

Video 4.5

EJS

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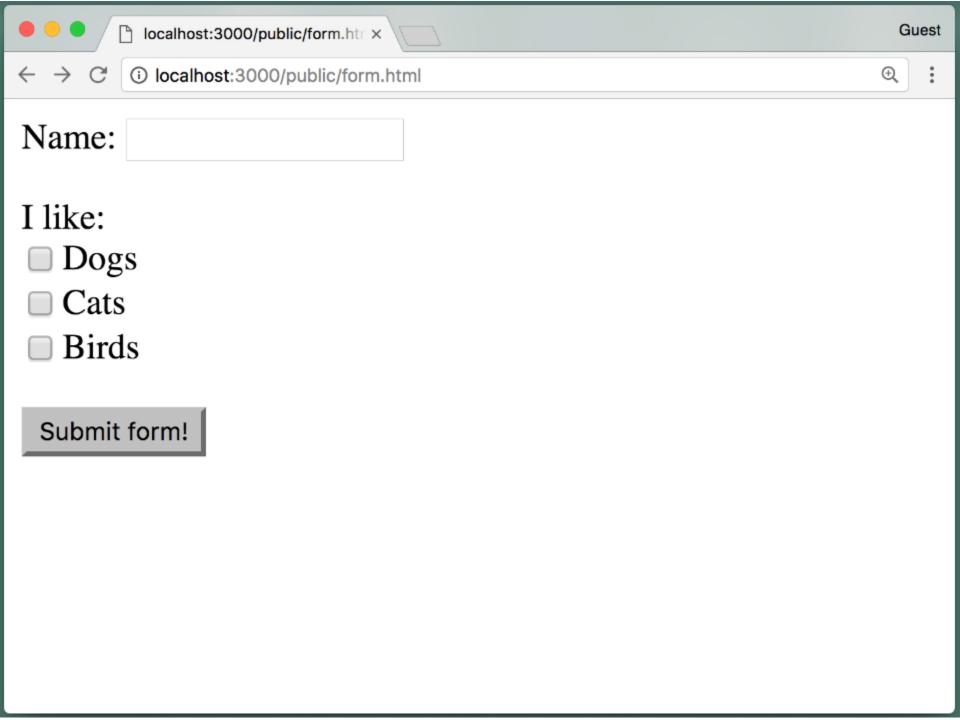
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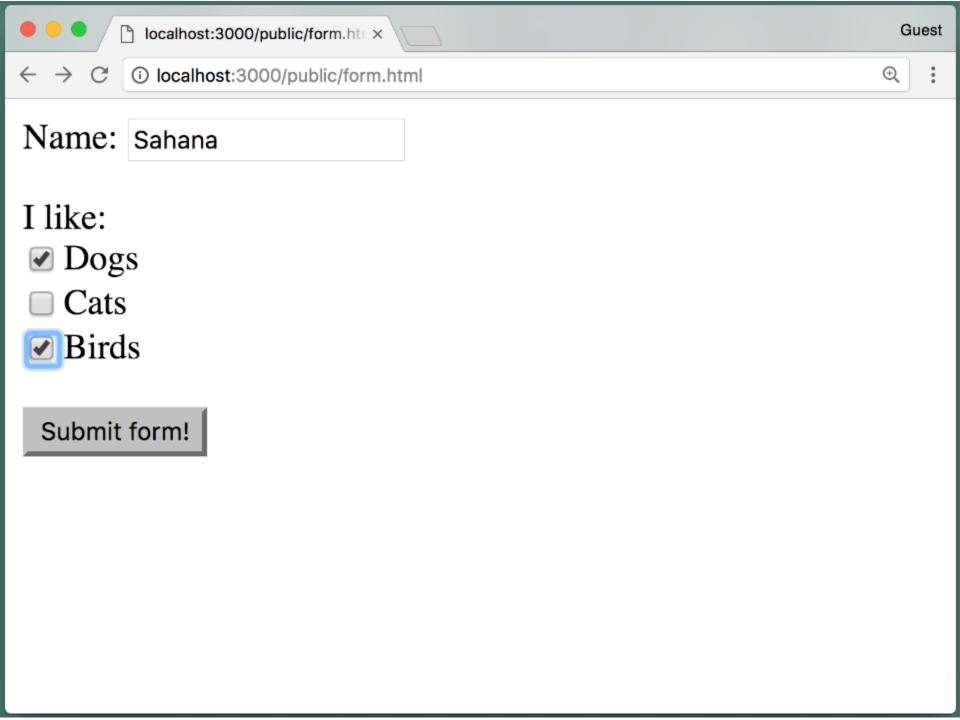
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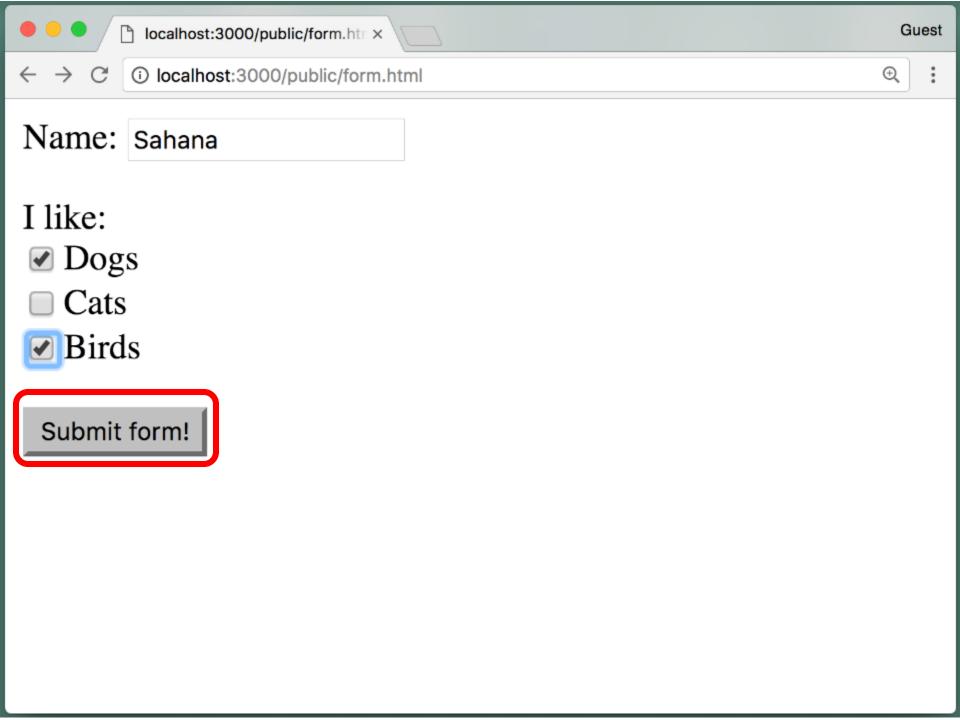
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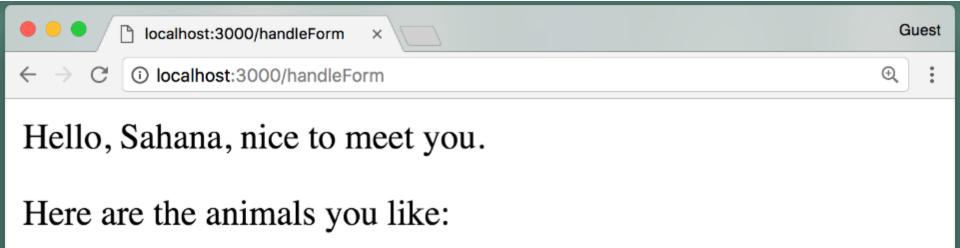
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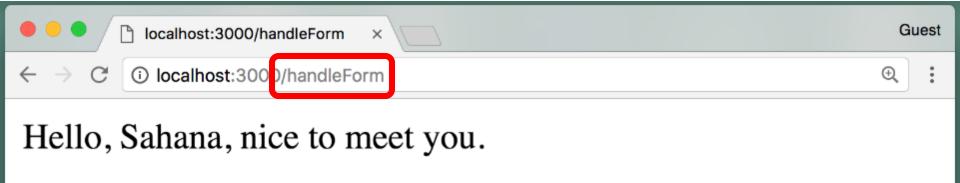






