LAB 20d

Intermediate Node

What You Will Learn

- How to setup MongoDB
- How to import JSON data into Mongo
- How to query data in Mongo
- How to read Mongo data in Node using Mongoose
- What is middleware in Express and how to make use of it
- How to use the Pug View Engine in Express

Approximate Time

The exercises in this lab should take approximately 100 minutes to complete.

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WORKING WITH MONGODB

In this lab, you will be making use of MongoDB, a server-side non-SQL database.

PREPARING DIRECTORIES

1 This lab has additional content (some JSON files and a folder named public) that you will need to copy/upload this folder into your eventual working folder/workspace.

Exercise 20d.1 — SETTING UP MONGODB

1 You may or may not need to install MongoDB on your development machine. If you are using MongoDB on the cloud (for instance via MLab or MongoDB Atlas or MongoDB installed in AWS or GCP), you will simply access it programmatically in Node.

If you are using a cloud-based development environment (for instance Cloud9), MongoDB might already installed in your workspace.

If you do wish to install MongoDB, we recommend installing the Community Edition. The mechanisms for installing it vary based on the operating system.

If you wish to run MongoDB locally on a Windows-based development machine, you will need to download and run the Windows installer from the MongoDB website.

If you want to run MongoDB locally on a Mac, then you will have to use HomeBrew or manual download, unpack, and copy.

If you want to run MongoDB on a Linux-based environment, you will likely have to run sudo commands to do so. The Node website provides instructions for most Linux environments.

- 2 If you have installed MongoDB locally, you will also need to create a data folder for it before you start MongoDB. By default, MongoDB wants to use the /data/db folder for its data. If you don't have this folder, create it. You may need to set read/write permissions on this folder.
- 3 To use MongoDB, the database process must be running. You can start this process using the following command within a terminal or command prompt.

mongod

This process must remain running in its own terminal for the duration of the time you use MongoDB.

4 You have been provided with a two JSON data files. Both are quite small and ideal for learning the basics of Mongo syntax. To import data into MongoDB, you need to use the mongoimport program via the following command (my word processor must break this long line into multiple lines; however this must be typed in as a single line):

```
mongoimport --db funwebdev --collection books --file books.json --jsonArray
```

This instructs the program to create a database named funwebdev, and a collection named books and populate that collection from the file books.json (which has been provided for you).

- **5** Examine books.json to see the structure of the data you just imported.
- 6 Import the other file using the following command:

```
mongoimport --db funwebdev --collection images --file travel-images.json --jsonArray
```

7 Examine travel-images. json to see the structure of the data you just imported.

Exercise 20d.2 — Using the Mongo Shell

1 In a separate terminal window, run the Mongo shell via the following command:

mongo

2 Enter the following command into the Mongo shell:

db

This will display the current database, which should return test, the default database.

3 Enter the following commands into the Mongo shell:

show dbs use funwebdev

The first command displays a list of available databases, while the second makes funwebdey the current database.

4 Enter the following command:

show collections

A database in MongoDB is composed of collections, which are somewhat analogous to tables in a relational database.

5 Enter the following command:

db.books.find()

This displays all the data in the books collection. MongoDB uses JavaScript as its query language, not SQL.

6 Enter the following:

```
db.books.find({id: 587})
```

This displays a single record.

7 Enter the following:

```
db.books.find({id: 587}).pretty()
```

This displays a single record formatted more nicely. The equivalent of a SQL WHERE clause is specified via a JavaScript object literal representing the search string.

Notice that unlike a table record in a relational database, a Mongo document is like a JavaScript literal in that it can be hierarchical.

8 Enter the following:

```
db.books.find({"category.secondary" : "Calculus"}).pretty()
```

This finds all books whose secondary category field is equal to Calculus. Notice that you reference objects-within-objects via dot notation and that such a compound name needs to be enclosed in quotes.

9 Enter the following:

```
db.books.find({ "production.pages": {$gte: 950}})
```

This uses a MongoDB comparison operator to retrieve all books whose page count is greater or equal to 950.

10 Enter the following:

```
db.books.find({ "production.pages": {$gte: 950}}).count()
```

This puts the result through the count() function (and should return the number 6).

11 Enter the following:

```
db.books.find({ "production.pages": {$gte: 950}}).sort({title: 1})
```

This sorts the results of the find on the title field.

12 Enter the following:

This adds another criteria (equivalent to an SQL AND).

13 Enter the following:

```
db.books.find({title: /Basic/})
```

This uses a regular expression to do a query equivalent to SQL LIKE.

