

Introduction to Backend Development and Deployment

Via NodeJS and Azure

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About this Session



Topic to be covered

- Routes in ExpressJS
 - Routings
 - Route Path
 - Route Methods
- Middleware in ExpressJS
- Routers in ExpressJS
- Returning HTML as Response in ExpressJS

Route

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Routing

- An application's endpoints (URIs) respond to client requests.
- Define routing using methods of the Express app object that correspond to HTTP methods;
- for example:
 - app.get() to handle GET requests
 - app.post to handle POST requests.
 - •use app.all() to handle all HTTP methods
 - •app.use() to specify middleware as the callback function

Route Path

- Route paths can be strings, string patterns, or regular expressions.
- The characters ?, +, *, and () are subsets of their regular expression counterparts.
- The hyphen (-) and the dot (.) are interpreted literally by string-based paths.
- If you need to use the dollar character (\$) in a path string, enclose it escaped within ([and]).
- For example, the path string for requests at "/data/\$book", would be "/data/([\\$])book".
- See the <u>path-to-regexp</u> documentation for all the possibilities in defining route paths

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Routes Basic

```
const express = require('express');
const app = express();
app.route('/msg/hello')
.get((req, res) => {
 res.send('Hello World! Get');
.post((req, res) => {
 res.send('Hello World! Post');
});
app.listen(8080)
```

Middlewares



What is a Middleware?

- Middleware functions are functions that have access to following object in the application's request-response cycle:
 - •the <u>request object</u> (req),
 - •the <u>response object</u> (res)
 - •the next function.
- The next function is a function in the Express router which, when invoked, executes the middleware succeeding the current middleware.
- If the current middleware function does not end the request-response cycle, it
 must call next() to pass control to the next middleware function. Otherwise, the
 request will be left hanging.

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Middleware Basic

```
const express = require('express');
const app = express();
app.use((req, res, next) => {
 console.log('LOGGED');
 next();
});
app.get('/', function (req, res) {
 res.send('Hello World!');
});
app.listen(8080)
```

Middleware Path Specific

```
const express = require('express');
const app = express();
app.use('/msg',(req, res, next) => {
 console.log('LOGGED');
 next();
});
app.get('/msg/hello', function (req, res) {
 res.send('Hello World!');
});
app.get('/msg/bye', function (req, res) {
 res.send('Bye World!');
app.listen(8080)
```

Middleware Module Import

```
File One
const express = require('express');
const app = express();
const apiCheck = require('./utils/apicheck');
app.use(apiCheck);
app.get('/msg/hello', function (reg, res) {
 res.send('Hello World!');
});
app.get('/msg/bye', function (req, res) {
 res.send('Bye World!');
});
app.listen(8080)
```

File Two

```
const apiKey = 'abcd1234';

function apiCheck(req,res,next) {
   if (req.headers['x-api-key']!== apiKey) {
     return res.send('Invalid APIKey');
   }
   next();
}

module.exports = apiCheck;
```

Routers



- Router class to create modular, mountable route handlers.
- A Router instance is a complete middleware and routing system
- It is often referred to as a "mini-app".

Demo

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Router Basic

```
File One
const express = require('express');
const app = express();
const msg = require('./controller/message');
                                                                            });
app.use('/msg', msg);
app.get(", (req, res) => {
 res.send('Let\'s Go');
                                                                            });
});
```

File Two

```
const express = require('express');
const router = express.Router()
router.get(", (req, res) => {
 res.send('Hey it\'s message route');
router.get('/hello', (req, res) => {
 res.send('Hello World');
module.exports = router;
```

Demo: HTML File as Response

Check the repo for the code: https://github.com/ieeeditu/Backend-Dev-and-Deploy/tree/master/Session-2/HTML_Example.





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