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BUILDING RESTFUL API'S USING EXPRESS

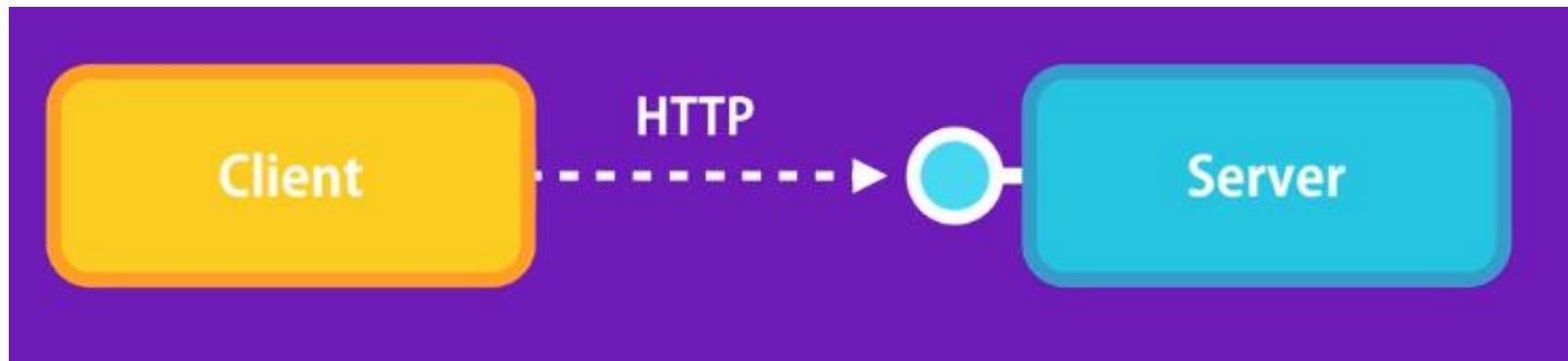
# Client/Server Architecture

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## Client

### Web-Browser

```
<form action="url">
<input name="email">
<input type="submit">
</form>
```

### Mobile Apps

- Android: 1) Kotlin  
2) Java
- ios : 1) Swift  
2) objective C
- Both : 1) React Native  
2) Fluttler

1. **url**
2. **method:** Get-default(post, put/patch, delete ....)
3. **header**  
Key1:value2  
Key2:value2
4. **body**

## Web Server

Connection →  
← Destroy

```
method
path
server.get("/wp-json/api/stories",function(request,response){
  //request.headers
  //request.body
  //request.query
  select * from employee //192.111.111.11
  MS SQL server
  data
  response.send("<h1>---</h1>"); });
  //content
  //hesders
  //status
```

# HTTP Request

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## Request Method

- GET: Retrieve data from the server.
- POST: Submit data to be processed by the server.
- PUT: Update a resource on the server.
- DELETE: Remove a resource from the server.
- HEAD: Retrieve metadata about a resource, like its headers.
- OPTIONS: Inquire about the communication options available for a resource.
- PATCH: Apply partial modifications to a resource.

# HTTP Request

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## URI (Uniform Resource Identifier):

- This is a string that identifies the resource the client is requesting. It typically includes the web address (URL) and the path to the specific resource on the server.

# HTTP Request

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## HTTP Version:

- Indicates the version of the HTTP protocol being used (e.g., HTTP/1.1).

## Headers:

- These are key-value pairs that provide additional information about the request or the client, such as the user agent (the type of browser or client making the request), the content type, and more.

## Body:

- In some types of requests, like POST or PUT, there may be data sent in the body of the request. For example, when submitting a form on a website, the form data is typically included in the request body.

# HTTP Request

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## Basic Authentication:

- Authorization: Basic base64encoded(username:password)

## Bearer Token Authentication

- String sent in header

## API Keys

- In headers or payload

## Session Cookies:

## Token-Based Authentication

## JWT (JSON Web Token):

# Server Response

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## Status code

- (indicating the success or failure of the request),

## headers,

## response body (Optional)

- with data or content.

