

# How Express JS Works Explained

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## Understand Express.js Flow

### Require Express

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

We use `require("express")` to include the Express module.

### Why we can't use Express directly?

Because Express returns a function. To use it, we need to call it:

```
const app = express();
```

Alternatively, you can do it like this in one line:

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

This creates an Express application and stores it in the app variable.

## Start the Server

```
app.listen(3200);
```

This tells Express to start a server on port 3200.

## Check app Object

If you want to inspect what's inside the Express app, use:

```
console.log(app);
```

This will show all the available methods and properties of the Express app.

## Express.js Routes and Flow

### Basic Route Example

```
app.get("", (req, resp) => {
  resp.send("<h1>Home Page</h1>");
```

```
} );
```

.get() is used to handle **GET** requests.

It takes **two parameters**: a path ("") or "/about") and a callback function.

## Multiple Routes Example

```
app.get("", (req, resp) => {
  resp.send("<h1>Home Page</h1>");
}) ;

app.get("about", (req, resp) => {
  resp.send("<h1>About Page</h1>");
}) ;

app.get("/", (req, resp) => {
  resp.send("<h1>Home Page 2</h1>");
}) ;
```

### Note:

Express matches and executes the **first matching route**. So if "" and "/" look similar, only the first one is executed.

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