14 Enter the following:

```
db.books.find({title: /Basic/}, { title:1, isbn10:1})
```

Here you have added a second parameter to find(), in which you specify the projection (i.e., the fields you wish to return/display).

15 Enter the following:

exit

Exercise 20d.3 — Adding Data

1 If not already running, run the Mongo shell via the following commands:

mongo

2 Ensure you are using the correct database via:

use funwebdev

3 Enter the following:

Notice that you can create a new collection simply by adding new objects.

4 Enter the following:

```
db.sales.find()
```

5 Enter the following:

```
db.sales.update( {"id": "3"}, { "id": "3", "amount": 50.00 })
```

6 Enter the following:

```
db.sales.remove( { "id": "4" }, { justOne: true } )
```

The above exercises illustrated just the simplest queries in MongoDB. More complicated queries using aggregation functions add a significant layer of complexity. The next exercise illustrates a few examples, but a more complete exploration is beyond the scope of this lab.

Exercise 20d.4 — Using Aggregate Functions

1 If not already running, run the Mongo shell via the following commands:

mongo

2 Ensure you are using the correct database via:

```
use funwebdev
```

3 Enter the following:

While shown as two lines, you would type this in as a single line.

The aggregate function allows you to perform aggregations similar to GROUP BY in SQL. It is typically provided with a \$group specifier. The _id is used to indicate which fields to group the aggregator on. In this case, we are not grouping but summing a value across the entire collection so it is set to null. The \$sum indicates we want a sum on the field named amount.

4 Enter the following:

```
db.books.find({title: /algebra/i}).pretty()
```

Returns all books with Algebra (case insensitive) in the title.

5 Enter the following:

```
db.books.aggregate([ { $match: {title: {$regex: /Algebra/i}} } ])
This does the same thing.
```

6 Enter the following:

This provides a grouping on the category.main field.

7 Enter the following:

This adds a count of how many books there are for each category.

8 Enter the following:

This sorts the data by the category.main field.

USING MONGODB IN NODE

There are several API libraries for accessing MongoDB data in Node. In this lab, you will be making use of the Mongoose package, which uses a lightweight ORM (Object-Relational Mapping) approach. Since Mongoose is an ORM, you will interact with the database by defining a schema rather than run MongoDB queries.

Exercise 20d.5 — TESTING MONGOOSE

1 In the terminal, make sure the current folder is where you want to create the node application. If it is, then npmtype the following command:

```
npm init
```

It doesn't really matter how you answer these questions.

2 Enter the following commands:

```
npm install -save express
npm install -save mongoose
npm install -save dotenv
```

You will need to specify details about your MongoDB configuration. Rather than hard coding this information in your programming code, a better idea is to put them into a separate configuration file. The dotenv package provides a mechanism for doing this.

3 Create a text file named .env (nothing before the dot), add the following information to it, then save. Note, you may need to modify this URL based on your MongoDB installation.

```
MONGO_URL=mongodb://localhost:27017/funwebdev
```

It is common to include this .env file in the .gitignore file as well so that sensitive configuration details don't get uploaded to any public github repo.

4 Create a new file named book-server.js. Add the following content to it.

```
require('dotenv').config();
console.log(process.env.MONGO_URL);
```

5 Test by running node book-server.js.

This should display the URL created in step 3.

6 Edit book-server. is and enter the following content.

```
const mongoose = require('mongoose');
mongoose.connect(process.env.MONGO_URL, {useNewUrlParser: true});
const db = mongoose.connection;
db.on('error', console.error.bind(console, 'connection error:'));
db.once('open', function callback () {
   console.log("connected to mongo");
});
```

7 Test this (by running node book-server in the terminal) to make sure you can connect to the database. Remember than Mongo server has to be running in its own terminal window first (see step 3, Exercise 20d.1)

If it works, you should see the "connected to mongo" message.

8 Enter the following command:

```
npm install -g nodemon
```

This installs the Nodemon utility globally on your machine. Nodemon is a very useful utility program: it monitors your source code and whenever a file changes, it stops your server (i.e., currently running Node application) and restarts it automatically.

9 You will now use nodemon to run your node applications. Test this via the following command.

nodemon book-server

10 Change the source code by modifying the console.log message:

```
console.log("Now connected to mongo");
```

11 Save the changes. Examine your terminal/command window. Notice that nodemon has recognized that a file has changed and has stopped then restarted the node service.

