



Welcome to this session: Task Walkthrough - Node.js

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Learning Outcomes

- ❖ **Initialize and set up an NPM package** by installing dependencies and creating custom scripts.
- ❖ **Utilise JavaScript packages**, such as Moment.js or Lodash, to enhance application functionality.
- ❖ **Demonstrate the use of package functions** to manipulate data effectively within a Node.js environment.
- ❖ **Create and execute custom NPM scripts** to automate tasks and streamline project workflows.

Lecture Overview

- Presentation of the Task
- Introduction to Node.js
- Introduction to NPM
- Task Walkthrough



Lodash Task

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You'll be using Lodash to clean up a playlist by filtering out repeated songs, so you're left with a list of unique tracks. Additionally, you'll count and display the total number of unique songs to see just how much you've slimmed down your playlist!

Moments Task

Imagine you're building a Countdown Timer to track upcoming events, such as birthdays, holidays, or special occasions. 🎉 In this task, you'll create a package that uses Moment.js to calculate the remaining days until each event. Your timer will display a list of events with their names and the countdown to each event, all in a user-friendly format.

By the end of this task, you'll be comfortable with managing dates in JavaScript, calculating differences, and presenting time-sensitive information in a clear and engaging way!



What is NPM primarily used for in JavaScript?

- A. Styling HTML pages
- B. Package and dependency management
- C. Running JavaScript in the browser
- D. Encrypting data

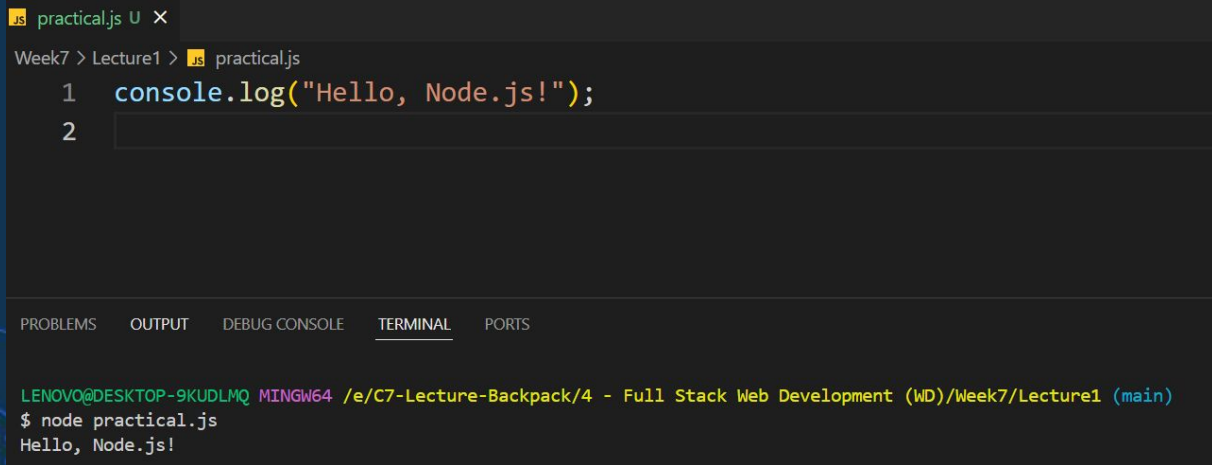


What does the Lodash uniq function do?

- A. Filters an array based on a callback
- B. Sorts an array in ascending order
- C. Removes duplicates from an array
- D. Maps each element to a new value

What is Node.js?

- ❖ Node.js is a runtime environment that allows you to run JavaScript code on the server-side.
- ❖ It uses an event-driven, non-blocking I/O model, making it efficient for handling asynchronous operations.



```
practical.js U X
Week7 > Lecture1 > practical.js
1 console.log("Hello, Node.js!");
2
PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PORTS
LENOVO@DESKTOP-9KUDLMQ MINGW64 /e/C7-Lecture-Backpack/4 - Full Stack Web Development (WD)/Week7/Lecture1 (main)
$ node practical.js
Hello, Node.js!
```

What are Modules?

- ❖ Modules in Node.js are encapsulated units of functionality that can be reused throughout your application.
- ❖ They promote code organization, maintainability, and reusability.
- ❖ Node.js provides several core modules like http, fs, and path, which can be used without installation.
- ❖ User-defined modules are created by developers to encapsulate specific functionality.

```
const lodash = require('lodash'); // CommonJS  
import lodash from 'lodash'; //ES6
```

Node Package Manager

- ❖ NPM is the default package manager for Node.js, used for installing, managing, and sharing packages of JavaScript code.
- ❖ It provides access to a vast repository of open-source packages and tools for Node.js development.



Managing Dependencies with NPM

- ❖ Use `npm init` to initialize a new NPM package in your project directory and generate a `package.json` file interactively or with default values.
- ❖ `package.json` serves as the manifest for your project, documenting project metadata, dependencies, and scripts.
- ❖ Define project dependencies in the `package.json` file.
- ❖ Use `npm install` to install dependencies listed in `package.json`.

```
npm install moments
```

Understanding package.json Structure

- ❖ **name:** The name of the project.
- ❖ **version:** The version of the project.
- ❖ **dependencies:** List of project dependencies and their version specifications.
- ❖ **scripts:** Custom scripts for tasks like testing, building, and deployment.

Understanding package.json Structure

```
{
  "name": "my-node-app",
  "version": "1.0.0",
  "dependencies": {
    "express": "^4.17.1"
  },
  ▶ Debug
  "scripts": {
    "start": "node index.js"
  }
}
```


Managing Scripts in package.json

- ❖ Use the **scripts** field in **package.json** to define custom scripts.
- ❖ Scripts can be executed using **npm run <script-name>**.

```
"scripts": {  
  "start": "node index.js",  
  "test": "mocha"  
}
```

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Which command initialises a new package in NPM?

- A. `npm install`
- B. `npm start`
- C. `npm init`
- D. `npm run`



What is the purpose of the package.json file in a Node.js project?

- A. To store user data and settings
- B. To manage project dependencies and scripts
- C. To style HTML elements
- D. To create an executable binary



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