# Request Headers

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**Host:** www.example.com

**User-Agent:**

Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64)

AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/97.0.4692.99

Safari/537.36

**Accept:**

text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,image/apng,\*/\*;q=0.8,application/signed-exchange;v=b3;q=0.9

# Response Headers

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Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8

Content-Length: 12345

Server: Apache/2.4.51 (Unix)

# General Headers

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Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2022 08:00:00 GMT

Connection: keep-alive

Cache-Control: max-age=3600

# Multipart Request

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HTTP request that contains multiple parts

- each with its own set of headers and body

commonly used when submitting forms that include files

# GET Vs POST

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## GET

Request data

Data sent to server in url

Used for operations where data modification  
isn't required

cached by browsers and servers

Are generally book marked

## POST

Submit data

Data sent to server in body

Used for data modifications operations  
not cached by browsers or servers

Not Bookmarakable

# Pain to code like this

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```
const server =  
http.createServer((req,res)=>{  
  if(req.url==='/'){  
    res.write(JSON.stringify([1,4,5,6]));  
    res.end();  
  }  
});
```

# Express

<https://www.npmjs.com/package/express>

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15 Million Downloads a Month

npm i express

# Express

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```
const express = require('express');
const app = express();
app.use(express.json()); //middleware
//handle api calls here
```

# Express

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```
const port = 3000;  
app.listen(port, function(){  
  console.log(`Listening on Port 3000....`);  
})
```

# localhost:3000/api/greet

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```
const express = require('express');
const app = express();
// Sample route to handle GET requests
app.get('/api/greet', (req, res) => {
  res.json({ message: 'Hello from the Express API!' });
});
// Start the server
app.listen(3000, () => {
  console.log(`Express server listening on port ${port}`);
});
```

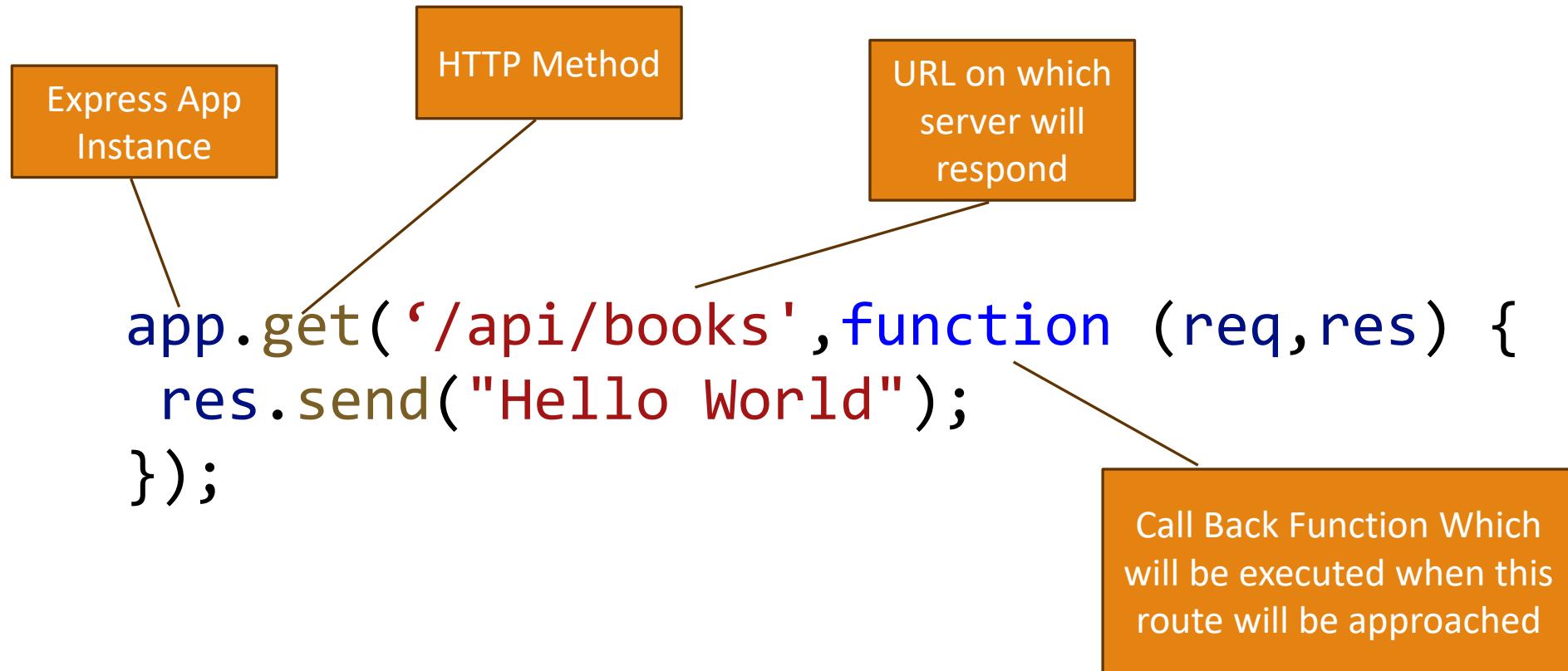
A Simple Server to listen on port 3000 and respond to a one single call.  
Note: it does not send back the html rather a JSON Object