Exercise 20d.6 — MODULARIZING THE CODE

- 1 Make a copy of book-server.js and call it book-server-backup1.js.
- 2 Create two new folders in your project, one named models and the other named handlers.
- 3 In the handlers folder, create a new file named dataConnector.js and move/cut the following content from book-server.js (i.e., from steps 4 and 6 of Exercise 20d.5) into it.

```
const mongoose = require('mongoose');
require('dotenv').config();

const connect = () => {
    mongoose.connect(process.env.MONGO_URL, {useNewUrlParser: true});
    const db = mongoose.connection;
    db.on('error', console.error.bind(console, 'connection error:'));
    db.once('open', function callback () {
        console.log("connected to mongo");
    });
};
```

4 Add the following code to the end of dataConnector.js.

```
module.exports = {
    connect
};
```

5 Modify book-server.js as follows (this is all the code in the file: the other content has moved to dataConnector.js):

```
// create connection to database
require('./handlers/dataConnector.js').connect();
let port = 8080;
app.listen(port, function () {
    console.log("Server running at port= " + port);
});
```

6 Test in browser to verify it works.

Exercise 20d.7 — CREATING THE MODEL

1 In the models folder, create a new file named Book.js and add the following content:

```
const mongoose = require('mongoose');
// define a schema that maps to the structure of the data in MongoDB
const bookSchema = new mongoose.Schema({
   id: Number,
   isbn10: String,
   isbn13: String,
   title: String,
   year: Number,
   publisher: String,
   production: {
       status: String,
       binding: String,
       size: String,
       pages: Number,
       instock: Date
   },
   category: {
    main: String,
     secondary: String
   }
});
module.exports = mongoose.model('Book', bookSchema);
```

Note the name of the model, by default, must be a singular version of the plural of the collection. In our example, the MongoDB collection name is books; thus the model name must be book.

2 Modify book-server.js as follows:

```
require('./handlers/dataConnector.js').connect();
// get our data model
const Book = require('./models/Book');
```

What will we do with this Book object? We will pass it to the route handlers in the next exercise.

Exercise 20d.8 - IMPLEMENTING MONGOOSE-BASED API

- 1 Remind yourself of the structure of each book item by examining single-book.json.
- 2 In the handlers folder, create a new file named bookRouter.js.
- **3** Add in the following route:

4 Export the handler by adding the following to the end of the file:

```
module.exports = {
    handleAllBooks
};
```

5 Add in the necessary "wiring" for express in book-server.js as well as the new route handler:

```
const express = require('express');
const parser = require('body-parser');

// create an express app
const app = express();

// tell node to use json and HTTP header features in body-parser
app.use(parser.json());
app.use(parser.urlencoded({extended: true}));

// use the route handlers
const bookRouter = require('./handlers/bookRouter.js');
bookRouter.handleAllBooks(app, Book);
```

6 Test by making the following request (your domain may be different if not running locally):

```
http://localhost:8080/api/books
```

This should display all the books in JSON format.

7 Add the following route to bookRouter.js.

8 Export the handler by adding the following to the end of the file:

```
module.exports = {
    handleAllBooks,
    handleSingleBook
};
```

9 Add the handler in book-server.js.

```
const bookRouter = require('./handlers/bookRouter.js');
bookRouter.handleAllBooks(app, Book);
bookRouter.handleSingleBook(app, Book);
```

10 Test by making the following request (note: your domain may be different):

```
http://localhost:8080/api/books/0321886518
This should display all the data for just a single book.
```

11 Add the following route to bookRouter.js.

```
// handle requests for books with specific page ranges:
// e.g., [domain]/api/books/pages/500/600
const handleBooksByPageRange = (app, Book) => {
   app.route('/api/books/pages/:min/:max')
   .get(function (req,resp) {
      Book.find().where('production.pages')
            .gt(req.params.min)
            .lt(req.params.max)
            .sort({ title: 1})
            .select('title isbn10')
            .exec( function(err, data) {
                      if (err) {
                        resp.json({ message: 'Books not found' });
                      } else {
                        resp.json(data);
                      }
             });
   });
};
```

This shows how Mongoose can be used to construct a more complex MongoDB query.

12 Export the handler by adding the following to the end of the file:

```
module.exports = {
    handleAllBooks,
    handleSingleBook,
    handleBooksByPageRange
};
```

13 Add the handler in book-server.js.

```
const bookRouter = require('./handlers/bookRouter.js');
bookRouter.handleAllBooks(app, Book);
bookRouter.handleSingleBook(app, Book);
bookRouter.handleBooksByPageRange(app, Book);
```

14 Test via:

http://localhost:8080/api/books/pages/200/300

This should display all the books whose page count is between 200 and 300.

