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## 6. Templating - EJS

- EJS: Embedded JavaScript templates
- EJS is a simple templating language that lets you generate HTML markup with plain JavaScript

eg. In Terminal

- HP@DP MINGW64 ~/Desktop/demo/EJSdir  
\$ npm init -y  
:      ← this flag used for setting a default values in package.json  
         After created you can change its value if you want
- \$ npm install express  
:
- \$ npm install ejs  
:
- \$ touch index.js
- \$ code index.js
- \$ ls -la  
total ...  
... ..  
... ..  
... .. node\_modules/ ...  
... .. package-lock.json  
... .. package.json  
... .. index.js



### In index.js

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

```
const port = 8080;
```

```
app.listen(port, () => {
```

```
  console.log('App is listening on port ${port}');  
});
```

### In Terminal

```
- $ nodemon index.js
```

```
:
```

```
:
```

```
App is listening on port 8080
```

### Append in index.js

```
- app.set("view engine", "ejs");
```

```
app.get("/", (req, res) => {
```

```
  res.render("home.ejs");  
});
```

↖ you can also write only "home" without  
".ejs"



- ⇒ In EJSdir folder, make a new folder named "views"
- ⇒ By default, express require "ejs" automatically
- ⇒ By default, express searches for "views" named folder to run "render" function
- ⇒ We will make our .ejs file, ~~is~~ in this folder.

In demo / EJSdir / views / home.ejs

```
- <!DOCTYPE html>
  <html lang="en">
  :
  <body>
    <h1> This is home page </h1>
  </body>
</html>
```

In Browser

- URL = localhost:3030

Output will be as per "home.ejs" file

⇒ This is home page



## \* views directory

→ We can start server from parent directory, as below:

```
HP@PP MINGW64 ~/Desktop/demo  
$ nodemon EJSdis/index.js
```

→ Now, as per above command ~~express~~ cannot locate "views" folder, so we have to set path of "views" folder.

(Add) Append in index.js

```
- const path = require("path");  
app.set("views", path.join(__dirname, "/views"));
```

→ Now, it will work same as before.



## \* Interpolation Syntax

- Interpolation refers to embedding expressions into marked up text.  
(Just like string literals, we can write variables inside a string)
- With the use of this, we can write js inside (inbetween) html syntax. (making ejs dynamic)
- ⇒ visit [ejs.co](https://ejs.co) website, scroll down to Tags section

- `<%` 'Scriptlet' tag, for control-flow, no output
- `<%=` 'Whitespace slurping' Scriptlet tag, strips all whitespace before it
- `<%=` Outputs the value into the template (HTML escaped) (output in string)
- `<%-` Outputs the unescaped value into the template
- `<%=` Comment tag, no execution, no output
- `<%=` Outputs a literal '`<%=`'
- `%>` Plain ending tag
- `-%>` Trim-mode ('newline slurp') tag, trims following new line
- `_%>` 'Whitespace slurping' ending tag, removes all whitespace after it



e.g.

add In views/home.ejs

- :

<body>

<h1> This is home page </h1>

<h3> <%= 1 + 2 %> </h3>

<h3> <%= "apnacollege".toUpperCase() %> </h3>

<h3> <%= ["one", "two"][1] %> </h3>

</body>

</html>

Output on : This is home page

Web page 3

APNACOLLEGE

two



## \* Passing Data to EJS

eg. add In index.js

- `app.get("/rolldice", (req, res) => {`

`let num = Math.floor(Math.random() * 6) + 1 ;`

`res.render("rollDice.ejs", { diceVal: num } );`  
`});`

↖ No need to make  
two variable.  
see next page:

In EJSdir/views/rollDice.ejs

- `<!DOCTYPE html>`

`<html ... >`

`:`

`<body>`

`<h1> Your Dice gave value: <%= diceVal %> </h1>`

`</body>`

`</html>`

In Browser

- URL = localhost:8080/rolldice

Output: Your Dice gave value: 5  
refresh

Your Dice gave value: 1



eg add in index.js

```
- app.get("/ig/:username", (req, res) => {  
    let { username } = req.params;  
    res.render("instagram.ejs", { username });  
});
```

In EJSdir / views / instagram.ejs

```
- <!DOCTYPE html>  
  <html ...>  
    :  
  <body>  
    <h1> This page belongs to @<%= username %></h1>  
  </body>  
</html>
```

In Browser

- URL = localhost:2020/ig/parth

Output : This page belongs to @parth

## \* Conditional Statements in EJS

```
- <% if (diceVal == 6) { %>
    <h2> Nice! Roll Dice again </h2>
  <% } %>
```

→ In conditional statements, wrap it with tags of ejs without wrapping html markup

## \* Loops in EJS

- In index.js

```
- app.get("/ig/:username", (req, res) => {
    let { username } = req.params;
    const followers = ["name1", "name2", "name3"];
    res.render("instagram.ejs", { username, followers });
});
```

