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**INTRODUCTION TO WEB SERVICES AND
REST API'S**

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Introductions to Web Services and REST API's



- Web Services
- REST
 - Resource Based
 - HTTP Methods as Actions

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Defining “Web” and “Service”

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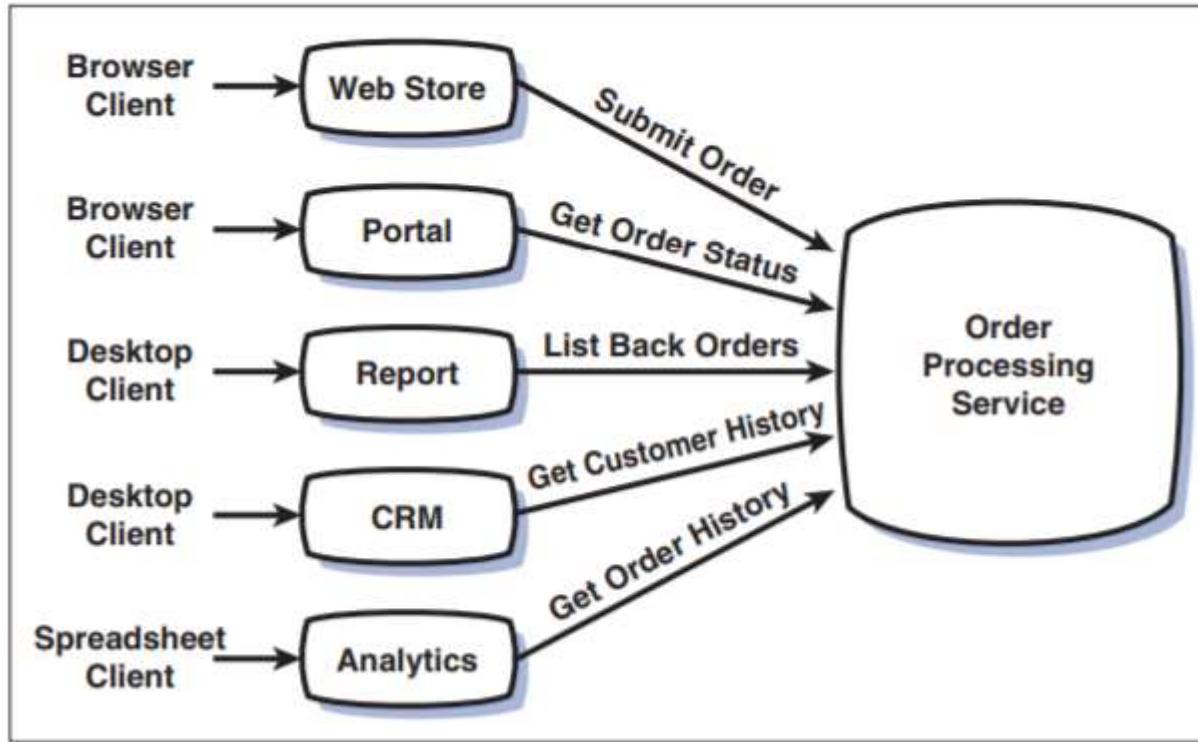
Introductions to Web Services



- A Web service is a service that lives on the Web.
- The **Web** is a huge information space filled with interconnected resources.
- A **service** is an application that can be consumed by software.
- “Service” refers to the service-oriented architecture.
- An interface hides the complexities of the internal system.
- One service can support many applications.

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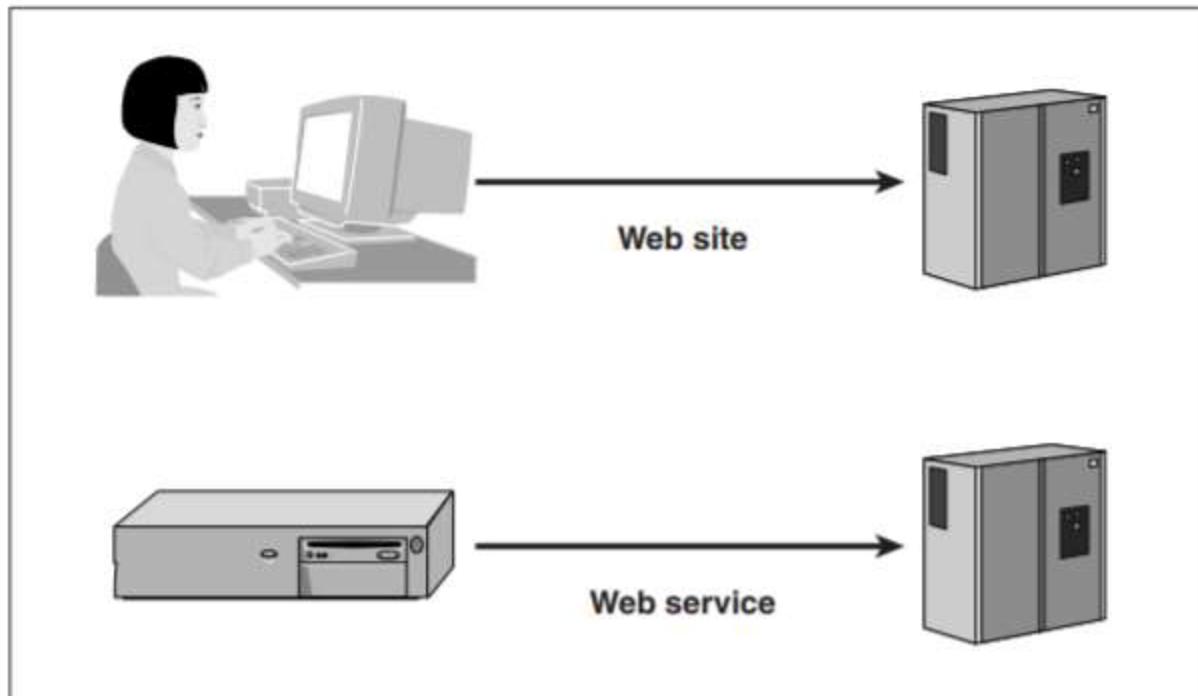


- A service can be shared by many different applications.

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- A Web site is designed to be accessed by humans.
- A **Web service** is designed to be **accessed by applications**.



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Defining web service?

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- A programmable application component that is accessible via standard Internet protocols.
- **W3C definition:** *Software system designed to support interoperable machine-to-machine interaction over a network.*
- A Web service is an application with a Web API.



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- The key things to understand about Web services:
- Designed for machine-to-machine (or application-to-application) interaction.
- Should be interoperable, Not platform dependent.
- Should allow communication over a network.

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Why Web Services?

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- Web services help you **integrate** applications.
- Web services **support** heterogeneous interoperability.
- Web services are **inexpensive**.
- Web services are **flexible** and **adaptable**.

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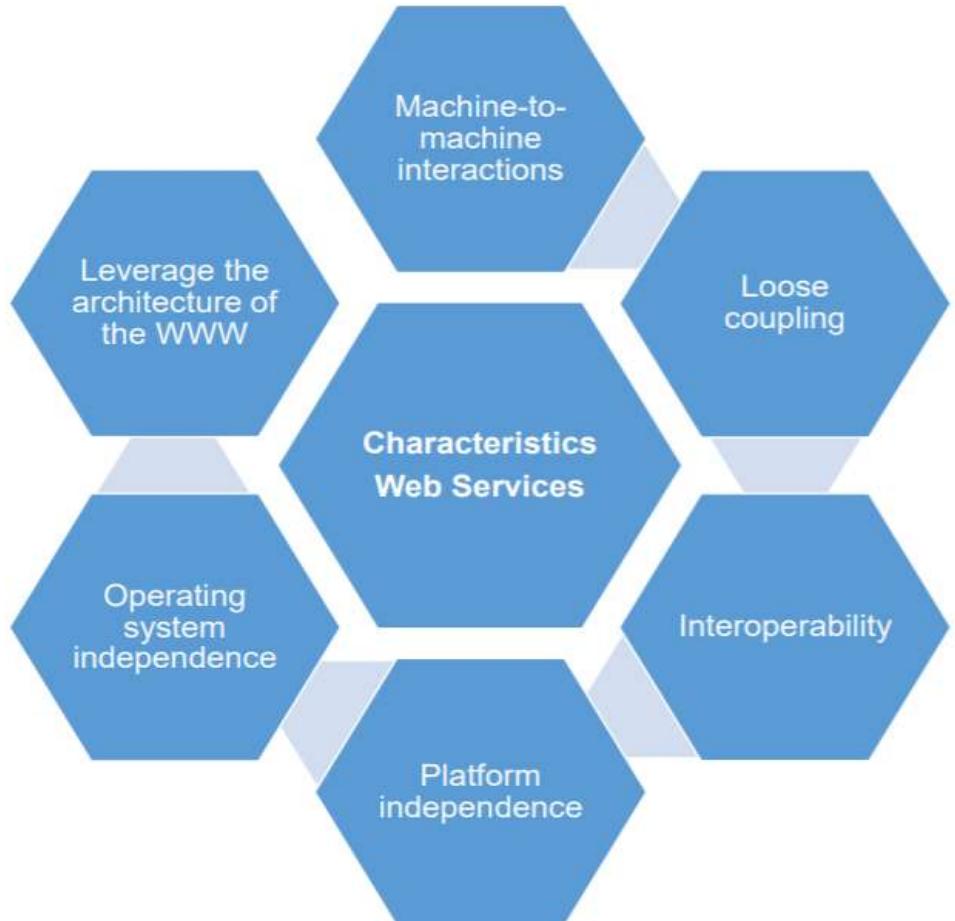
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“Characteristics of Web Services”