Exercise 20d.9 — AGGREGATE FUNCTIONS IN MONGOOSE

1 You were introduced to aggregate functions back in Exercise 20d.4. You can use aggregate functions as well in Mongoose. Add the following route to bookRouter.js.

```
// requests for [domain]/api/categories e.g. return all categories
const handleAllCategories = (app, Book) => {
  app.route('/api/categories')
    .get(function (req,resp) {
       // use an aggregrate function for this query
        Book.aggregate([
          { $group: {_id: "$category.main", count: {$sum:1}} },
          { $sort: {_id:1} }
        ], (err, data) => {
             if (err) {
               resp.json({ message: 'Unable to connect to books' });
             } else {
               resp.json(data);
             }
       });
   });
};
```

2 Export the handler by adding the following to the end of the file:

```
module.exports = {
    ...
    handleAllCategories
};
```

3 Add the handler in book-server.js.

```
bookRouter.handleBooksByPageRange(app, Book);
bookRouter.handleAllCategories(app, Book);
```

4 Test via http://localhost:8080/api/categories

Test Your Knowledge #1

Back in Exercise 20d.1, you imported two JSON files into mongodb. In this Test Your Knowledge, you will work with the second file, travel-images.json, which you imported into a collection named images.

- 1 Create a new file in the models folder named Image.js. Using Book.js as your guide, define a model for the images collection; the file single-image.json can help you define the schema for this collection.
- 2 Create a new file in the handlers folder named imageRouter.js. Using bookHandler.js as your guide, define the following routes in this file:
 - retrieve all images (e.g. path /api/images/)
 - retrieve just a single image with a specific image id (e.g. path /api/images/1)
 - retrieve all images from a specific city (e.g., path /api/images/city/Calgary). To make the find() case insensitive, you can use a regular expression:

```
find({'location.city': new RegExp(city,'i')}, (err,data) => {...})
```

- retrieve all images from a specific country name (e.g., path /api/images/country/canada)
- 3 Create a new file named image-server.js using book-server.js as your guide but using the model and handlers created in the previous two steps.
- **4** Be sure to test all four routes.

SPECIFYING MIDDLEWARE IN EXPRESS

Middleware in Express refers to functions that have access to the request and response objects and which work as a pipeline, that is, each middleware function passes on control to the next middleware function. You have already made use of Express middleware in the following two lines:

```
app.use(parser.json());
app.use(parser.urlencoded({extended: true}));
```

Both parser.json() and parser.urlencoded() are functions and get executed with every request. The express function use() is how we specify which middleware functions are to be called with every request. So far, you have only used Express functions as middleware, but you can also add in your own (or others) application-specific middleware functions. For instance, a common middleware function would be some type of authentication and/or authorization check on each request.

Exercise 20d.10 — Making Use of Express Middleware

- 1 Make a copy of book-server.js and call it book-server-backup2.js.
- 2 Modify book-server.js as follows.

```
// create an express app
const app = express();

/* --- middleware section --- */

// serves up static files from the public folder.
app.use(express.static('public'));

// also add a path to static
app.use('/static', express.static('public'));

// convert raw requests into usable data
app.use(parser.json());
app.use(parser.urlencoded({extended: true}));
```

3 Test using the following requests.

```
http://localhost:8080/data-entry.html
http://localhost:8080/static/data-entry.html
http://localhost:8080/static/book-images/0132145375.jpg
http://localhost:8080/api/books
http://localhost:8080/static/abcde.jpg
```

Our server now checks in the public folder for any requested resource. If it finds it, then it serves it. Otherwise it checks our route handlers. And of still no match, then it returns a 404 error.

4 Modify book-server.js as follows.

```
app.use(parser.urlencoded({extended: true}));
// customize the 404 error with our own middleware function
app.use(function (req, res, next) {
    res.status(404).send("Sorry can't find that!")
});
```

5 Test using the following requests.

```
http://localhost:8080/static/abcde.jpg
http://localhost:8080/data-entry.html
http://localhost:8080/api/books
```

You will notice that the books API no longer works. Notice that the middleware function in step 4 is unconditional: it sends a 404 status if no other handler has been invoked.

