# Create back-end project

Initialize: npm init -y

In the initial setting below, “main”: descript the entry point to the project, changed it to “app.js” file (alternative main.js or index.js).

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## Install typescript

npm i typescript

Potential bug:

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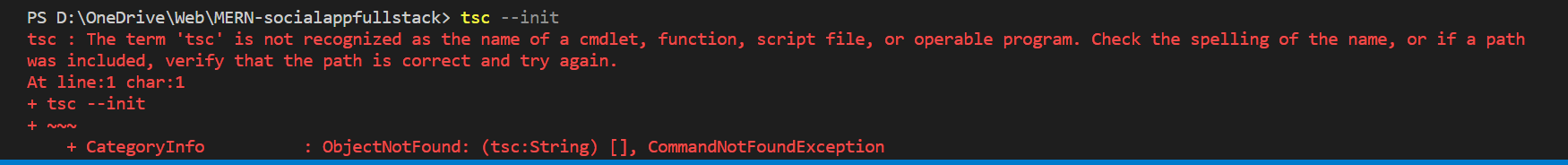
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Fix: try turn off and on the wifi connection of your pc. <https://github.com/nodejs/node/issues/41056>

## Create typescript configuration file

tsc –init

Potential bug:



cause and fixed: typescript is not installed globally,

do npm install typescript@latest -g

<https://bobbyhadz.com/blog/typescript-tsc-is-not-recognized-as-internal-or-external>

## TSConfig setting

## Folder structure set up

src root folder

src\features to store all the features code

src\shared shared code

src\shared\global

src\shared\services all mongo db related services

src\shared\services\db code to connect to the mongo db

src\shared\sockets all thing related to socket io

src\shared\workers for redis message queue

src\app.ts entry point for this project, file name must be the same as "main": "app.js" in package.json file

src\config.ts configuration for this project

src\routes.ts define all the routes

src\setupDatabase.ts set up the mongo db

src\setupServer.ts set up the server

## Set up Server class

### Install express

npm i express

add following import:

import {Application, json, urlencoded, Response, Request, NextFunction } from 'express';

## Set up standard middleware

install

npm I cors helmet hpp cookie-session compression express-async-errors http-status-codes

helmet : a security library

store minimum data into cookie

need express-async-errors to cache error coming from async method

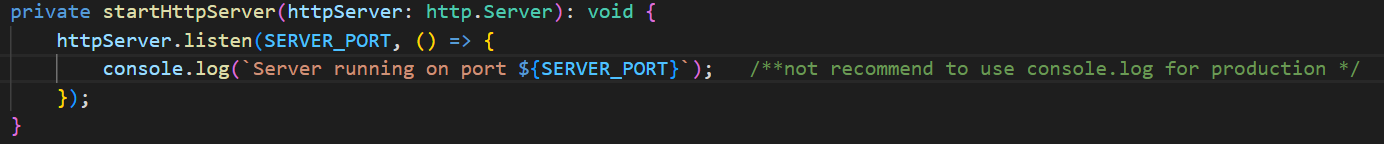
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## Set up http server

set server\_port constant to (any number after 1000 to 64000). except

Note: in typescript, use ` ${variable}` if want to include variable



set startServer to async, any async method will return Promise

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update app.ts



### install nodemon

npm i -g nodemon

add script to package.json, note: if we specify “dev”. later on if we call npm run dev, it will run the script at the end

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### install ts-node

so that we can decode ts

npm i ts-node -D

### install tsconfig-paths

so all folder can be relative and still read by the typescript

<https://www.npmjs.com/package/tsconfig-paths>

npm install --save-dev tsconfig-paths

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## set up database

install mongoose:

npm i mongoose

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## set up environment config file

install dotenv

npm i dotenv

create a .env file in the root folder,

save your configurations constant

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## set up socket io

<https://www.npmjs.com/package/@socket.io/redis-adapter>

npm i @socket.io/redis-adapter redis socket.io

note: run command with @ in CMD, running in powershell will give error

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/46107955/open-cmd-in-the-visual-studio-code-terminal>

add following imports to setupServer.ts

import { Server } from 'socket.io';

import { createClient } from 'redis';

import { createAdapter } from '@socket.io/redis-adapter';

add this constant to .env file : REDIS\_HOST = 'redis://localhost:6379'

update the method:

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update startServer()

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## Set up route.ts file

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update setupServer.ts

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## Set up Global error handler

create a file name error-handler under folder globals\helpers

define some custom error class as below  
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## logger set up

install bunyan

npm install bunyan

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

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import Logger from ‘bunyan’;

add following const at the start of each ts file

/\*\* indicate the log is coming from the database \*/

const log: Logger = config.createLogger('setupDatabase');

then call the

log.error() or log.info to log the

## ESLint set up

install ESLint, editorconfig, prettier for vs code

create a file name .editorconfig under root folder

copy content from the website (<https://editorconfig.org/>) to editorconfig file.

npm i -D eslint eslint-config-prettier prettier @typescript-eslint/eslint-plugin @typescript-eslint/parser

create a file name .prettierrc.json, copy following config into the file

{

  "trailingComma": "none",

  "tabWidth": 2,

  "semi": true,

  "singleQuote": true,

  "bracketSpacing": true,

  "printWidth": 140

}

create a file name .eslintrc.json, copy the following config into the file

{

  "root": true,

  "parser": "@typescript-eslint/parser",

  "plugins": [

    "@typescript-eslint"

  ],

  "extends": [

    "eslint:recommended",

    "plugin:@typescript-eslint/recommended",

    "prettier"

  ],

  "parserOptions":  {

    "ecmaVersion":  2020,  // Allows for the parsing of modern ECMAScript features

    "sourceType":  "module"  // Allows for the use of imports

  },

  "rules": {

    "semi": [2, "always"],

    "space-before-function-paren": [0, {"anonymous": "always", "named": "always"}],

    "camelcase": 0,

    "no-return-assign": 0,

    "quotes": ["error", "single"],

    "@typescript-eslint/no-non-null-assertion": "off",

    "@typescript-eslint/no-namespace": "off",

    "@typescript-eslint/explicit-module-boundary-types": "off"

  }

}

add script to package.json file