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“REST API’s”

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- REST is about **resources** and how to **represent resources** in different ways.
- REST is about **client-server communication**.
- REST is about how to **manipulate resources**.
- REST offers a **simple, interoperable** and **flexible** way of writing web services that can be very different from other techniques.

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REST is NOT!

- A protocol.
- A standard.
- A replacement for SOAP

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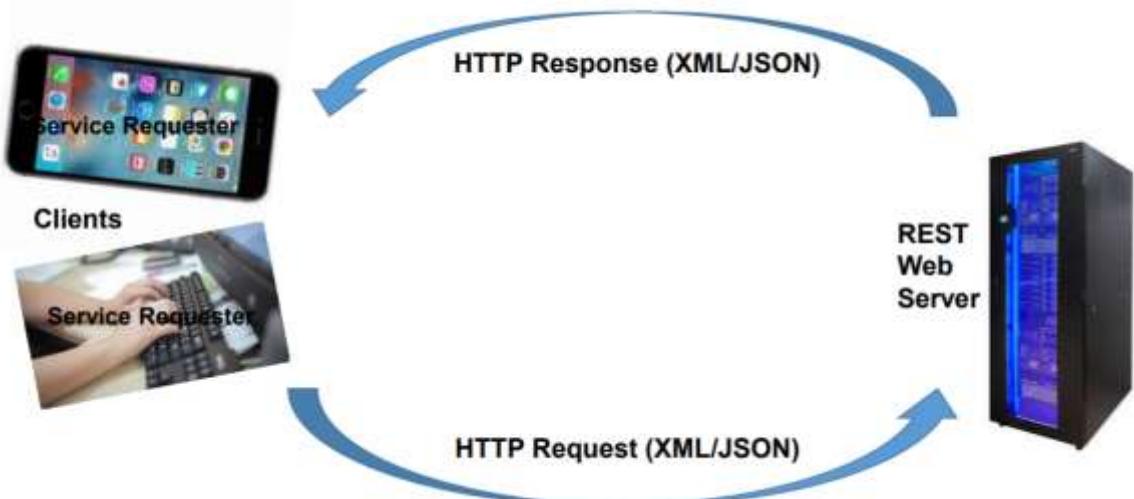
- Representational State Transfer
- REST is an architecture all about the **Client-Server communication** .
- Guided by REST constraints (design rules).
- Based on **Resource Oriented Architecture**.
 - A network of web pages where the client progresses through an application by selecting links.
 - Requests/responses relate to representations of states of a resource.
 - When client traverses link, accesses new resource (i.e., transfers state).
- Uses simple **HTTP protocol**.

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An Architectural Style

- It is an software architectural model which is used to describe distributed systems like **WWW (World Wide Web)**.
- It has been developed in parallel with **HTTP** protocol.



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- Client **requests** a specific **resource** from the server.
 - The server **responds** to that request by delivering the requested resource.
 - Server does not have any information about any client.
 - So, there is no difference between the two requests of the same client.
 - A model which the representations of the resources are transferred between the client and the server.
- The Web as we know is already in this form!

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Resources

- Resources are consistent **mappings from an identifier** [such as a URL path] to some set of views on server-side state.
- Every resource must be **uniquely addressable** via a URI.
- “If one view doesn’t suit your needs, then feel free to create a different resource that provides a better view.”
- “These views need not have anything to do with how the information is stored on the server. They just need to be understandable (and actionable) by the recipient.” *Roy T. Fielding*

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RESTful Design Specifications (Constraints)

Client-
Server

- Separation of concerns - user interface vs data storage
- Client and server are independent from eachother

Stateless

- Each request from client to server must contain all of the information
- No client session data or any context stored on the server

Cacheable

- Specify data as cacheable or non cacheable
- HTTP responses must be cacheable by the clients

Uniform
Interface

- All resources are accessed with a generic interface (HTTP-based) which remains same for all clients.

Layered
System

- Allows an architecture to be composed of hierarchical layers
- Each component cannot “see” beyond the immediate layer.

Code On-
Demand

- REST allows client functionality to be extended by downloading and executing code in the form of applets or scripts.

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HTTP Methods

- GET – *safe, idempotent, cacheable*
- PUT – *idempotent*
- POST
- DELETE – *idempotent*
- HEAD
- OPTIONS

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Table 5-1. CRUD Mapping for Collections

Operation	HTTP Method	Resource	Example	Remarks
Read - List	GET	Collection	GET /customers	Lists objects (additional query string can be used to filter)
Read	GET	Object	GET /customers/1234	Returns a single object (query string may be used to filter fields)
Create	POST	Collection	POST /customers	Creates an object, and the object is supplied in the body.
Update	PUT	Object	PUT /customers/1234	Replaces the object with the object supplied in the body.
Update	PATCH	Object	PATCH /customers/1234	Modifies some attributes of the object, specification in the body.
Delete	DELETE	Object	DELETE /customers/1234	Deletes the object

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RESTful Design Considerations : Steps for designing RESTful Web Service

- **Identifying resources** the service will expose over the network.
- **Designing the URI Templates:** map URIs to resources
- **Applying the Uniform HTTP Interface:** options available on each resource for different user groups.
- **Security Considerations:** Authentication and authorization

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RESTful Design Considerations : Steps for designing RESTful Web Service

- Designing the Resource Representations – XML/JSON.
- Supporting alternate Representations – XML or JSON based on filters
- Providing Resource Metadata – Ability to discover resources and options
- Avoiding RPC Tendencies

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RESTful Design Considerations : RESTful Service Implementation Considerations

- Parse the incoming request to
 - Use URI to identify the resource.
 - Identify URI variables (and map them to resource variables)
 - HTTP method used in the request (and whether it's allowed for the resource).
 - Read the resource representation
- Authenticate and authorize the user.

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RESTful Design Considerations : RESTful Service Implementation Considerations

- Use all of this information to perform the underlying service logic.
- Generate an appropriate HTTP response, including
 - Proper status code
 - Description
 - Outgoing resource representation in the response entity body (if any)

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Requests & Responses

REQUEST

GET /news/ HTTP/1.1

Host: example.org

Accept-Encoding: compress, gzip

User-Agent: Python- httplib2

Here is a **GET** request to «<http://example.org/news/>»

Method = **GET**

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Requests & Responses

And here is the response...

RESPONSE

HTTP/1.1 200 Ok

Date: Thu, 07 Aug 2008 15:06:24 GMT

Server: Apache

ETag: "85a1b765e8c01dbf872651d7a5"

Content-Type: text/html

Cache-Control: max-age=3600

<!DOCTYPE HTML>

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Requests & Responses

- The request is to a resource identified by a **URI**
 - (**URI** = Unified Resource Identifier).
- In this case, the resource is «<http://example.org/news/>»
- Resources, or addressability is very important.
- Every resource is URL-addressable.
- To change system state, simply change a resource.

