frameworks

- We will start with nothing and build up.
- No opinionated frameworks (you are advised to investigate these in the future)
 - MEAN.io
 - MEANjs
 - Express Generator
 - Yeoman
- Frameworks are good for complex projects and for advanced users not good for learning and understanding for beginners.

Roadmap and Outcomes

- Node.js: write asynchronous (non-blocking) code. Understand node platform to start a project.
- Express: setup express and get requests and send back responses. REST API.
- MongoDB: what NoSQL DB looks like. Full API interacting with DB.
- Angular: Investigate Angular and the architecture of an Angular application.
 Build a single-page application.
- MEAN application: Learn by example. We will create a MEAN Games application.

Demo MEAN Games

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NodeJS

NodeJS and History

- Install Node from nodejs.org.
- Versions jumped from 0.x to 17.x
 - Due to the merge back from io.js to Node.js
 - Some original Node.js developers forked io.js why
 - community-driven development
 - Active release cycles
 - Use of semver for releases.
 - Node.js owned by Joyent had slow development, advisory board

Joyent Advisory Board

- Centralize Node.js to make development and future features faster.
- Board of large companies that use Node.js
- It moved Node.js from mailing lists and GitHub issues and developer's contribution to the power of the "big shots".
- Companies like Walmart, Yahoo, IBM, Microsoft, Joyent, Netflix, and PayPal were controlling things not the developer.
- The advisory board resulted in slower development and feature releases.

SEMVER

- Semantic Versioning
- MAJOR.MINOR.PATCH
- Major: incompatible API changes
- Minor: add backward compatible functionality
- Patch: add backward compatible bug fixes.

NodeJS Check version Run Node Create and run node file



```
Install node from nodejs.org
```

```
node -v (or node --version)
```

v16.14.2

Check node package manager (npm)

npm -v

8.5.0

Start node

node

Print "Hello World!" from node

> console.log("Hello World!");

Hello World!

NodeJS Check version Run Node Create and run node file



```
Start node
```

node

Write some JS

```
> var name = "Jack";
```

> console.log("Hello "+ name);

Hello Jack

```
> name = 5;
```

> console.log("Hello "+ name);

Hello 5

> .exit

NodeJS Check version Run Node

Create and run node file



```
vsCode (code.visualstudio.com has several MEAN plugins)
```

Create a file (instantHello.js)

```
let userName = "Jack";
```

console.log("Hello", userName);

Run file

node hello.js

Hello Jack

Modular Programming

- Best practice to have building blocks
 - You do not want everything running from a single file (hard to maintain).
- Separate the main application file from the modules you build.
- Separate loading from invocation.
- Each module exposes some functionality for other modules to use.

Modular Node

Multifiles Node
application
require to load file
Expose functionality
using
module.exports

Create app01.js file

require("./instantHello");

Run file

node app01.js

Hello Jack



Modular Node

Multifiles Node
application
require to load file
Expose functionality
using
module.exports



```
Create talk.js file
module.exports = function(){
 console.log("Goodbye");
app01.js file
require("./instantHello");
let goodbye = require("./talk");
goodbye();
Run file
node app01.js
Hello Jack
Goodbye
```

Exports

- Export more than one function.
- Encapsulation; reducing side effects, improve code maintainability.
- Avoid using .js in require. This will enable changing the structure of your modules in the future. If a file becomes complex, we can put it in a folder by itself as a module and make index.js backwards compatible.
- When require searches (require(name)):
 - Serach for name.js, if not found
 - Search for index.js in folder name
- Three ways to export
 - Single function
 - Multi functions
 - Return value

Module.export s

Single function Multifunctions Return values



```
Create talk/index.js file
module.exports = function(){
 console.log("Goodbye");
app02.js file
require("./instantHello");
const goodbye = require("./talk");
goodbye();
Run file
node app02.js
Hello Jack
Goodbye
```

Module.export s Single function Multifunctions Return values



Create talk/index.js file

```
intro
app02.js file
Run file
Hello Jack
I'm a node file called index.js
```