6 Move the code from step 4 to after the route handlers.

```
app.use(parser.urlencoded({extended: true}));
// set up route handlers
bookRouter.handleAllBooks(app, Book);
bookRouter.handleSingleBook(app, Book);
bookRouter.handleBooksByPageRange(app, Book);
bookRouter.handleAllCategories(app, Book);
// customize the 404 error with our own middleware function
app.use(function (req, res, next) {
    res.status(404).send("Sorry can't find that!")
});
```

7 Test using the same requests as step 5 above.

Everything should work properly now.

Now that we have the static file middleware working, we can perform one last MongoDB task: saving data.

Exercise 20d.11 — Saving Data in Mongodb

- 1 Examine the form by requesting http://localhost:8080/data-entry.html.
- **2** Edit data-entry.html (it is in the public folder) as follows.

```
<form method="post" action="/api/create/book" class="main">
```

3 Add a new route to bookRouter.js as follows.

```
// handle POST request for a new book
const handleCreateBook = (app, Book) => {
   app.route('/api/create/book')
      .post(function (req,resp) {
         // retrieve the form data from the http request
         const aBook = {
            isbn10: req.body.isbn10,
            isbn13: req.body.isbn13,
            title: req.body.title,
            year: req.body.year,
            publisher: req.body.publisher,
            production: {
               pages: req.body.pages
            }
         };
         // now have mongoose add the book data
         Book.create(aBook, function(err, data) {
            // for now simply return a JSON message
            if (err) {
               resp.json({ message: 'Unable to connect to books' });
            } else {
               const msg = `New Book was saved
                               isbn=${aBook.isbn10}`;
               resp.json({ message: msg });
         });
      });
};
```

4 Export the handler by adding the following to the end of the file:

```
module.exports = {
    ...
    handleCreateBook
};
```

5 Add these handlers to book-server.js as follows.

```
bookRouter.handleBooksByPageRange(app, Book);
bookRouter.handleAllCategories(app, Book);
bookRouter.handleCreateBook(app, Book);
```

- 6 Test by requesting http://localhost:8080/data-entry.html. Make the ISBN10 of the new book 1234567890.
- 7 Verify it worked in database by using the following commands in the mongo shell.

```
db.books.find( {isbn10: "1234567890"});
db.books.remove( {isbn10: "1234567890"}, {just0ne: true})
```

ADDING A VIEW/TEMPLATE ENGINE

In the two Node labs so far, we have used it as a file and API server. You may have wondered if Node can be used in a way similar to PHP. The answer is yes. It is possible to make use of a view engine to programmatically render HTML in Node. Perhaps the most popular of these is **Pug** (formerly called Jade).

The way a view engine works is that you create your views using some specialized format that contains presentation information plus JavaScript coding (this file is the *template*). This template file is somewhat analogous to PHP files in that they are a blend of markup and programming).

With Pug, you specify your presentation in .pug files. These do not use HTML, but its own special syntax that is "converted" into HTML by the Pug view engine at run-time. Another popular alternative to Pug is EJS, which uses regular HTML with JS embedded within <% %> tags.

Exercise 20d.12 — Introducing Pug

1 Enter the following commands:

```
npm install -save pug
```

2 Create a new folder in your application named views. This folder is going to contain your .pug files.

3 Modify book-server.js as follows.

```
/* --- middle ware section --- */
// view engine setup
app.set('views', './views');
app.set('view engine', 'pug');
```

- 4 Create a new file named index.pug within the views folder.
- 5 Add the following content to this new file.

```
doctype html
html
  head
    title= title
body
    h1= heading
    p First paragraph
    p
        | second paragraph
    div
        | Within the div
        img(src='static/book-images/0132145375.jpg')
```

The pug format uses indentation instead of angle <> brackets to indicate the markup. You can use tabs or spaces for your indentation but must be consistent throughout.

Notice also the title= and h1= lines. This is how we insert dynamic content into the pug file (similar to <?php =variable?> in PHP).

6 Finally create a route to render the index.pug file within book-server.js.

7 Test using the following requests.

http://localhost:8080/

This should display the rendered version of index.pug. Be sure to perform a View Source in the browser to see the HTML generated by the pug engine.

Exercise 20d.13 — TEMPLATE INHERITANCE IN PUG

- 1 Create a new file named layout.pug within the views folder.
- 2 Add the following content to this new file.

```
doctype html
html
   head
      title Node 2 Lab
      link(rel='stylesheet', href='/styles.css')
   body
      header
         h2 Book Site
      main.book
         section.sidebar
            nav
               ul
                  li
                      a(href='/') Home
                   14
                      a(href='/site/list') List
                   li About
                  li Contact Us
         section.pagecontent
            block content
      footer
         p &copy 2020
```

Notice the block content inside. This defines an area that will be defined within other pug files that extend/use this layout.