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JSON

- JSON is the preferred encoding for the data, both in request and response bodies.
- Some REST specifications allow the caller to specify the format (JSON, XML, CSV, etc.),



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Express JS Introduction

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- ExpressJS is a web application framework that provides you with a simple API to build websites, web apps and back ends. With ExpressJS, we need not worry about low level protocols, processes, etc.
- Express provides a minimal interface to build our applications.
- It provides us the tools that are required to build our app.
- It is flexible as there are numerous modules available on **npm**, which can be directly plugged into Express.
- Express was developed by **TJ Holowaychuk** and is maintained by the Node.js foundation and numerous open source contributors.

Few of the most important features of Express.js:

- Express quickens the development pace of a web application.
- It also helps in creating mobile and web application of single-page, multi-page, and hybrid types
- Express can work with various templating engines such as Pug, Mustache, and EJS.
- Express follows the Model-View-Controller (MVC) architecture.
- It makes the integration process with databases such as MONGODB, Redis, MYSQL effortless.
- Express also defines an error-handling middleware.
- It helps in simplifying the configuration and customization steps for the application.

To install Express.js, first, you need to create a project directory and create a package.json file which will be holding the project dependencies.

Below is the code to perform the same:

npm init

To install it globally, you can use the below command:

npm install -g express

To install it locally into your project folder, you need to execute the below command:

npm install express --save

The most common HTTP Methods are

- **GET**

The GET method requests a representation of the specified resource. Requests using GET should only retrieve data and should have no other effect.

- **POST**

The POST method creates a new object/entity of the resource identified by the URI.

- **PUT**

The PUT method modifies the existing object identified by the URI. If it does not exist then the PUT method should create one.

- **DELETE**

The DELETE method requests that the server delete the specified resource.



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Routing

- Routing refers to the mechanism for serving the client the content it has asked for.
- It is the most important aspects of your website or web services.
- Routing in Express is simple, flexible, and robust.
- A route specification consists of
 - An HTTP method (GET, POST, etc.),
 - A path specification that matches the request URI,
 - And the route handler.

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Routing

- The handler is passed in a request object and a response object.
- The request object can be inspected to get the various details of the request, and
- The response object's methods can be used to send the response to the client

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Routing

- Create an application using its root-level exported function
- ***const app = express();*** Set up routes using this app.
 - To set up a route, use a function to indicate which HTTP method; for e.g., to handle the GET,PUT, DELETE etc.,
 - To this function, pass the pattern to match and a function to deal with the request if it does match.

```
const app = express();

app.get('/hello', (req, res) => {
  res.send('Hello World');
});
```



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Request Matching

- The request's method is matched with the route method (e.g., the get function was called on app, indicating it should match only GET HTTP methods)
- The request URL with the path spec matches ('/hello'), then the handler is called.
- In other words, “If you receive a GET request to the URL /hello, then execute *this piece of code*.”

```
const app = express();

app.get('/hello', (req, res) => {
  res.send('Hello World');
});
```

Request Matching

- The method and the path need not be very specific. E.g.,
app.get(), app.post(), app.put(), etc.,

```
const app = express();
app.get('/hello', (req, res) => {
  res.send('Hello World');
});
```
- If you want to say “any method,” you could use app.all().
- The path specification can also take regular expression-like patterns (like '/*.do') or regular expressions themselves.
- Regular expressions in paths are rarely used. Route parameters in the path are used often.
- They are named segments in the path specification that match a part of the URL.

Route Parameters

- If a match occurs, the value in that part of the URL is supplied as a variable in the request object.

```
app.get('/customers/:customerId', ...)
```

- The customer ID will be captured and supplied to the handler function as part of the request in req.params, with the name of the parameter as the key.
- req.params.customerId can have any value for each of these URLs and can have multiple parameters.
- For e.g., /customers/:customerId/orders/:orderId, to match a customer's order.

Route Lookup

- Multiple routes can be set up to match different URLs and patterns.
- The router tries to match all routes in the order in which they are installed.
- If two routes are possible matches to a request, it will use the first defined one.
- Can define routes in the order of priority.

Route Lookup

When you add patterns its recommended to add more generic pattern *after the specific paths*.

- *For e.g, if you want to match everything that goes under /api/, that is, a pattern like /api/*,*
- Add this route only *after all the* specific routes that handle paths such as /api/issues.

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Handler Function



- Once a route is matched, the handler function is called.
- The parameters passed to the handler are a request object and a response object.

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Request Objects

1. To access a parameter value we use *req.params*.

```
req.param(name [, defaultValue])
```



Request Objects

2. **req.query**: This holds a parsed query string.

- It's an object with keys: as the query string parameters and
- Values as the query string values.
- Multiple keys with the same name are converted to arrays, and
- Keys with a square bracket notation result in nested objects

{ key: value }

?key1=value1&key2=value2&key3=value3

(e.g., `order[status]=closed` can be accessed as `req.query.order.status`).

Request Objects

3. *req.header, req.get(header)*:

- The get method gives access to any header in the request.
- The header property is an object with all headers stored as key-value pairs.

Request Objects

4. `req.path`:

- The path for which the middleware function is invoked; can be any of:
 - A string representing a path.
 - A path pattern.
 - A regular expression pattern to match paths.
 - An array of combinations of any of the above.

Request Objects

5. *req.url, req.originalURL*:

- Contain the complete URL, including the query string.
- If any middleware modifies the request URL, originalURL retains the original URL as it was received, *before the modification*.

Request Objects

6. *req.body*:

- Contains key-value pairs of data submitted in the request body.
- By default, it is undefined, and is populated when you use body-parsing middleware is installed to read and optionally interpret or parse the body.

Response Objects

The **res** object represents the HTTP response that an Express app sends when it gets an HTTP request.

```
res.send('<p>some html</p>')
```

1. **res.send(body)**: Sends the HTTP response.

- If the body is an object or an array, it is automatically converted to a JSON string with an appropriate content type.

Response Objects

The **res** object represents the HTTP response that an Express app sends when it gets an HTTP request.

```
res.status(400).send('Bad Request')
```

2. **res.status(code)**: This sets the response status code.

- If not set, it is defaulted to 200 OK.
- One common way of sending an error is by combining the `status()` and `send()` methods in a single call like `res.status(403).send("Access Denied")`.

Response Objects

3. ***res.json(object)***: Sends a JSON response

- This method sends a response (with the correct content-type) that is the parameter converted to a JSON string using [JSON.stringify\(\)](#).
- The parameter can be any JSON type, including object, array, string, Boolean, number, or null

```
res.json({ user: 'tobi' })
```

Response Objects

4. *res.sendFile(path):*

- This responds with the contents of the file at path.
- The content type of the response is guessed using the extension of the file.

```
res.sendFile('/uploads/' + uid + '/' + file)
```

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```
var express = require('express');
var app = express();
app.get('/getPESLocation', function(req, res){
  res.send("At Bangalore!");
});
app.listen(8080);
```

- Run the app and go to <http://localhost:8080/getPESLocation> , the server receives a get request at route "**/getPESLocation**", our Express app executes the **callback** function attached to this route and sends "**“At Bangalore!”**" as the response. Use `app.all` to set many methods for a single route.

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Routing and URL Binding

- Defining routes explicitly are very tedious to maintain.
- To separate the routes from our main **index.js** file, we will use **Express.Router**





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- ***Error Handling*** refers to how Express catches and processes errors that occur both synchronously and asynchronously
- The success or failure of any REST API call is typically reflected in the HTTP status code.
 - E.g., 400 Bad Request status code or syntactically incorrect requests.
 - 422 Unprocessable Entity

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- The error message (a description of what went wrong) itself can be returned in the response body, using JSON string.
- We will return an object with a single property called message that holds a readable as the description.
- At the server, sending an error is simple; just set the status using `res.status()` and send the error message as the response.

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Here we are trying to get the single issues from our API List