Module.export s Single function Multifunctions Return values



```
Create talk/question.js file
const answer = "This is a good question.";
module.exports.ask = function(question) {
  console.log(question);
  return answer;
app02.js file
const question= require("./talk/question");
const answer = question.ask("What is the meaning of life?");
console.log(answer);
Run file
node app02.js
What is the meaning of life?
That is a good question.
```

Single Threaded Node

- Node is single threaded.
 - One process to deal with all requests from all visitors.
- Node.js is designed to address I/O scalability (not computational scalability).
- I/O: reading files and working with DB.
- No user should wait for another users DB access.
- What if a user requests a computationally intense operation? (compute Fibonacci)
- Timers enable asynchronous code to run in separate threads. This enables scalable I/O operations. Perform file reading without everything else having to wait.

Async setTimeout readFileSync readFileAsync Named callback



```
app03.js file, setTimeout creates asynchronous code
console.log("1: Start app");
const laterWork = setTimeout( function() {
  console.log("2: In setTimeout");
}, 3000);
console.log("3: End app");
Run file
node app03.js
1: Start app
```

3: End app

2: In the setTimeout

Async setTimeout readFileSync readFileAsync Named callback



```
app04.js file
const fs= require("fs");
console.log("1: Get a file");
const buffer= fs.readFileSync("largeFile.txt");
console.log("2: Got the file", buffer.toString().substring(0,
21));
console.log("3: App continues...");
Run file, you notice a short delay between 1: ... and 2: ...
node app04.js
1: Get a file
2: Got the file This is a long file.
3: App continues...
```

Async

setTimeout readFileSync readFileAsync Named callback



```
app05.js file
const fs= require("fs");
console.log("Going to get a file");
fs.readFile("shortFile.txt", function(err, buffer) {
  console.log("Got the file", buffer.toString().substring(0,
console.log("App continues...");
Run file
node app05.js
Going to get a file
App continues...
Got the file This is a long file.
```

Async setTimeout readFileSync readFileAsync

Named callback



```
app06.js file
const fs= require("fs");
const printFileFirstLine= function(err, file) {
  console.log("Got the file", buffer.toString().substring(0,
21));
console.log("1: Get a file");
fs.readFile("longFile.txt", printFileFirstLine);
console.log("3: App continues...");
Run file
node app06.js
Got the file
App continues...
Got the file This is a long file.
```

Benefits of Named Callbacks

- Readability
- Testability
- Maintainability

Intense Computations

- Avoid delays in a single threaded application server.
- If someone performs a task that takes too long to finish, it should not delay everyone else on a webserver.
- Computation is not I/O operations. Computations need a process to perform the operation.
- Spawn a child process to perform the computation. This will consume resources, but it will not block the main server.

Computation Fibonacci Blocking Nonblocking



```
fibonacci.js file
const fibonacci= function(number) {
if (number \le 2) {
  return 1;
} else {
  return fibonacci(number-1) + fibonacci(number-2);
console.log("Fibonacci of 42 is "+ fibonacci(42));
Run file, you will notice a delay (right)
node fibonacci.js
Fibonacci of 42 is 267914296
```

Computation Fibonacci Blocking Nonblocking



```
app07.js file
console.log("1: Start");
require("./fibonacci");
console.log("2: End");
Run file
node app07.js
1: Start
Fibonacci of 42 is 267914296
2: End
Why is the dangerous and not a good idea?
```

Computation Fibonacci Blocking Nonblocking



```
app08.js file
const child_process= require("child_process");
console.log("1: Start");
const newProcess= child_process.spawn("node",
["fibonacci.js"], {stdio: "inherit"});
console.log("2: End");
Run file
node app08.js
1: Start
2: End
```

Fibonacci of 42 is 267914296

Main Points Introducing NodeJS & Express Do Less Accomplish More

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http Module

Modules

Written
Built-in
External



We can write out own modules, like talk module.

Built in modules are modules that come with node and are available for use. A built-in module can be used by simply requiring the model using "require(module_name)". The fs module is an example of built-in module.

External modules need to be downloaded then they can be used like built-in modules.

