

Week 4 Assignment: “Employee Manager CLI + Server”

Create a mini Node.js application that manages employee records from both a **CLI (Command Line Interface)** and a **web API**.

Use **ES Modules**, **fs.promises**, **async/await**, **streams**, and **error handling** patterns learned so far.

Functional Requirements

1 Data Storage

- Store employee data in `data/employees.json`.
- Each employee object:

```
{
  "id": 1,
  "name": "John Doe",
  "role": "Developer",
  "salary": 65000
}
```

- Start with an empty array if file doesn't exist.

2 CLI Operations

Create `employee-cli.js` to support:

```
node employee-cli.js add "John Doe" "Developer" 65000
node employee-cli.js list
node employee-cli.js get 2
node employee-cli.js delete 3
node employee-cli.js update 2 "QA Engineer" 70000
```

Use:

- `fs.promises` for file I/O
 - `path` for file resolution
 - Proper **try/catch** blocks and error messages.
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3 HTTP API

Create `server.js` that serves the same data with routes:

Method	Endpoint	Description
GET	<code>/api/employees</code>	List all employees
GET	<code>/api/employees/:id</code>	Get single employee

Method	Endpoint	Description
POST	/api/employees	Add new employee
PUT	/api/employees/:id	Update existing
DELETE	/api/employees/:id	Delete employee
GET	/api/export	Streams JSON file as a downloadable attachment

Use:

- `http` module
 - `fs.promises` for CRUD
 - `createReadStream` for `/api/export`
 - Return proper HTTP status codes and JSON content types.
 - Handle invalid JSON input safely.
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4 Utilities Module

Create `utils/logger.js`:

```
import fs from "fs";
import path from "path";

const LOG_FILE = path.join(process.cwd(), "server.log");

export async function log(message) {
  const timestamp = new Date().toISOString();
  await fs.promises.appendFile(LOG_FILE, `[${timestamp}] ${message}\n`);
}
```

Use it in both CLI and server to log all operations.

5 Error Handling

- Handle file not found, invalid JSON, and invalid user inputs.
 - Add a **global** process-level handler for unhandled rejections and exceptions.
 - Return meaningful 400/404/500 responses for HTTP routes.
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6 Stats

Add `/api/stats` route:

- Uses `os` module to return `{ platform, totalmem, freemem, uptime }`.