# Get call

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http method: get, post, put, delete  
handler: a function with two inputs Request and Response  
url: /api/books

```
app.get('/api/books', function (req, res) {  
  res.send("Hello World");  
});
```



# Route Handler

```
app.METHOD(PATH, HANDLER);
```

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```
// Define a route with a callback function
app.get('/hello', (req, res) => {
  res.send('Hello, World!');
});
```

The get method is used to define a route for handling HTTP GET requests.

The route path is /hello.

The callback function **(req, res) => { res.send('Hello, World!'); }** is the handler that will be executed when a GET request is made to /hello. The req parameter represents the request object, and res represents the response object.

# Call Back Function Inputs

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- **req (request):**

- An object representing the incoming HTTP request, containing information about the client's request.

- **res (response):**

- An object representing the server's response, allowing you to send data back to the client.

- **Next (Optional Function):**

- The next function, when called, passes control to the next middleware function in the stack.

# Send back html

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```
app.get('/sample-html', (req, res) => {  
    const htmlString = `<html lang="en">  
        <body>  
            <h1>Hello, this is a sample HTML page!</h1>  
        </body>  
    </html>  
};  
// Send the HTML string as the response  
res.send(htmlString);  
});
```

We can send back html as response  
Sound like a proper web server which send back html

# REpresentational State Transfer (REST)

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- Architectural style for designing networked applications
  - a set of principles
- Statelessness
- Client-Server Architecture
- Uniform Interface:
  - **Resource Identification:** Resources (entities or services) are uniquely identified by URIs (Uniform Resource Identifiers).
- used in web development for building scalable and interoperable web services

