



Express - Configurations

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We will cover with the following concepts

- 1) Keeping the configurations aside
- 2) Concept of `module.exports`
- 3) Ignoring things from your git repository

We will be keeping five major configurations

- **Application port** - port at which the application is supposed to run
- **allowedOrigins** - Domains or origin which are allowed to access the application. If there is a mismatch, then it throws a [CORS error](#).
- **Environment** - Which environment are you are working for.
- **Database url** - Url with credentials at which database is hosted.
- **apiVersion** - Version of your current API.

Exporting things is easy

- **module.exports** is an object that the current module returns when it is required by another program or module
- You can include functionality from one module using a require statement.
- Modules are basic static blocks of a larger piece of software.
- Every export is a Module in NodeJS ecosystem
- Lets look at some application of same.

Modifying your git push version

- **gitignore** is a tool by git only to give you option to opt out of certain files and folders from your git push
- You can find details about it [at this link](#)
- You must add node_modules in your .gitignore file.

The next steps are ...

- Creating routes
- Creating controllers
- Create a basic REST API