Interview question about NodeJs

1. What is Node.js?

Node.js is an open-source, cross-platform JavaScript runtime environment, which is developed on Chrome's V8 engine.

Node.js is usually used for large-scale application development and other server-side web applications.

2. How does Node.js work?

Node.js is a virtual machine that uses javaScript as its scripting language and it works on a single-threaded event loop and a non-blocking input/output, which can handle higher requests.

3. What is the purpose of Node.js?

- Real-time Web Applications
- Network Applications
- Distributed systems
- General purpose applications

4. What are the benefits of using Node.js?

- Node.js is generally very fast.
- It is very easy to build scalable network programs.
- Asynchronous everything
- It provides no buffering. Its applications never buffers any data.

5. What is Callback in Node.js?

A callback function is called when a task is completed. It allows you to run other code by preventing any kind of blocking. Node.js heavily relies on callback functions.

6. What is a V8 engine?

V8 engine is an open-source javascript engine for Google Chrome. Its main work is converting scripts to machine code without producing intermediate code.

7. What is NPM?

Node Package Manager(NPM) is responsible for managing all packages and modules for node.js. Npmjs.com hosts thousands of free packages to download and use.

- The most commonly used libraries are ExpressJs and MongoDB.

8. What is package.json?

It is a file which basically contains metadata of the project that we are working on. Also we can tell package.json is the properties of a package.

9. What is the Event loop in Node.js and how does it work?

The Event loop allows node.js to perform non-blocking I/O operations. It is a core bone for Node.js. It waits for any tasks to be given, when it finds a task, executes it and then waits for another task to receive.

10. What is the difference between JavaScript and Node.js?

- JavaScript is a scripting language which writes scripts on the websites, where Node.js is a cross-platform runtime environment.
- JavaScript can only run in browsers, Node.js can run outside of the browser.
- JavaScript is capable of adding HTML tags where Node.js can't.
- JavaScript is basically used for Client-side frontend development but Node.js is used for Server-side development.

11. What do you understand about event-driven programming?

An event-driven programming means an event has been triggered by a function. Like typing a key or clicking a mouse. This event triggers when the elements are executed.

12. What is the Express.js package?

It is a web application framework which is used for building mobile and web applications.

13. What is callback hell in node.js?

Callback hell occurs when plenty of nested callbacks happen. Callback hells make codes very difficult to read and manage.

By using async / await we can deal with callback hell.

14. What do you understand by async and await?

Async which makes a function return a Promise. And await, wait for a promise.

15. Is node.js single threaded or multi threaded?

Node.js is Single threaded.