3 Create a new file named list.pug within the views folder. Add the following content

Notice that this file extends layout.pug. It thus mainly consists of the block content for this page. Notice also that this page contains a loop which iterates through the book data passed to this page.

4 Modify index.pug so it contains the following content.

```
extends layout.pug

block content
    h1 Home Page
    p More content here in the future
```

Now that the views have been defined, we need to define the routes that will make use of these views. Move the content created in Step 6 of Exercise 20d.10, into a handler within bookRouter.js, as shown below.

6 Add another route handler in bookRouter.js as shown below.

7 Add these new handlers to the exports:

```
module.exports = {
    ...
    handlePageIndex,
    handlePageBooks
};
```

8 Add these handlers to book-server.js as follows.

```
bookRouter.handleCreateBook(app, Book);
bookRouter.handlePageIndex(app, Book);
bookRouter.handlePageBooks(app, Book);
```

9 Test using the following requests. Be sure to test the Home and List links.

```
http://localhost:8080/
```

Exercise 20d.14 — More Pugging

1 Create a new file named book.pug within the views folder and add the following to it.

```
extends layout.pug
block content
   article.book
      div
         img(src=`/static/book-images/${bookData.isbn10}.jpg`)
      div
         h1= bookData.title
         р
            | Year:
            span= bookData.year
            | Publisher:
            span= bookData.publisher
            | Pages:
            span= bookData.production.pages
         p Categories: #{bookData.category.main},
#{bookData.category.secondary}
```

Note: there is no line break in the last line; there isn't enough space on page to show this as single line.

2 Add a route handler in bookRouter.js for this new page as shown below.

3 Add the new handler to the exports:

```
module.exports = {
    ...
    handlePageSingleBook
};
```

4 Add the handler to book-server.js as follows.

```
bookRouter.handlePageBooks(app, Book);
bookRouter.handlePageSingleBook(app, Book);
```

5 Test by going to list and then clicking on any of the images (which are links to book page).

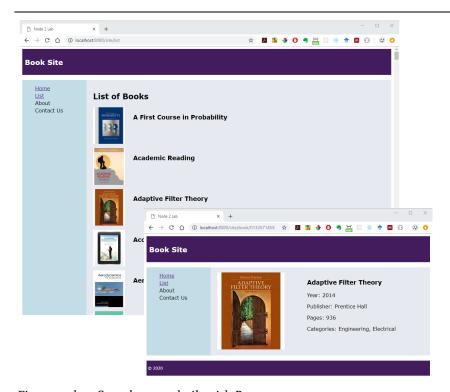


Figure 20d.1 – Sample pages built with Pug

Test Your Knowledge #2

This exercise extends the finished Test Your Knowledge #1.

- 1 Add the following Pug views. Extend each view from a base layout view (similar to what you did in Exercise 20d.13).
 - Display a list of all countries in the images collection. You will need an aggregate query similar to that in Exercise 20d.9. Make each item a link to the list of photos views.
 - Display a list of photos (you have been supplied with travel images in the folder travel-images). The list should simply display the image. Make each image a link to the single image view (below). The list will either display all the photos or just the photos for a specific country.
 - Display the information for a single image identified by its id. Display the following fields: title, description, country, city, and the user first and last names.
- 2 Simply make use of the supplied CSS in the styles.css file (look towards the bottom third of the file to see the styles associated with this travel photo case.

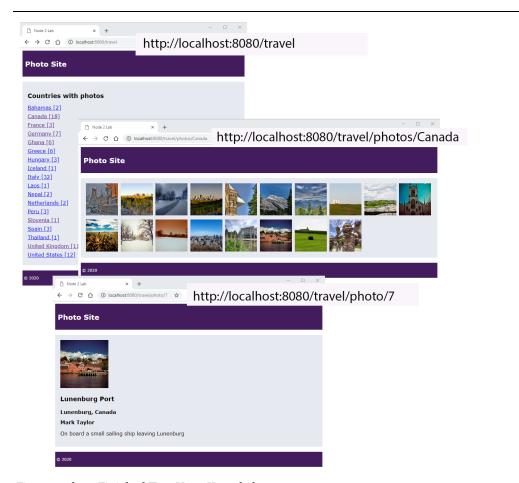


Figure 20d.2 – Finished Test Your Knowledge