```
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Edit Search View Encoding Language Settings Tools Macro Run Plugins Window ?
change.log package.json issues.js new 1 myapp.js myapp_copy logger.js
1 const express = require('express');
2 const path = require('path');
3 const logger= require('./logger');
4 const app = express();
5
6 //init middleware
7 app.use(logger);
8
9 //set static folder
0 app.use(express.static(path.join (__dirname,'public')));
1
2 //issues API routes..
3 app.use('/api/issues', require('./routes/api/issues'));
4
5 //Get a single issues
6 app.get('/api/issues/:id', (req,res)=>{
7   res.json(issues.filter(issues=> issues.id === parseInt(req.params.id)));
8 });
9
0 const PORT = process.env.PORT ||5000;
1
2 app.listen(PORT, () => console.log(`Server started on port:${PORT}`));
3
```

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Here we are trying to get the single issues from our API List

A screenshot of the Postman API client interface. At the top, there are two tabs: "GET http://localhost:5000/api/issues..." and "POST http://localhost:5000/api/issues...". To the right of these tabs are buttons for "+ Add" and "...". Further right is a dropdown menu labeled "No Environment". Below the tabs, the method "GET" is selected from a dropdown, and the URL "http://localhost:5000/api/issues/2" is entered into the main input field. To the right of the URL is a "Send" button with a dropdown arrow. At the bottom of the interface, there are four buttons: "Pretty", "Raw", "Preview", and "Visualize", followed by a "JSON" button with a dropdown arrow. On the far right, there is a small icon with a circular arrow and a double-headed arrow. The main content area displays the JSON response from the API call, numbered line-by-line from 1 to 11.

```
1 [  
2 {  
3   "id": 2,  
4   "status": "Assigned",  
5   "owner": "Eddie",  
6   "created": "2016-08-16T00:00:00.000Z",  
7   "effort": 14,  
8   "completionDate": "2016-08-30T00:00:00.000Z",  
9   "title": "Missing bottom border on panel"  
10 }]  
11 ]
```

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Here we are trying to get the single issues from our API List

Notice that we have requested for id=4 which is not there in the API List. Hence, does not show any result

The screenshot shows the Postman application interface. At the top, there are two tabs: "GET http://localhost:5000/api/issues..." and "POST http://localhost:5000/api/issues...". Below these are buttons for "+ Add" and "...". To the right, it says "No Environment".

The main area is titled "Untitled Request". A dropdown menu shows "GET" selected, and the URL "http://localhost:5000/api/issues/4" is entered in the input field. To the right of the URL is a "Send" button.

Below the URL input, there are tabs for "Params", "Authorization", "Headers (6)", "Body", "Pre-request Script", "Tests", and "Settings". The "Params" tab is currently active.

Under the "Params" tab, there is a table titled "Query Params". It has columns for "KEY", "VALUE", and "DESCRIPTION". One row is present with "Key" in the KEY column, "Value" in the VALUE column, and "Description" in the DESCRIPTION column.

At the bottom of the interface, there are tabs for "Body", "Cookies", "Headers (6)", and "Test Results". The "Body" tab is active. To the right of these tabs, status information is displayed: "Status: 200 OK", "Time: 26 ms", and "Size: 212 B".

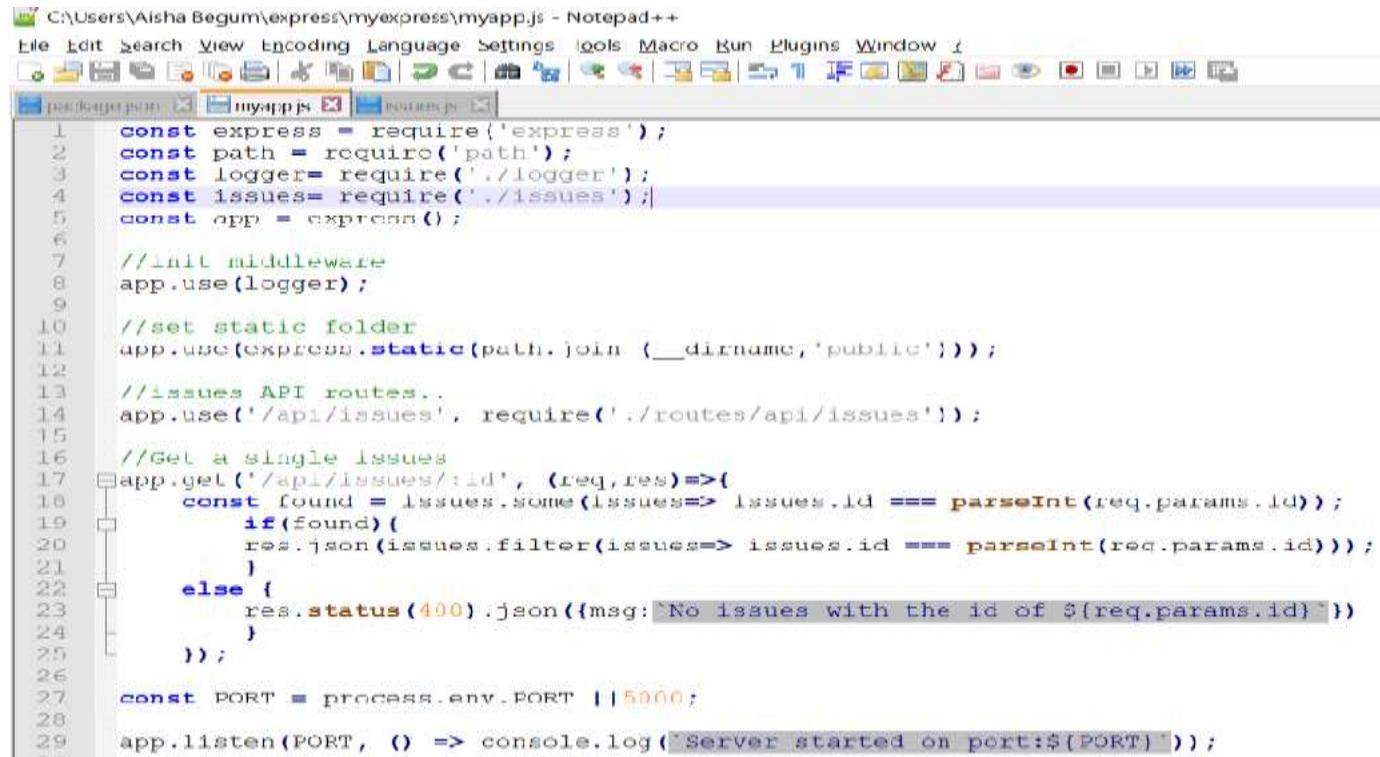
At the very bottom, there are buttons for "Pretty", "Raw", "Preview", "Visualize", "JSON", and a small orange icon.

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This code is trying to handle the issue with res.status HTTP response



```
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File Edit Search View Encoding Language Settings Tools Macro Run Plugins Window 
package.json myapp.js routes.js
1 const express = require('express');
2 const path = require('path');
3 const logger= require('./logger');
4 const issues= require('./issues');
5 const app = express();
6
7 //init middleware
8 app.use(logger);
9
10 //set static folder
11 app.use(express.static(path.join (__dirname,'public')));
12
13 //issues API routes..
14 app.use('/api/issues', require('./routes/api/issues'));
15
16 //Get a single issues
17 app.get('/api/issues/:id', (req,res)=>{
18     const found = issues.some(issue=> issue.id === parseInt(req.params.id));
19     if(found){
20         res.json(issues.filter(issue=> issue.id === parseInt(req.params.id)));
21     }
22     else {
23         res.status(400).json({msg:'No issues with the id of ${req.params.id}'})
24     }
25 });
26
27 const PORT = process.env.PORT ||5000;
28
29 app.listen(PORT, () => console.log(`Server started on port:${PORT}`));
```

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- Here we are trying to get the single issues from our API List
- Notice that we have requested for id=4 which is not there in the API List. Hence, error message is shown.



The screenshot shows the Postman application interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'GET' and 'POST'. The 'GET' tab is selected, and the URL 'http://localhost:5000/api/issues/4' is entered. To the right of the URL is a 'Send' button. Below the URL input, there are buttons for 'Pretty', 'Raw', 'Preview', 'Visualize', and 'JSON'. The JSON dropdown is set to 'Pretty'. The main area displays the API response:

```
1 [ {  
2   "msg": "No issues with the id of 4"  
3 } ]
```



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- Express is a framework that does minimal work and gets most of the job done by functions called *middleware*.
- A *middleware* is a function that takes in an HTTP request and response object, plus the next middleware function in the chain.
- The function can look at and
 - modify the request and response objects,
 - respond to requests, or
 - decide to continue with middleware chain by calling the next function.

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- The `express.static` generator function generates one such middleware function.
- This middleware responds to a request by trying to match the request URL with a file under a directory specified by the parameter to the generator function.
- If a file exists,
 - It returns the contents of the file as the response; else
 - It chains to the next middleware function.
- The middleware is *mounted on the application using the application's use() method.*

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- The middleware generator takes the parameter static to indicate that this is the directory where all the static files reside.

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

const app = express();
app.use(express.static('static'));

app.listen(3000, function () {
  console.log('App started on port 3000');
});
```

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- The ***express.static*** generator function generates one such middleware function.
- Helps to serve static files

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

const app = express();

//set static folder
app.use(express.static(path.join(__dirname, 'public')));

const PORT = process.env.PORT || 5000;

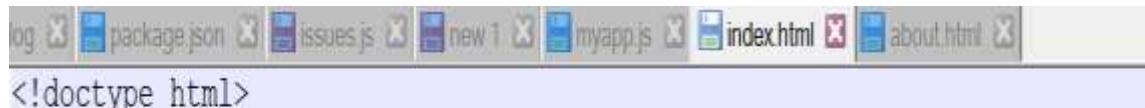
app.listen(PORT, () => console.log(`Server started on port:${PORT}`));
```

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MIDDLEWARE

Express JS

- Created a public folder and added index.html and about.html.
- Parameter static to indicate that this is the directory where all the static files reside



```
log package.json issues.js new1 myapp.js index.html about.html

<!doctype html>
<html lang="en">
  <head>
    <meta charset="UTF-8">
    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
    <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="ie=edge">
    <link rel="stylesheet" href="css/style.css"/>
    <title>My website</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>My Website!!!</h1>
  </body>
</html>
```

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MIDDLEWARE

Express JS

- Created a public folder and added index.html and about.html.
- Parameter static to indicate that this is the directory where all the static files reside



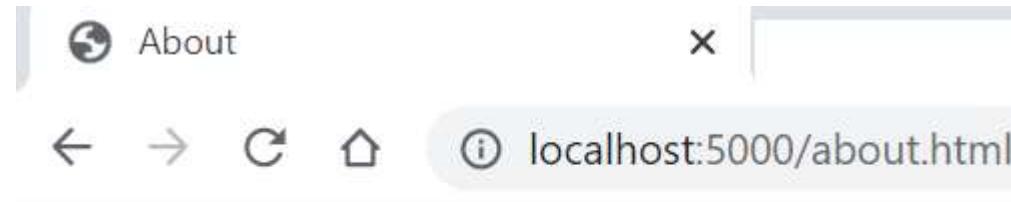
```
<!doctype html>
<html lang="en">
  <head>
    <meta charset="UTF-8">
    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
    <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="ie=edge">
    <link rel="stylesheet" href="css/style.css"/>
    <title>About</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>About homepage</h1>
  </body>
</html>
```

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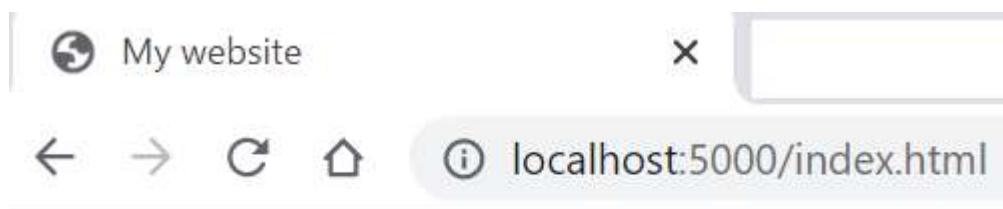
MIDDLEWARE

Express JS

- Output in the browser



About homepage



My Website!!!

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MIDDLEWARE



Express JS

- In express the Router itself is a middleware function.
- Other very useful middleware supported by the Express team, is the body-parser.
- Middleware can be at
 - the application level (i.e., applies to all requests)
or
 - The router level (applies to specific request path patterns).

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MIDDLEWARE



Express JS

- To use a middleware at the application level supply the function to the application,
 - using: ***app.use(middlewareFunction);***
- To use the same middleware in a route-specific way, you could have done the following:
 - ***app.use('/public', express.static('static'));***
- This would have mounted the static files on the path /public and all static files would have to be accessed with the prefix /public, for example, /public/index.html.

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MIDDLEWARE



Express JS

- The JSON parser middleware is created using ***bodyParser.json()***, and is mounted at the application level using ***app.use()***.
- The middleware ***bodyParser*** looks at the Content-Type header and determines if and how the body can be parsed.
- For JSON, the default content type is application/json.
- In the absence of this header, ***bodyParser*** does not parse the request body, and the variable ***req.body*** ends up as an empty object.

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MIDDLEWARE

Express JS

- Initializing a middleware called logger which will print Hello in the console when a request is made.

```
nge.log package.json issues.js new 1 myapp.js myapp_copy

const express = require('express');
const path = require('path');

const app = express();

const logger=(req,res,next)=>{
  console.log('Hello');
  next();
};

//init middleware
app.use(logger);

//set static folder
app.use(express.static(path.join(__dirname,'public')));

//issues API routes..
app.use('/api/issues', require('./routes/api/issues'));

const PORT = process.env.PORT ||5000;

app.listen(PORT, () => console.log(`Server started on port:${PORT}`));
```

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MIDDLEWARE



Express JS

- Initializing a middleware called logger which will print Hello in the console when a request is made.

```
[nodemon] app crashed - waiting for file changes before starting...
[nodemon] restarting due to changes...
[nodemon] starting `node myapp.js`
Server started on port:5000
[nodemon] restarting due to changes...
[nodemon] starting `node myapp.js`
Server started on port:5000
Hello
Hello
```

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MIDDLEWARE

Express JS

- Initializing a middleware called logger which will print Hello, and the whole URL in the console when a request is made.

```
C:\Users\Aisha Begum\express\myexpress\myapp.js - Notepad++
Edit Search View Encoding Language Settings Tools Macro Run Plugins Window ?
change.log package.json issues.js new 1 myapp.js myapp_copy
1 const express = require('express');
2 const path = require('path');
3
4 const app = express();
5
6 const logger=(req,res,next)=>{
7   console.log('Hello');
8   console.log(`${req.protocol}://${req.get('host')}${req.originalUrl}`);
9   next();
10 }
11 //init middleware
12 app.use(logger);
13
14 //set static folder
15 app.use(express.static(path.join(__dirname,'public')));
16
17 //issues API routes..
18 app.use('/api/issues', require('./routes/api/issues'));
19
20 const PORT = process.env.PORT || 5000;
21
22 app.listen(PORT, () => console.log(`Server started on port:${PORT}`));
```

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MIDDLEWARE

Express JS

- Output: after sending a request on the postman we get the original URL

```
at C:\Users\Aisha Begum\express\myexpress\node.js:12
[nodemon] restarting due to changes...
[nodemon] starting `node myapp.js`
Server started on port:5000
Hello
http://localhost:5000/api/issues/
```

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MIDDLEWARE

Express JS

Command Prompt

```
C:\Users\Aisha Begum\express\myexpress>npm i moment
npm WARN myexpress@1.0.0 No repository field.
npm WARN optional SKIPPING OPTIONAL DEPENDENCY: fsevents@2.1.3 (node_modules\fsevents):
npm WARN notsup SKIPPING OPTIONAL DEPENDENCY: Unsupported platform for fsevents@2.1.3: wanted {"os":"darwin","arch":"any"} (current: {"os":"win32","arch":"x64"})

+ moment@2.26.0
added 1 package from 6 contributors and audited 179 packages in 8.36s

8 packages are looking for funding
  run `npm fund` for details

found 0 vulnerabilities

C:\Users\Aisha Begum\express\myexpress>
```

- Lets print the date and time
- Need to install pacage moment
- Use: ***npm i moment***

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MIDDLEWARE

Express JS

- Included the package with require