# RESTFUL API Design Requirements

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Client Server Architecture

Statelessness

Uniform Interface

- Resource Based
- Representation

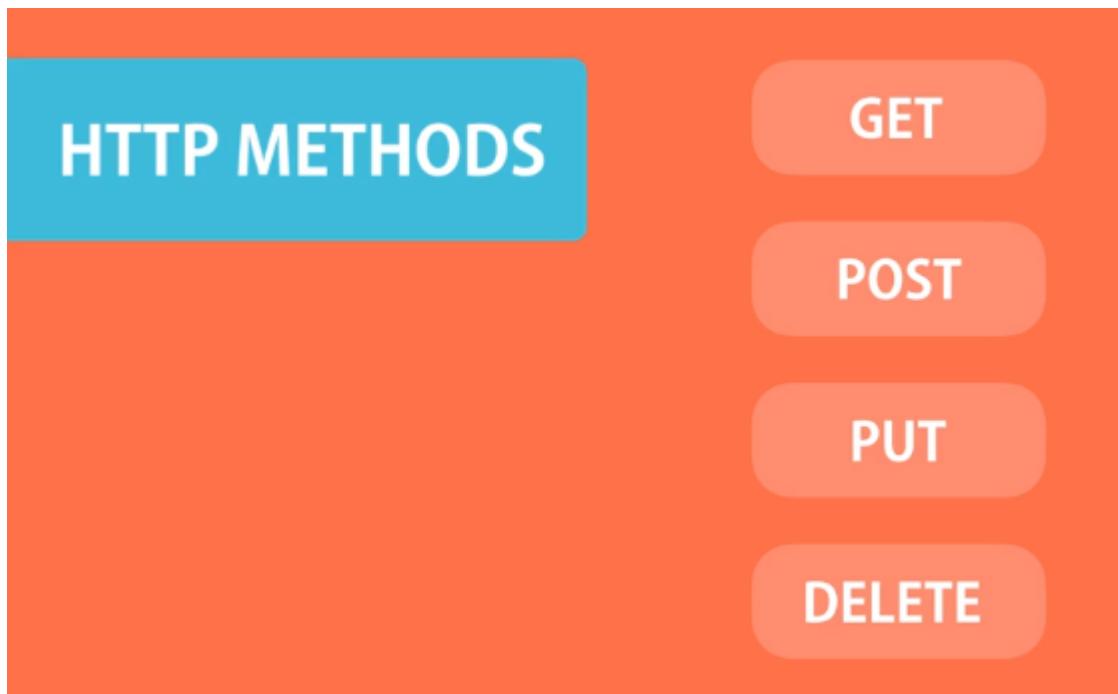
Cacheability

Layered System

# REpresentational State Transfer (REST)



# <http://usman.com/api/customers>



HTTP Method	Db Query
GET	Select
POST	Insert
PUT	Update
DELETE	Delete

You can only use GET and POST with browser

# <http://usman.com/api/customers>

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<http://usman.com/api/customers/1>

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<http://usman.com/api/customers/1>

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## UPDATE A CUSTOMER

Request

```
PUT /api/customers/1
```

```
{ name: '' }
```

Response

```
{ id: 1, name: '' }
```

# Use POSTMan to send put request

The screenshot shows the POSTMan interface with a PUT request configuration. The method is set to PUT, and the URL is localhost:4000/api/books/645cc1ee68b6d75567d36371. The 'Body' tab is selected, showing the JSON payload for the update:

```
1 {  
2   ... "title": "Web Technologies Updated",  
3   ... "year": 1900,  
4   ... "author": "Usman",  
5   ... "description": "Updated description"  
6 }
```

<http://usman.com/api/customers/1>

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## DELETE A CUSTOMER

Request

DELETE /api/customers/1

Response



<http://usman.com/api/customers>

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# Post Request from postman

POST localhost:4000/api/books

Params    Authorization    Headers (8)    **Body** •    Pre-request Script    Tests    Settings

none     form-data     x-www-form-urlencoded     raw     binary     GraphQL    **JSON** ▾

```
1 {  
2   "title": "Web Technologies",  
3   "year": 2200,  
4   "author": "Usman Akram",  
5   "description": "description"  
6 }
```

# All RESTFUL calls

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```
GET /api/customers  
GET /api/customers/1  
PUT /api/customers/1  
DELETE /api/customers/1  
POST /api/customers
```

# Mongo DB

- ▶ admin
- ▶ altcabs-prod
- ▶ config
- ▼ fa20-b-bookstore
  - books**
  - ...
  - toys
- ▶ local

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Filter Type a query: { field: 'value' }

ADD DATA EXPORT COLLECTION

```
_id: ObjectId('645e0d275f317c26e63e511f')
title: "Web Technologies"
author: "Usman Akram"
year: 2200
description: "description"
__v: 0
```

```
_id: ObjectId('645e0d3e5f317c26e63e5122')
title: "Web Technologies"
author: "Usman Akram"
year: 2200
description: "description"
__v: 0
```

# Connecting to Mongo use mongoose

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```
const mongoose = require('mongoose');
mongoose.connect("mongodb://localhost/diabudy",
{ useNewUrlParser: true })
.then(() => console.log("Connected to Mongo
...."))
.catch((error) => console.log(error.message));
```