We will use the http Module to create a web application.

const http= require("http");

Is http a user, or built-in, or external module?



```
app09.js file
const http= require("http");
const server= http.createServer();
server.listen(8080, "localhost", function() {
  console.log("Server is running on
http://localhost:8080");
});
Run file
node app09.js
Server is running on http://localhost:8080
Open your browser and enter <a href="http://localhost:8080">http://localhost:8080</a>
Is the server running?
```



```
app10.js file
const helloWorld= function(req, res) {
  res.writeHead(200);
  res.end("Hello World!");
const server= http.createServer(helloWorld);
Run file
node app10.js
Server is running on http://localhost:8080
Open your browser and enter <a href="http://localhost:8080">http://localhost:8080</a>
Do you get a response?
```



```
app11.js file
const helloWorldHtml= function(reg, res) {
  res.setHeader("Content-Type", "text/html");
  res.writeHead(200);
  res.end("<HTML><BODY><H1>Hello
World!</H1></BODY></HTML>");
const server= http.createServer(helloWorld);
Run file
node app11.js
Server is running on http://localhost:8080
Open your browser and enter <a href="http://localhost:8080">http://localhost:8080</a>
What is this response? How can you prove it?
```



```
app12.js file
const helloWorldJson= function(req, res) {
  res.setHeader("Content-Type", "application/json");
  res.writeHead(200);
  res.end("{'message' : 'Hello World!'}");
const server= http.createServer(helloWorld);
Run file
node app12.js
Server is running on http://localhost:8080
Open your browser and enter <a href="http://localhost:8080">http://localhost:8080</a>
What is this response? How can you prove it?
```

Web App Serve Files Better Serve Error Handling Routing



```
Create index.html (an html file)
app13.js file
const http= require("http");
const fs= require("fs");
const readIndexAndServe= function(req, res) {
  fs.readFile(__dirname + "\\index.html", function(err, buffer) {
    res.setHeader("Content-Type", "text/html");
    res.writeHead(200);
    res.end(buffer);
const server= http.createServer(readIndexAndServe);
Run file
node app13.js
Server is running on http://localhost:8080
Open your browser and enter <a href="http://localhost:8080">http://localhost:8080</a>
What type of server have we just created? Performance issue?
```

Web App Serve Files Better Serve Error Handling Routing



```
app14.js file
let indexFileBuffer;
const serveIndex= function(reg, res) {
  res.writeHead(200);
  res.end(indexFileBuffer);
fs.readFile(__dirname + "\\index.html", function(err, buffer){
  indexFileBuffer= buffer;
     console.log("Server is running on <a href="http://localhost:3000");</a>
Run file
Server is running on http://localhost:8080
Open your browser and enter <a href="http://localhost:8080">http://localhost:8080</a>
```

Group Activity Error Handling & Routing

- Split up in groups of 4 (at least one student should speak a different language than the rest of the group, more is better). Then attempt to answer the questions assigned to your group.

 After 5 minutes make sure you have 4 answers to share with the class.
- Even Group Number
 - What kind of errors should be handled?
 - How do we deal with each error?
- Odd Group Number
 - What is routing? What do we mean by routing in a web application?
 - Give two examples of different routings.

Students Answers

ERROR HANDLING

- File does not exists
 - Handel the error
 - Response with file not found (status 404)
- Error while read file
 - Yes handle
 - Response internal error (501)
- Empty file (content not html)
 - Do not handle

ROUTING

- Routing is finding a path for your data over a network.
- Providing different paths for a request/response.

Web App Serve Files Better Serve Error Handling Routing



```
app15.js file
     console.log("Server is running on <a href="http://localhost:3000");</a>
Run file
```

Open your browser and enter http://localhost:8080

Change the name of inde.html and restart the application.