```
C:\Users\Aisha Begum\express\myexpress\myapp.js - Notepad++
Edit Search View Encoding Language Settings Tools Macro Run Plugins Window ?
change log package.json issues.js new.1 myapp.js myapp_copy
1 const express = require('express');
2 const path = require('path');
3
4 const app = express();
5 const moment = require('moment');
6 const logger=(req,res,next)=>{
7   console.log('Hello');
8   console.log(`${req.protocol}://${req.get('host')})
9 ${req.originalUrl};
0 ${moment().format()});
1 next();
2 }
3 //init middleware
4 app.use(logger);
5
6 //set static folder
7 app.use(express.static(path.join(__dirname,'public')));
8
9 //issues API routes..
0 app.use('/api/issues', require('./routes/api/issues'));
1
2 const PORT = process.env.PORT ||5000;
3
4 app.listen(PORT, () => console.log(`Server started on port:${PORT}`));
```

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MIDDLEWARE



Express JS

- After sending a request on postman to display the issues
- ***Notice that the console has the date and time displayed on it***

```
C:\Users\Aisha Begum\express\myexpress>npm run dev

> myexpress@1.0.0 dev C:\Users\Aisha Begum\express\myexpress
> nodemon myapp

[nodemon] 2.0.4
[nodemon] to restart at any time, enter `rs`
[nodemon] watching path(s): ***!
[nodemon] watching extensions: js,mjs,json
[nodemon] starting `node myapp.js`
Server started on port:5000
Hello
http://localhost:5000
    /api/issues/
2020-06-16T11:57:09+05:30
```



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FORM DATA



Express JS-Form data

- Forms are an integral part of the web.
- Install
 - *body-parser*(for parsing JSON and url-encoded data)
 - *multer*(for parsing multipart/form data) middleware.

npm install body-parser multer

Create index.js file and add the following modules –

```
var express = require('express');
var bodyParser = require('body-parser');
var multer = require('multer');
```

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- To read form (form.pug)
 app.get()
- To create a view
 app.set()
- For parsing application/json
 app.use()
- To display
 app.post()
- Specify port
 app.listen(3000);

```
6
7   app.get('/', function(req, res){
8     res.render('form');
9   });
10
11  app.set('view engine', 'pug');
12  app.set('views', './views');
13
14  app.use(bodyParser.json());
15  app.use(bodyParser.urlencoded({ extended: true }));
16  //form-urlencoded
17  // for parsing multipart/form-data
18  app.use(upload.array());
19  app.use(express.static('public'));
20
21  app.post('/', function(req, res){
22    console.log(req.body);
23    res.send("recieved your request!");
24  });
```

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FORM DATA

- Create a template html form using form.pug

```
HTTPserver.js    🐻 form.pug ×  JS eventemitter.js •  
: > Users > shrug > express > 🐻 form.pug  
1  html  
2  html  
3      head  
4  
5      body  
6          form(action = "/", method = "POST")  
7              div  
8                  label(for = "first") First name:  
9                  input(name = "first" value = "Web")  
10             br  
11             div  
12                 label(for = "last") Last name:  
13                 input(name = "last" value = "Technology")  
14             br  
15             button(type = "submit") Submit
```

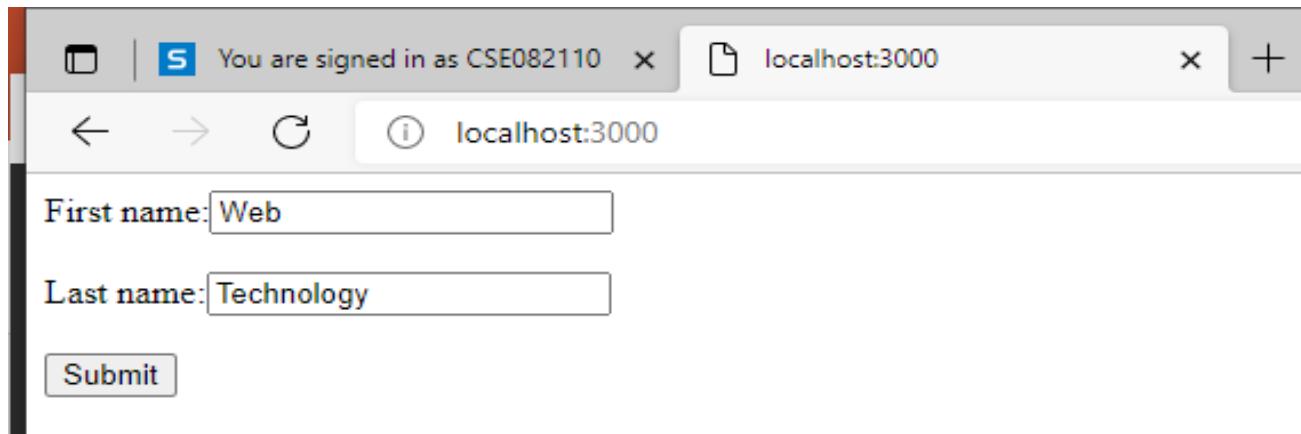
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FORM DATA

- Run your server using the following.

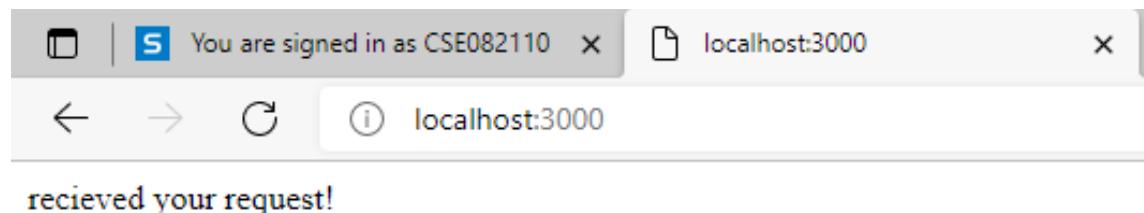
nodemon index.js

Now go to localhost:3000/ following is displayed in browser---



A screenshot of a web browser window. The address bar shows 'localhost:3000'. The page contains a form with two text input fields. The first field is labeled 'First name:' and contains the value 'Web'. The second field is labeled 'Last name:' and contains the value 'Technology'. Below the inputs is a 'Submit' button.

- Response is generated after submit



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FORM DATA

- In console; it will show you the body of your request as a JavaScript object as in the following screenshot –

```
PS C:\Users\shrug> cd .\express\  
PS C:\Users\shrub\express> cd .\express_eg\  
PS C:\Users\shrub\express\express_eg> node index.js  
PS C:\Users\shrub\express\express_eg> node index.js  
{ first: 'Web', last: 'Technology' }
```



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Express JS FILE UPLOAD

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FILE UPLOAD



Express JS

- In Express.js, file upload is slightly difficult because of its asynchronous nature and networking approach.
- It can be done by using middleware to handle multipart/form data.
- There are many middleware that can be used like multer, connect, body-parser etc.
- There are two popular and robust options for multipart form processing: Busboy and Formidable.
- Formidable is slightly easier, as it has a callback that provides objects containing the fields and the files,
- In Busboy, you must listen for each field and file event.

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Express JS

- Simple express middleware for uploading files.

- ***npm i express-fileupload***

```
C:\Users\Aisha Begum\express\myexpress>npm i express -fileupload
npm WARN myexpress@1.0.0 No repository field.
npm WARN optional SKIPPING OPTIONAL DEPENDENCY: fsevents@2.1.3 (node_modules\fsevents):
npm WARN notsup SKIPPING OPTIONAL DEPENDENCY: Unsupported platform for fsevents@2.1.3: wanted {"os":"darwin","arch":"any"} (current: {"os":"win32","arch":"x64"})

+ express@4.17.1
updated 1 package and audited 180 packages in 7.902s

8 packages are looking for funding
  run `npm fund` for details

found 0 vulnerabilities

C:\Users\Aisha Begum\express\myexpress>
```

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- When you upload a file, the file will be accessible from `req.files`
- It is similar to `req.body` and is turned on either by `express.bodyParser()` or `express.multipart()` middlewares.
- Express.js (and other modules behind the scene) process the request data (which is usually a form) and give us extensive information in the `req.files.FIELD_NAME` object.

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To illustrate how req.files works, let's add this route to the req project:

```
app.post('/upload', function(req, res){  
  console.log(req.files.archive);  
  //read req.files.archive.path  
  //process the data  
  //save the data  
  res.end();  
})
```

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Example:

- You're uploading a file called **car.jpg**
- Your input's name field is **foo**: <input name="foo" type="file" />
- In your express server request, you can access your uploaded file from req.files.foo:

```
app.post('/upload', function(req, res) {  
  console.log(req.files.foo); // the uploaded file object  
});
```

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The **req.files.foo** object will contain the following:

req.files.foo.name: "car.jpg"

req.files.foo.mv: A function to move the file elsewhere on your server. Can take a callback or return a promise.

req.files.foo.mimetype: The mimetype of your file

req.files.foo.data: A buffer representation of your file, returns empty buffer in case useTempFiles option was set to true.

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Express JS

The **req.files.foo** object will contain the following:

req.files.foo.tempFilePath: A path to the temporary file in case useTempFiles option was set to true.

req.files.foo.truncated: A boolean that represents if the file is over the size limit

req.files.foo.size: Uploaded size in bytes

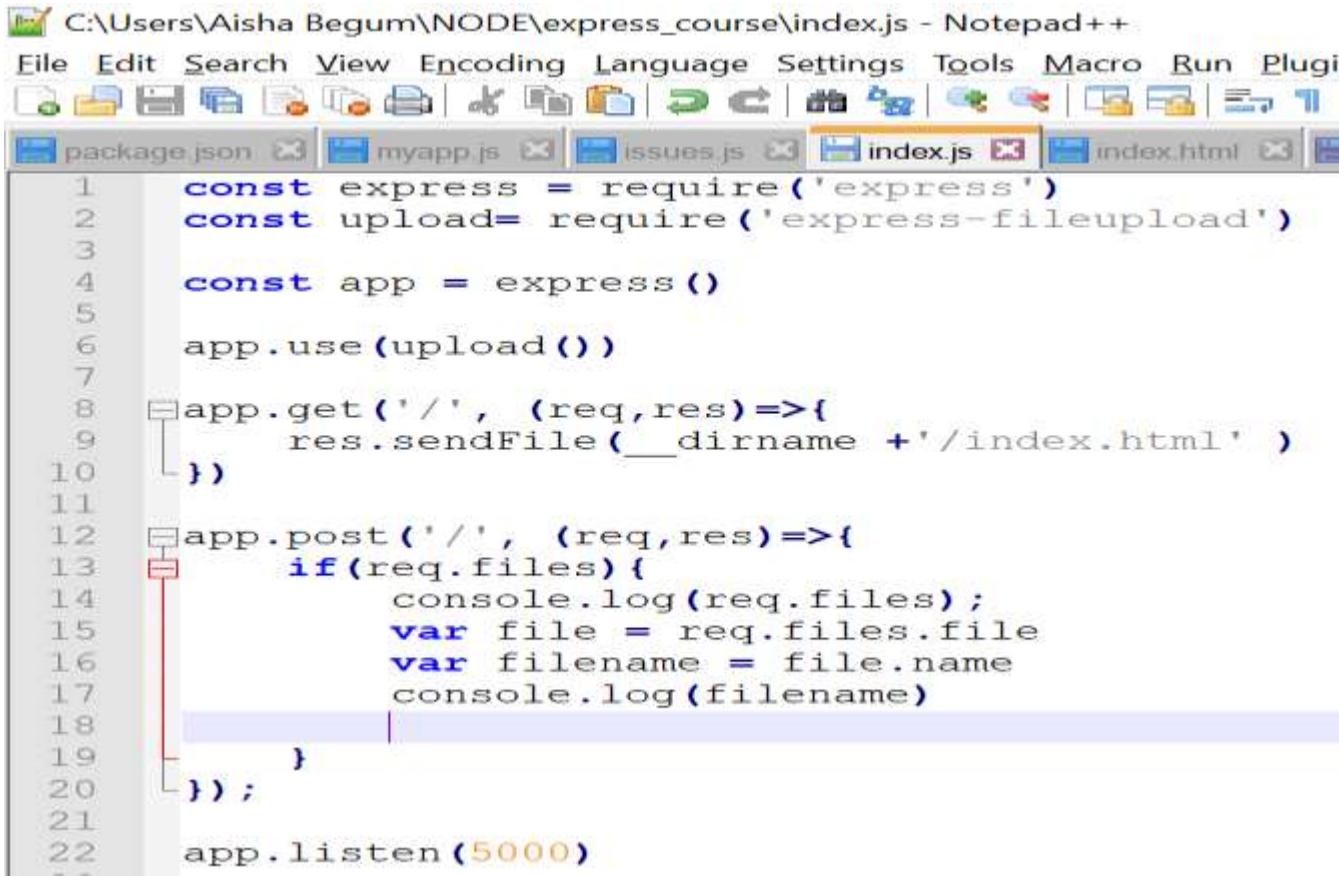
req.files.foo.md5: MD5 checksum of the uploaded file

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Express JS

Index.js for printing out the file name and details of uploaded file



The screenshot shows a Notepad++ window with the file path C:\Users\Aisha Begum\NODE\express_course\index.js. The window title is "C:\Users\Aisha Begum\NODE\express_course\index.js - Notepad++". The code in the editor is as follows:

```
1  const express = require('express')
2  const upload= require('express-fileupload')
3
4  const app = express()
5
6  app.use(upload())
7
8  app.get('/', (req,res)=>{
9      res.sendFile(__dirname +'/index.html' )
10 }
11
12 app.post('/', (req,res)=>{
13     if(req.files){
14         console.log(req.files);
15         var file = req.files.file
16         var filename = file.name
17         console.log(filename)
18     }
19 }
20 );
21
22 app.listen(5000)
```

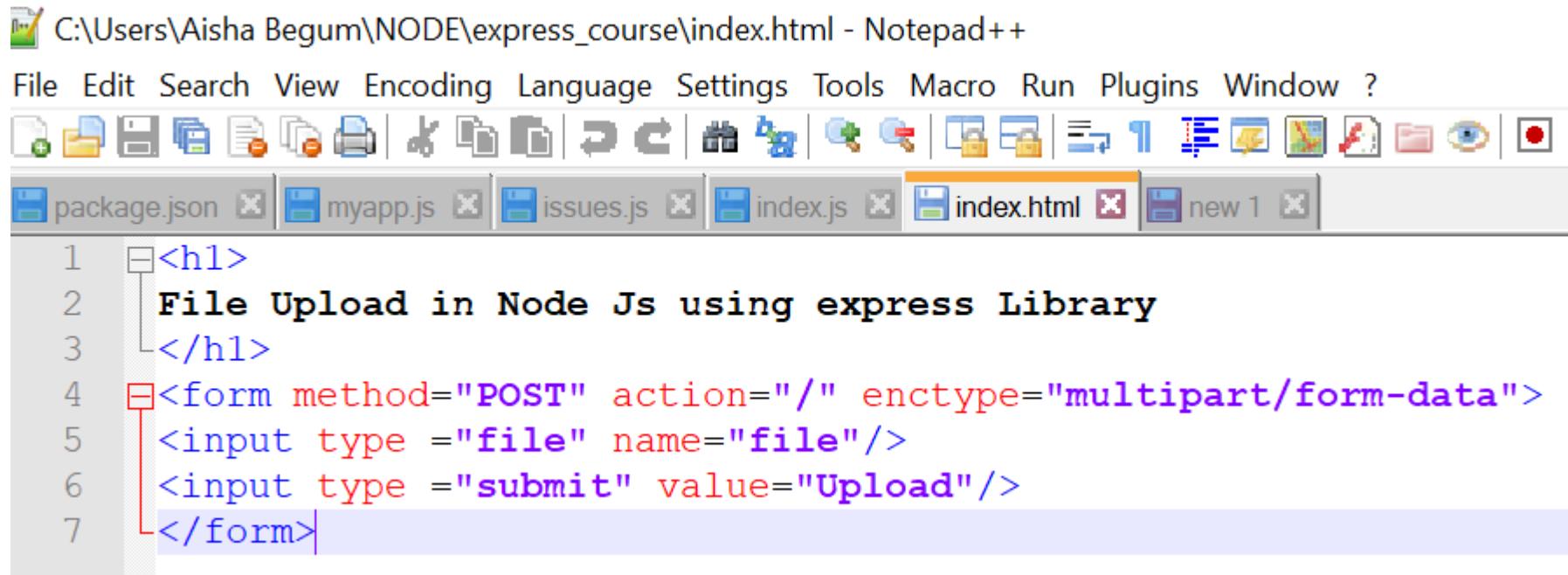
A red box highlights the condition in line 13: `if(req.files){`. A red arrow points from this box down to the opening brace of the innermost block at line 18: `}`.

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Express JS

Index.html: as simple file upload script shown as below:



C:\Users\Aisha Begum\NODE\express_course\index.html - Notepad++

File Edit Search View Encoding Language Settings Tools Macro Run Plugins Window ?

package.json myapp.js issues.js index.js index.html new 1