# Create a Schema

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```
let bookSchema = mongoose.Schema({  
    title: String,  
    author: String,  
    year: Number,  
    description: String,  
});
```

# Define Model

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```
const Book = mongoose.model("Book", bookSchema);
```

## /models/category.js

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```
let mongoose = require("mongoose");

let schema = new mongoose.Schema({
  title: String,
});

let Model = mongoose.model("Category", schema);
module.exports = Model;
```

# Send array back to client

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```
app.get("/api/books", async (req, res) => {  
  let books = await Book.find();  
  res.send(books);  
});
```

Book.find() is actually an I/O call to database server. So we stop code execution by using await until query is executed at db and returned. We will study async/await later on

# Route Parameter

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

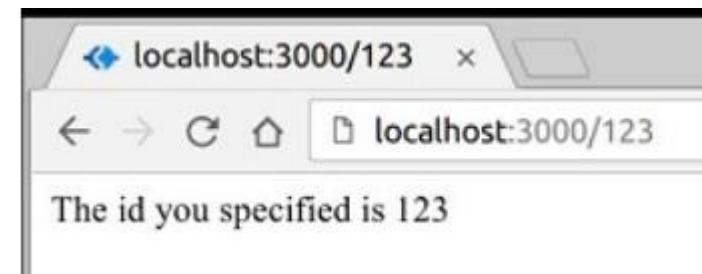
```
var app = express();
```

```
app.get('/:id', function(req, res){
```

```
    res.send('The id you specified is ' + req.params.id);
```

```
});
```

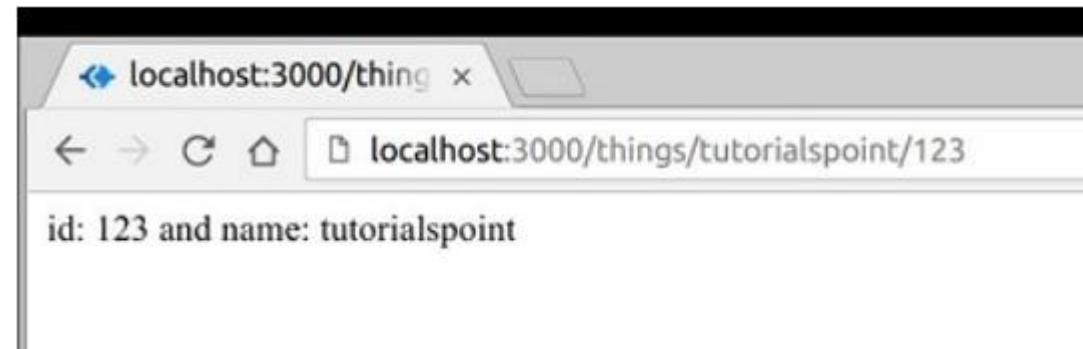
```
app.listen(3000);
```



# Multiple Parameters

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```
app.get('/things/:name/:id', function(req, res) {  
  res.send('id: ' + req.params.id + ' and name: ' + req.params.name);  
});
```



# Get single record (Receive id in route parameters)

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```
router.get("/api/books/:id", async (req, res) =>
{
  let book = await Book.findById(req.params.id);
  res.send(book);
});
```

