

Welcome to the April StrongLoop newsletter, a summary of the previous month's StrongLoop blog content: LoopBack, API Microgateway, the Open API Initiative, and API developer news and tutorials, as well as announcements and events.

# Join us at the Hacker Dojo Meetup May 8

Near Santa Clara, California? Want to brush up on your Node and JS skills? Free on the evening of Wednesday, May 8? Then we have an event we'd like to tell you about!

The HackerJS NodeJS & JavaScript Meetup is hosting an event - the first of a new, ongoing meetup and we'd love to see you there!

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# Building an Online Game With LoopBack 4 (Pt 1)

This new series by Wenbo Sun will help you learn LoopBack 4 and how to use it to easily build your own API and web project. He does this by creating an online web text-based adventure game. You can create your own account to build characters, fight monsters, find treasures and more!

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### LoopBack 4 Q1 2019 Overview

When the LoopBack team released LoopBack 4 GA version last October, they didn't stop to rest on their laurels. The team has been busy enhancing the framework, closing feature parity gaps, and helping community onboard with LoopBack 4.

Diana Lau shares what the LoopBack team has been doing in the first quarter of 2019.

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# LoopBack 4 March 2019 Milestone Update

Janny Hou describes an outstanding number of code contributions in March, making for a very productive month! We merged 63 PRs in total, and 10 out of them are from the community. Cheers!

The team was able to make good progress of the epics we are focusing on, like LB3 to LB4 migration, adding @loopback/context features, JavaScript experience, the authentication system, and describing model properties to be more flexible. Read more to see the details of our achievements in March.

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# In The Loop, April 17

In each "In the Loop" article we list recent news, updates or opinions for Node.js, OpenAPI Spec, Microgateway, LoopBack and other open source solutions. In our latest "In the Loop":

Implementing API-First design! TypeScript vs JavaScript! The OpenJS Foundation is Official! Now What? "npm start" permission denied error! What's up in the Node.js community? Plus more!

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