```
1 <h1>
2   File Upload in Node Js using express Library
3 </h1>
4 <form method="POST" action="/" enctype="multipart/form-data">
5   <input type="file" name="file"/>
6   <input type="submit" value="Upload"/>
7 </form>
```

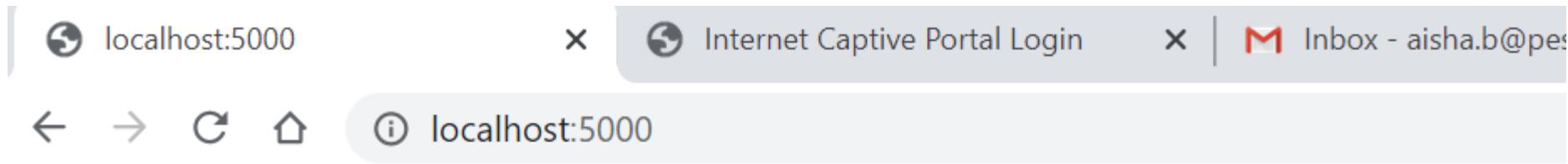
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Express JS

In browser when we type the url: <http://localhost:5000>



File Upload in Node Js using express Library

No file chosen

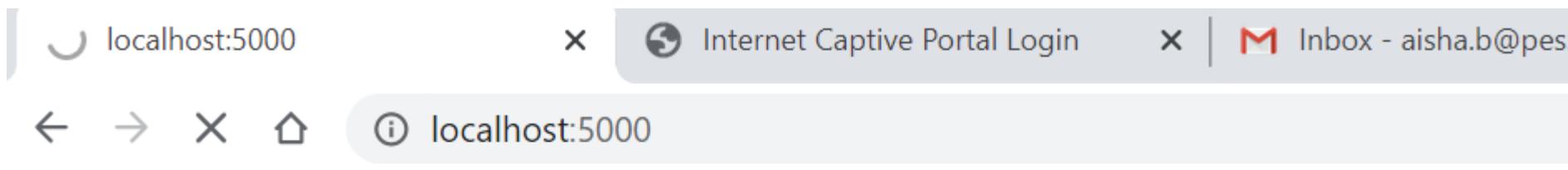
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FILE UPLOAD

Express JS

In browser when we type the url: <http://localhost:5000> and choose file.

Here I have chosen images.jpg



File Upload in Node Js using express Library

Choose file images.jpg

Upload

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Express JS

Upload a file then you can see the details in the command prompt about the file

```
C:\Users\Aisha Begum\node\express_course>node index
{
  file: {
    name: 'images.jpg',
    data: <Buffer ff d8 ff e0 00 10 4a 46 49 46 00 01 01 00 00 01 00 00 00 ff db 00 84 00 09 06 07 13 13 12 15 13 13 15 16 15 17 17 1d 1a 18 18 18 18 1b 1d 1d 18 ...
10523 more bytes>,
    size: 10573,
    encoding: '7bit',
    tempFilePath: '',
    truncated: false,
    mimetype: 'image/jpeg',
    md5: '0627265b42b7f89b5db7a4cb9925bd08',
    mv: [Function: mv]
  }
}
images.jpg
```

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Express JS

Create a file for upload in the root folder.

The uploaded files will be saved in the created folder

Local Disk (C:) > Users > Aisha Begum > NODE > express_course

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
middleware	06-06-2020 12:14	File folder	
node_modules	22-06-2020 15:02	File folder	
public	06-06-2020 11:27	File folder	
routes	06-06-2020 12:36	File folder	
uploads	22-06-2020 15:09	File folder	
index	22-06-2020 15:03	Chrome HTML Docu...	1 KB
index	23-06-2020 11:44	JavaScript File	1 KB
Members	06-06-2020 11:59	JavaScript File	1 KB
package.json	22-06-2020 15:02	JSON File	1 KB
package-lock.json	22-06-2020 15:02	JSON File	53 KB

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Express JS

Using file.mv method we will be storing the file in the created folder

```
const express = require('express')
const upload= require('express-fileupload')

const app = express()

app.use(upload())

app.get('/', (req,res)=>{
    res.sendFile(__dirname +'/index.html' )
})

app.post('/', (req,res)=>{
    if(req.files){
        console.log(req.files);
        var file = req.files.file
        var filename = file.name
        console.log(filename)
        file.mv('./uploads/' + filename,function(err){
            if(err){
                res.send(err)
            }else {
                res.send("File Uploaded")
            }
        })
    }
});

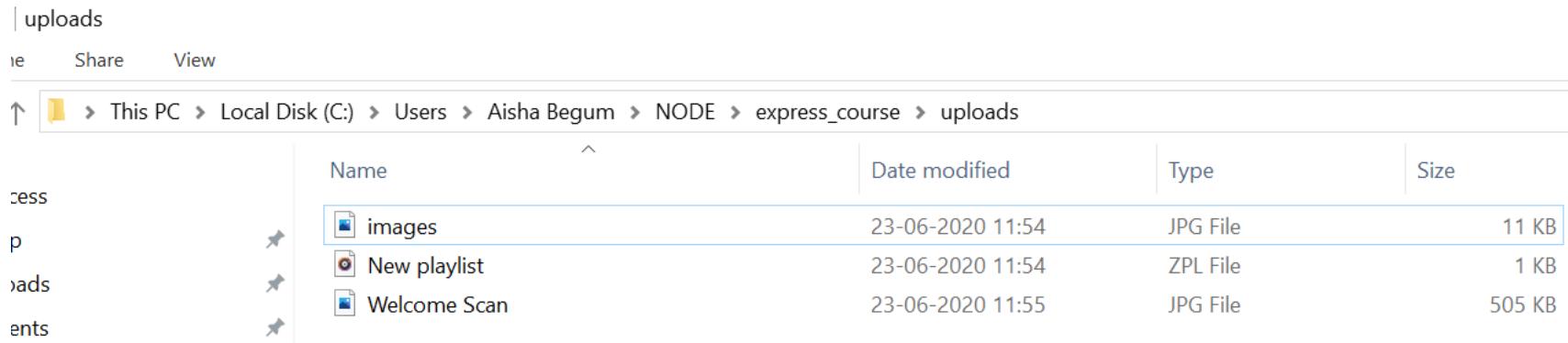
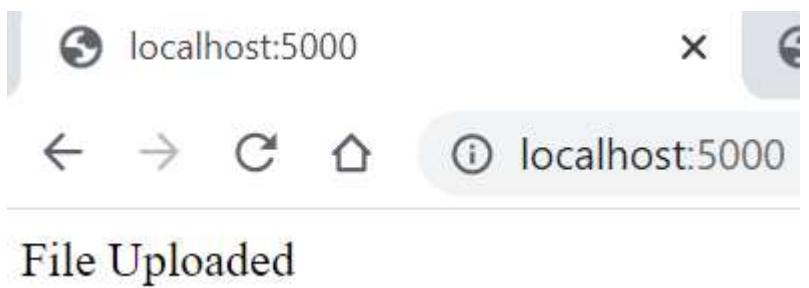
app.listen(5000)
```

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FILE UPLOAD

Express JS

In the browser you can see that file has been uploaded and when u check the uploads folder you can see that file has been uploaded.
The file upload can be on any type



A screenshot of a Windows File Explorer window showing the 'uploads' folder. The folder path is 'This PC > Local Disk (C:) > Users > Aisha Begum > NODE > express_course > uploads'. The table below lists the files in the folder:

	Name	Date modified	Type	Size
	images	23-06-2020 11:54	JPG File	11 KB
	New playlist	23-06-2020 11:54	ZPL File	1 KB
	Welcome Scan	23-06-2020 11:55	JPG File	505 KB



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