

File Handling Application Documentation

Overview

A Real-time File Handling Application is a Node.js-based solution designed to efficiently manage large volumes of files by automatically splitting them into smaller, more manageable chunks. This approach facilitates easier storage and transfer of files.

Requirements

- Develop a Node.js application that monitors an input folder for new files every 5 minutes.
- Every file found in the input folder should be converted/split into multiple chunks based on size (chunks of 10MB) and stored in an output folder using Linux commands within the Node Application.
- If a file is already processed, it should not be processed again.
- As soon as the conversion is done, the application should compare the original file and the chunks to check if any data is lost during the conversion and print the output.

Architecture Components

1. Checksum Calculation (`checksum.js`)
2. File Processing (`fileService.js` and `fileController.js`)
3. MD5 Checksum Verification
4. Using Git Bash for Linux Commands on Windows

Technical Details:

- Uses Node's `child_process` module to execute the `md5sum` command via Git Bash.
- Replaces backslashes with forward slashes in file paths to ensure compatibility with Git Bash.
- Executes the command and parses the output to extract the MD5 checksum.

Running the Application Locally

Prerequisites

1. **Node.js:** Ensure Node.js is installed on your machine.
2. **Git Bash:** Install Git Bash to provide a Linux-like environment on Windows.
(**Purpose:** To utilize Linux commands (`split`, `cat`, `md5sum`) on a Windows environment.)
3. By open gitbash use `cd` command to go to the path of the project location
4. Type `node cronJobs.js` on gitbash for run the code