Web App

Serve Files
Better Serve
Error Handling
Routing



app16.js file

```
const server=
http.createServer(serveAllReq
uests);
server.listen(3000, "localhost",
function() {
   console.log("Server is
running on
http://localhost:3000");
});
...
Run file
```

node app16.js

Server is running on http://localhost:8080

Open your browser and enter http://localhost:8080

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- 2. We can write web applications with NodeJS using the built-in http module. The http module abstracts the web protocols and networking issues, enabling us to create a request-response-based application (page serving and routing). Science and Technology of Consciousness: The laws of nature govern all aspects of our life. We do not need to know all the details of all the laws to be able to gain the benefits. We focus on what is important to us and gain benefits. Water the root and enjoy the fruit.



Express

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Node Package Management (npm)

- Define and manage dependencies using npm.
- Using packages enables code reuse, and not writing things from scratch.
- Move code around and use latest versions of dependencies.

Using npm

- Creating package.json can be done with npm init
- Follow the steps npm gives you.
- Entry point: this is the file that will contain the application starting point (the file to run).
 - We use (app.js)
- This creates package.json having all the information you provided.
- Use it to add dependencies, installing packages, development vs testing dependencies, run scripts.
- Ignoring dependencies when uploading to git.

npm

Create
Add
Development
Install
Scripts



How to create package.json file

npm init

package name: (app17)

version: (1.0.0)

description: This is my first npm project

entry point: (index.js) app17.js

test command:

git repository:

keywords: MEAN

author: Najeeb Najeeb

license: (ISC)

Is this OK? (yes)

npm create package.json

package.json



Add dependency on Express (using npm command line)

```
npm install express
+ express@4.17.3
npm added express to package.json
Is or dir
node_modules
"license": "ISC",
"dependencies": {
  "express": "^4.17.3"
```



```
Add dependency on Express (using npm command line)
npm install mocha --save-dev
+ express@9.1.3
npm added mocha to package.json
"license": "ISC",
"dependencies": {
  "express": "^4.17.3"
"devDependencies": {
  "mocha": "^9.1.3"
^x.y.z: use x major and the latest minor and patch.
```



Dependencies are not uploaded to git

Dependencies should be installed after fetching code from git

npm install

Insall only production dependencies (on production server)

npm install --production

Create readme.md

"This repo contains the MEAN stack application that is built in CS572 Modern Web Applications course."

Ignore node_modules when pushing to git.

Create .gitignore file and fill it with

node_modules



Start script; shortcut to start your application.

```
"scripts": {
    "start": "node app17.js",
    "test": "echo \"Error: no test specified\" && exit 1"
}
```

Create file app17.js

To start the application:

npm start

- > app17@1.0.0 start
- > node app17.js

What is Express

- Web framework for MEAN stack.
- Listen to incoming requests and respond.
- Deliver static html files.
- Compile and deliver html.
- Return JSON.

Express Application

- Add dependency on Express.
- Require Express.
- Listen to requests (port) at URLs.
- Return HTTP status codes.
- Response HTML or JSON.



Create package.json

npm init

Add dependency on Express (using npm command line)

npm install express

app18.js file

const express= require("express");
const app= express();

Run the application:

npm start

The server terminates before we send a request!



```
app18.js file

const express= require("express");

const app= express();

app.listen(3000); // Hardcoded more than one place :(

console.log("Listening to port 3000"); // Another place :(

Run the application

npm start
```

Check the browser (http://localhost:3000)

Nothing interesting, but we do have a server.



```
app19.js file
const express= require("express");
const app= express();
app.set("port", 3000); // In one place
app.listen(app.get("port");
console.log("Listening to port "+ app.get("port");
Run the application
npm start
```

Check the browser (http://localhost:3000)

Same results but better software engineering, right? Why?



```
app20.js file
const express= require("express");
const app= express();
app.set("port", 3000);
const server= app.listen(app.get("port"), function() {
  const port= server.address().port; // Get port from app
  console.log("Listening to port "+ port);
});
Run the application
npm start
Check the browser (<a href="http://localhost:3000">http://localhost:3000</a>)
Is this really a callback?
```

Environment Variables

- Hard coding values in code is bad.
 - Why?
- Best to have constants outside the program.
 - In Java we use property files.
 - In NodeJS we use environment variables.
- To read environment variables we use a package (dotenv).