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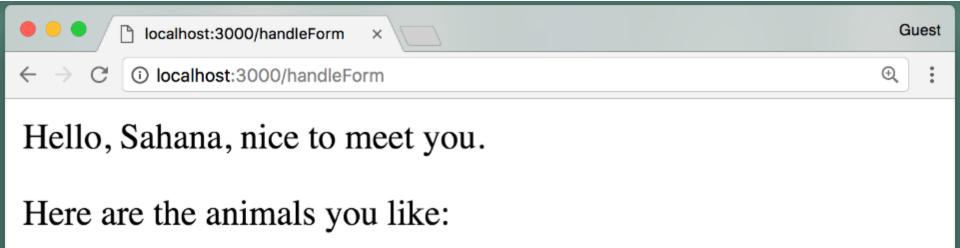
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What is EJS?

 EJS, or EmbeddedJS, is a view engine that uses data and embedded JavaScript to produce HTML

 This allows webpages to be developed statically and rendered dynamically server-side

 EmbeddedJS is a package that can be installed with the command: npm install ejs



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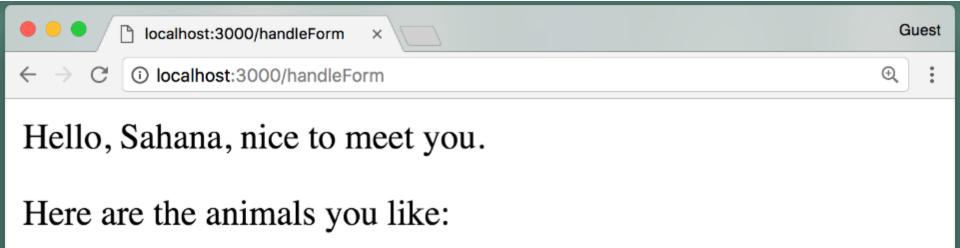
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Summary

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 An Express app can generate and send the HTML from a .ejs file using the Response's render function