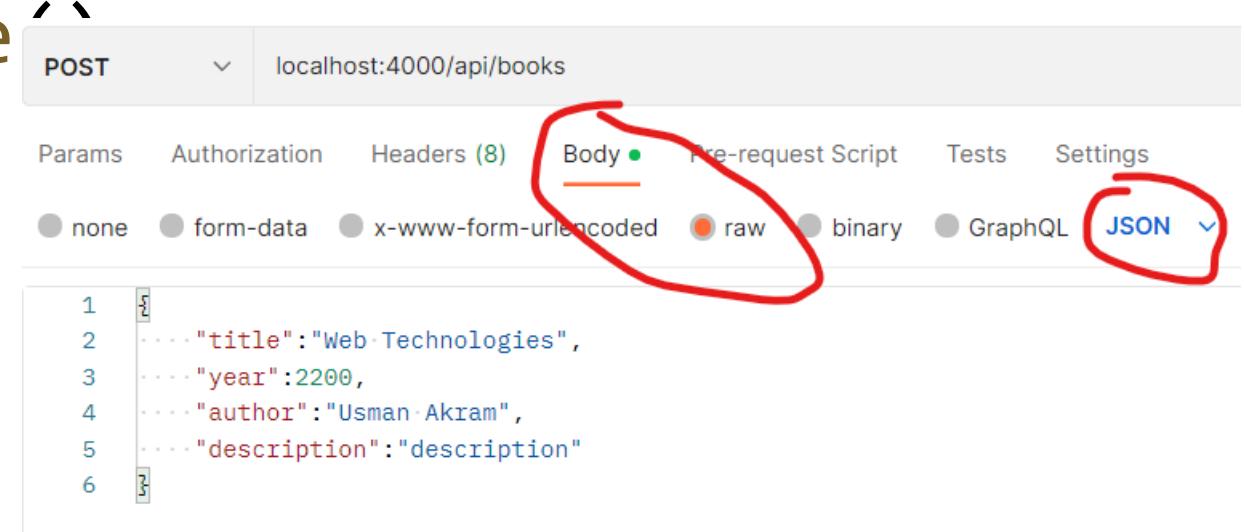
# Delete a Record

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```
router.delete("/api/books/:id", async (req, res) => {  
  let book = await Book.findByIdAndDelete(req.params.id);  
  
  res.send(book);  
});
```

# Create a Record. Data is sent via json in request body

```
router.post("/api/books", async (req, res)  
=> {  
    let newBook = new Book(req.body);  
    await newBook.save();  
    res.send(newBook);  
});
```



# Postman

The screenshot shows the Postman application interface. On the left, the sidebar displays a collection named "Foxy hAPI" containing 18 requests, categorized into OAuth, Home, Transactions, and Coupons. The "Home" section is currently selected. In the main workspace, the "Builder" tab is active, showing a GET request to "https://api.foxcart.com". The "Headers" tab is selected, showing two headers: "FOXY-API-VERSION" with value "1" and "Authorization" with value "Bearer {{access\_token}}". The "Body" tab shows a JSON response with a status of 200 OK. The response body is a JSON object with various links and properties, including a "self" link to the API home page and a "curies" array containing a template for "fx" links.

```
1 {
2   "_links": {
3     "curies": [
4       {
5         "name": "fx",
6         "href": "https://api.foxcart.com/rels/{rel}",
7         "templated": true
8       }
9     ],
10    "self": {
11      "href": "https://api.foxcart.com/",
12      "title": "Your API starting point."
13    },
14    "fx:property_helpers": {
15      "href": "https://api.foxcart.com/property_helpers",
16      "title": "Various helpers used for determining valid property values."
17    },
18    "https://api.foxcart.com/rels": {
19      "href": "https://api.foxcart.com/rels",
20      "title": "Custom Link Relationships supported by this API."
21    }
22  }
23}
```

# express.json() Handles JSON Data

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Built-in middleware function in Express.

It parses incoming requests with JSON payloads

Based on body-parser.

Add below line to include it.