dotenv Install Add Use

Install dotenv package

npm install dotenv

+ dotenv@10.0.0



dotenv Install Add Use

```
app21.js file
require("dotenv").config();
const express= require("express");
...
Create file .env and fill it with
PORT = 3000
```

dotenv Install Add Use



```
app21.js file
require("dotenv").config();
const express= require("express");
const app= express();
app.set("port", process.env.PORT);
const server= app.listen(app.get("port"), function() {
  console.log("Listening to port", server.address().port);
});
Now you can change the port number outside of your
program.
Don't forget to exclude the file from git (for security)
Update .gitignore (good idea to add lock file)
.env
package-lock.json
```

RoutingusingExpress

- Routing is listening to requests on certain URLs and doing something on the server side then sending a response back.
- Route definition
 - HTTP method
 - Path
 - Function to run when route is matched



```
app22.js file
require("dotenv").config();
const express= require("express");
const app= express();
app.get("/", function(req, res) {
  console.log("GET received");
const server= app.listen(process.env.PORT, function() {
  const port= server.address().port();
  console.log(process.env.MSG_SERVER_START, port);
Run the application
npm start
Check the browser (<a href="http://localhost:3000">http://localhost:3000</a>)
Are you getting a response? Is the server getting the request?
```



```
app22.js file
require("dotenv").config();
const express= require("express");
const app= express();
app.get("/", function(req, res) {
  console.log("GET received");
  res.send("Received your GET request.");
});
const server= app.listen(process.env.PORT, function() {
  const port= server.address().port();
  console.log(process.env.MSG_SERVER_START, port);
Run the application
npm start
Check the browser (<a href="http://localhost:3000">http://localhost:3000</a>)
```



```
app22.js file
require("dotenv").config();
const express= require("express");
const app= express();
app.get("/", function(req, res) {
  console.log("GET received");
  res.status(404).send("Received your GET request.");
});
const server= app.listen(process.env.PORT, function() {
  const port= server.address().port();
  console.log(process.env.MSG_SERVER_START, port);
Run the application
npm start
Check the browser (<a href="http://localhost:3000">http://localhost:3000</a>)
```



```
app22.js file
app.get("/json", function(req, res) {
  console.log("JSON request received");
  res.status(200).json({"JSON_Data": true});
Run the application
npm start
Check the browser (<a href="http://localhost:3000/json">http://localhost:3000/json</a>)
```



```
app22.js file
const path= require("path");
app.get("/file", function(req, res) {
  console.log("File request received");
  res.status(200).sendFile(path.join(__dirname,
"app22.js"));
});
Run the application
npm start
Check the browser (<a href="http://localhost:3000/file">http://localhost:3000/file</a>)
```

Express Serving Static Files

- Applications require foundations
 - HTML pages
 - CSS files
 - Images
 - JS libraries
- Easier to deliver static pages through Express directly.



app23.js file, after port definition and before routes we define the static folder (introduce middleware)

app.use(express.static(path.join(__dirname, "public")));

Create a public folder and add index.html into it.

Run the application

npm start

Check the browser (http://localhost:3000/index.html)



```
app23.js file
```

Run the application

npm start

Check the browser

(http://localhost:3000/public/index.html)



CSS bootstrap Theam available from www.bootswatch.com/superhero (bootstrap.min.css)

Add the downloaded file to /public/css folder

Link CSS file to index.html file header section

<link href="css/bootstrap.min.css" rel="stylesheet" />

Run the application

npm start

JQuery from www.jquery.com/download/ (jquery-3.5.1.min.js)

Reference jquery in the page

<script src="jquery/jquery-3.5.1.min.js"/>

Run the application

npm start





Create images folder

Go to (https://compro.miu.edu/) and obtain a copy of MIU logo, copy the image to the images folder

Add image to index.html

Run the application

npm start

In class Exercise Start Creating MEAN Games Based on what we learned so far.

- Create a MEAN Games application (using npm init)
- Add dotenv
- Add Express
- Create a homepage (index.html), CSS, and image
 - Find index.html (in the resources folder)
 - Find custom.css (in the resources folder)