**Checking Syntax**

It’s possible to parse a JavaScript application without running it in order to just check the syntax.

This can be useful on occasions where running code has a setup/teardown cost, for instance, needing to clear a database, but there’s still a need to check that the code parses. It can also be used in more advanced cases where code has been generated and a syntax check is required.

To check the syntax of a program (which will be called **app.js**), use **--check** or **-c** flag:

**node --check app.js**

**node -c app.js**

If the code parses successfully, there will be no output. If the code does not parse and there is a syntax error, the error will be printed to the terminal.