```
app.use(express.json());
```

# express.urlencoded()

## Handles Form Data

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Built-in middleware function in Express.

It parses incoming requests with URL-encoded payloads

Based on body-parser.

Add below line to include it.

The "extended" syntax allows for rich objects and arrays to be encoded into the URL-encoded format,

```
app.use(express.urlencoded({ extended: false }));
```

# Route parameters

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```
app.put("/api/books/:id", async (req, res) => {
  let book = await Book.findById(req.params.id);
  book.title = req.body.title;
  book.year = req.body.year;
  book.author = req.body.author;
  book.description = req.body.description;
  await book.save();
  res.send(book);
});
```

# Validation with joi

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npm i joi

```
const Joi = require('joi');
const schema = {
  name:Joi.string().min(3).required()
}
```

# Validation with joi

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```
const result =  
Joi.validate(request.body, schema);  
//console.log(result);  
  
if(result.error)  
response.status(400).send(result.error.details[0].message);
```

# Clean joi

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```
function validateCourse(course) {  
  const schema = {  
    name: Joi.string().min(3).required()  
  };  
  const result = Joi.validate(course, schema);  
  return result;  
} //require joi at top preferably extract a  
//module
```

# Express- Advanced Topics

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# Middleware

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```
app.get('/',function (request,response) {  
  response.send("Hello World");  
});
```

Is technically a middleware. It breaks the request response cycle  
What if we do something here and then don't send response.

# Adding a middleware

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```
const express = require('express');
const app = express();
app.use(express.json());
```

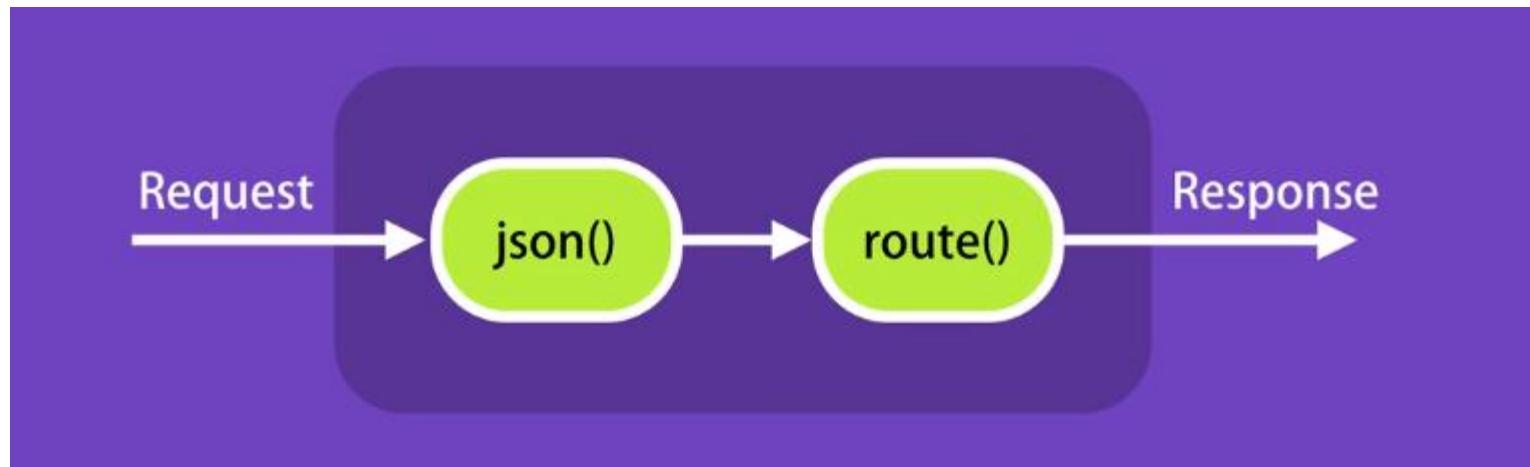
Get request

If body contain json then parse it

Forward it to next middleware.

# Request processing pipeline

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# Custom middleware

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```
function log(request,response,next){  
  console.log("Logging...");  
  next();  
}  
  
module.exports = log;
```

# Using your own middleware

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```
const logger = require('./logger-  
middleware');  
  
app.use(logger);
```

# Helmet (npm install express helmet)

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helmet helps you secure your Express apps by setting various HTTP headers. It's not a silver bullet, but it can help!

First, run npm install helmet

```
const express = require('express')
const helmet = require('helmet')
const app = express()
app.use(helmet())
```

# Exercise

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Check what morgan is and how it works