In EJSdir/views/instagram.ejs

```
- <h1> This page belongs to @<%= username %> </h1>
  <h3> Accounts that follows you: </h3>
  <ul> <% for (let name of followers) { %>
    <li> <%= name %> </li>
  <% } %>
</ul>
```



## 21.1 In Browser

- URL = localhost:2020/ig/italiya

Output: This page belongs to @italiya

Accounts that follows you:

- name1
- name2
- name3

## \* JSON Data in EJS

→ We have a json file which has some data and it is stored at EJSdir/data.json

→ e.g. A simple instagram page, we get data from json file and set it in .ejs file

### In data.json

```
- {  
  "cats": {  
    "name": "cats",  
    "followers": 25000,  
    "following": 5,  
    "posts": [  
      {  
        "image": "https://...",  
        "likes": 200,  
        "comments": 17  
      }  
    ]  
  }  
}
```



```

        { ... },
        { ... }
    ]
},
"dogs": {
    "name": "dogs",
    "followers": 75000,
    "following": 150,
    "posts": [
        { ... },
        { ... },
        { ... }
    ]
}
}

```

< 9 1 > < 1 In index.js > 12850107 < 9 >

- app.get("/ig/:username", (req, res) => {

let { username } = req.params;

const instaData = require("./data.json");

const data = instaData[username];

if (data) {

res.render("instagram.ejs", { data });

} else {

res.render("error.ejs");

}

});



...

In views / instagram.ejs

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<button> follow </button>

<button> Message </button>

$\langle p \rangle$  Followers:  $\langle \% = \text{data.followers} \% \rangle \langle | p \rangle$

<P> Following: <% = data following %> </P>

 $\langle h_R \rangle$ 

```
<% for (let post of data.posts) { %>
```

```
<img src = "<% = post.image %>" >
```

 $\langle bA_2 \rangle$ [illegible]

Comments:  $\langle \% = \text{post.comments} \% \rangle$

 $\langle 1p \rangle$  $\langle 1/0 \rangle \{ \quad 1/0 \}$



## In Browser

- URL = localhost:2080/ig/cats

Output: As per instagram.ejs page where username=cats

- URL = localhost:2080/ig/parth

Output: No such Account ← as per error.ejs



## \* Serving static files

- In Best Practice, we will make a folder named "public" in "EJSdir" folder and store files of "css" and "js" respective folders.

In EJSdir/public/js/app.js

```
- let buttons = document.querySelectorAll("button");  
for (const button of buttons) {  
    button.addEventListener("click", () => {  
        alert("Button was clicked");  
    });  
}
```

In EJSdir/public/css/style.css

```
- body {  
    background-color: aqua;  
}  
  
img {  
    height: 100px;  
    width: 100px;  
}
```



Example: In EJSdir/index.js

```
- const express = require('express');
  const app = express();
  const path = require('path');
```

```
const port = 8080;
```

```
app.listen(port port, () => {
```

```
  console.log(`App is listening on port ${port}`);
});
```

```
→ app.use(express.static(path.join(__dirname, '/public/js')));
```

```
→ app.use(express.static(path.join(__dirname, '/public/css')));
```

OR If we start server from EJSdir then ↓ ; If we start server from demo then ↑

```
→ app.use(express.static('/public/js'));
```

```
→ app.use(express.static('/public/css'));
```

```
app.set('view engine', 'ejs');
```

```
app.set('views', path.join(__dirname, '/views'));
```

```
⋮
```

as per previous examples... page: 51

In views/instagram.ejs

**IMP**

- In head <sup>element</sup> tag ⇒ `<link rel="stylesheet" href="/style.css">`
- body <sup>element</sup> tag ⇒ as per page: 52 & at the this script tag just above end tag of body
- ⇒ `<script src="/app.js"></script>`



## \* Sub Templates (includes) (partials)

→ We have made home.ejs, error.ejs, instagram.ejs ... now, in these files we have written some code blocks same (similar).

→ These similar code blocks, we will remove from these files and store it in only one file, and we will call it sub templates.

→ In main .ejs files we will only write one line at appropriate place

e.g. `<%- include("includes/head.ejs"); -%>`

e.g. In ETSDir / views / includes / footer.ejs

- `<footer> This is footer </footer>`

In ETSDir / views / includes / head.ejs

- `<head>`

`<meta ... >`

`<meta ... >`

`<title> Home Page </title>`

`</head>`



In EJSdir / views / home.ejs

```
- <!DOCTYPE html>
  <html lang="en">

    <%- include("includes/head.ejs"); %>

    <body>
      <h1> This is home page </h1>

      <%- include("includes/footer.ejs"); %>

    </body>
  </html>
```

In EJSdir / views / error.ejs

```
- :
  <h1> No such Account </h1>

  <%- include("includes/footer.ejs"); %>
```

\* ejs-mate package

- npm i ejs-mate

```
- const ejsMate = require("ejs-mate");
  app.engine("ejs", ejsMate);
```



→ boilerplate.ejs

- <html>  
 <head> ... </head>

<body>

<h1> Something </h1>

<div class="container">

<%- body %>

</div>

</body>

</html>

instead of h1 you can  
include navbar.ejs

this is variable  
of all other ejs files

here, you can include footer.ejs

→ home.ejs

- <% layout("boilerplate") %>

<body>

This is the body of home

</body>

→ new.ejs

- <% layout("boilerplate") %>

<body>

This is the body of new

</body>



## 7. GET & POST Requests

- GET = Used to get some response
  - = Data sent in query strings, which is limited, is string data & is visible in URL.
- POST = Used to post something (for create/write/update)
  - = Data sent via request body which can be of any type.

e.g. 1

In demo/Misc/Frontend/index.html

```
- <!DOCTYPE html>
  <html lang="en">
  <head>
    <meta charset="UTF-8">
    <meta name="viewport"
      content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
    <title> GET & POST Request </title>
  </head>
  <body>

    <h3> GET Request Form </h3>

    <form action="/register" method="get">

      <input type="text"
        placeholder="enter username"
        name="username">
```



```
<input type="password"  
placeholder="enter password"  
name="password" >
```

```
<button type="submit"> GET Register </button>  
</form>
```

```
<hr>
```

```
<h3> POST Request Form </h3>
```

```
<form action="/register" method="post" >
```

```
<input type="text"  
placeholder="enter username"  
name="username" >
```

```
<input type="password"  
placeholder="enter password"  
name="password" >
```

```
<button type="submit"> POST Register </button>
```

```
</form>
```

```
</body>
```

```
</html>
```



## In BROWSER

- URL = 127.0.0.1:5500 ← (live server of VS Code)
  - enter username = abc
  - enter password = 123
  - click on "GET Register" button

Output: URL = 127.0.0.1:5500/register?username=abc&password=123

on Webpage = Cannot GET /register

- URL = 127.0.0.1:5500
  - enter username = abcd
  - enter password = 1234
  - click on "POST Register" button

Output: URL = 127.0.0.1:5500/register

on Webpage = This page isn't working right now.

Default error page  
of browser



e.g.2

## In Misc / Backend Terminal

- HP@DP MINGW64 ~/Desktop / Misc / Backend
- ```
$ npm init -y
```

⋮

output: package.json file will be created in Backend folder. You can update value of the keys such as "author", ...

- \$ npm install express
- \$ ~~touch~~ index.js
- \$ code index.js

## In Misc / Backend / index.js

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

```
const port = 8080;
```

```
app.listen ( port , () => {
```

```
  console.log(`App is listening on port ${port}`);  
});
```



```
app.get("/register", (req, res) => {  
  res.send("This is GET response");  
});
```

```
app.post("/register", (req, res) => {  
  res.send("This is POST response");  
});
```

### In Terminal

- \$ nodemon index.js  
:

App is listening on port 8080

### In Browser (happscotch.io)

- HTTP verb = GET

URL = http://localhost:8080/register

Output in : This is GET response  
Response body

- HTTP verb = POST

URL = http://localhost:8080/register

Output in : This is POST response  
Response body



## \* Access data of GET Request

From eg.1 @ eg.2.

In Misc / Frontend / index.html

- Replace  $\Rightarrow$  `action = "/register"`  
with  $\Rightarrow$  `action = "http://localhost:8080/register"`

In Misc / Backend / index.js

- `app.get("/register", (req, res) => {  
 let { username, password } = req.query;  
 res.send('This is GET response, Welcome @ {username}');  
});`

In BROWSER

- URL = 127.0.0.1:5500
  - enter username = abc
  - enter password = 123
  - click on "GET Register" button

Output: URL = `http://localhost:8080/register?username=abc&password=123`

on Webpage: This is GET response, Welcome @ abc



## \* Access data of POST Request

from e.g. 1 ⊕ e.g. 2 ⊕ page 64 e.g.

In Misc / Frontend / index.html

- We have already replaced value of action attribute

add In Misc / Backend / index.js

- `app.use(express.urlencoded({extended: true}));`

`app.post("/register", (req, res) => {`

`let {username, password} = req.body;`

`res.send('This is POST response, Welcome @ ${username}');`  
`});`

In Browser

- URL = 127.0.0.1:5500
  - enter username = abcd
  - enter password = 1234
  - click on "POST register" button

Output: URL = http://localhost:8080/register

on webpage: This is POST response, Welcome @ abcd



## \* Access JSON data of POST Request

From e.g. 1 ⊕ e.g. 2 ⊕ page 64 & 65 e.g.

add In Misc / Backend / index.js

- app.use(express.json());

In Browser - (Hoppscotch.io)

- HTTP verb = POST

URL := http://localhost:3020/register

Body tab ⇒ Content Type = application/json

Raw Request Window = {

"username": "Parth",

"password": "123"

}

Output in : This is POST response, Welcome @parth  
Response Body



## \* Data sent to POST as Object

- <form>

<input name = "listing [username]" >

<input name = "listing [password]" >

</form>

- let newListing = req.body.listing;

↳ {

username: "abcd",

password: "123abcd"

}