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Aim: Create webpage using react and express js

Program:

For creating the express backend:

1. **mkdir backend**
2. **npm init -y**
3. **npm install express cors nodemon concurrently**
4. Modify the scripts section of *package.json* as mentioned below
5. Run the development server using: **npm run dev**

Server.js:

```
1 1 | const express = require("express");           ■ File is a CommonJS module; it may be converted to an ES module.
    | 1 const path = require("path");
    | 2 const app = express();
    | 3 const cors = require("cors");
    | 4 const PORT = process.env.PORT || 5000;
    | 5 app.use(cors());
    | 6
    | 7 // Serve static files from the React app
    | 8 app.use(express.static(path.join(__dirname, "client/build")));
    | 9
    | 10 // API route example
H 11 | 11 app.get("/api/message", (req, res) => {       ■ 'req' is declared but its value is never read.
    | 12   res.json({ message: "Hello from the backend!" });
    | 13 });
    | 14
    | 15 // For the home page
H 16 | 16 app.get("/api/homeMessage", (req, res) => {   ■ 'req' is declared but its value is never read.
    | 17   res.json({ message: "The backend knows you're on the home page!" });
    | 18 });
    | 19
    | 20 // For the about page
H 21 | 21 app.get("/api/aboutMessage", (req, res) => {  ■ 'req' is declared but its value is never read.
    | 22   res.json({ message: "The backend knows you're on the about page!" });
    | 23 });
    | 24 // Catch-all handler for any requests not matching the above
H 25 | 25 app.get("*", (req, res) => {                 ■ 'req' is declared but its value is never read.
    | 26   res.sendFile(path.join(__dirname, "client/build", "index.html"));
    | 27 });
    | 28
    | 29 app.listen(PORT, () => {
    | 30   console.log(`Server is running on port ${PORT}`);
    | 31 });
```



package.json

```
1  {  
2    "name": "backend",  
3    "version": "1.0.0",  
4    "main": "index.js",  
5    "scripts": {  
6      "start": "node server.js",  
7      "server": "nodemon server.js",  
8      "client": "npm start --prefix client",  
9      "dev": "concurrently \"npm run server\" \"npm run client\""  
10   },  
11   "keywords": [],  
12   "author": "",  
13   "license": "ISC",  
14   "description": "",  
15   "dependencies": {  
16     "concurrently": "^9.0.1",  
17     "cors": "^2.8.5",  
18     "express": "^4.21.0",  
19     "nodemon": "^3.1.7"  
20   }  
}
```

Create the frontend:

1. **npx create-react-app frontend**
2. **npm install react-router-dom**
3. Create 2 files in **src**: **Home.js** and **About.js**
4. Create the build using: **npm run build**



App.js

```
1 import React, { useState, useEffect } from "react";
2 import { BrowserRouter as Router, Route, Routes } from "react-router-dom";
1 import Home from "./Home";
2 import About from "./About";
3
4 function App() {
5   const [message, setMessage] = useState("");
6
7   useEffect(() => {
8     fetch("http://localhost:5000/api/message")
9       .then((res) => {
10         if (!res.ok) {
11           throw new Error("Network response was not ok");
12         }
13         return res.json(); // Make sure to return the parsed JSON
14       })
15       .then((data) => setMessage(data.message)) // Set the message from the parsed data
16       .catch((error) => {
17         console.error("There was an issue with the fetch:", error);
18       });
19   }, []);
20
21   return (
22     <Router>
23       <div>
24         <h1>{message}</h1>
25         <Routes>
26           <Route path="/" element={<Home />} />
27           <Route path="/about" element={<About />} />
28         </Routes>
29       </div>
30     </Router>
31   );
32 }
33
34 export default App;
```




About.js

```
1 import React from "react";
2 import { Link } from "react-router-dom";
3 import { useState, useEffect } from "react";
4 const About = () => {
5   const [message, setMessage] = useState("");
6   useEffect(() => {
7     fetch("http://localhost:5000/api/aboutMessage")
8       .then((res) => {
9         if (!res.ok) {
10           throw new Error("Network response was not ok");
11         }
12         return res.json(); // Make sure to return the parsed JSON
13       })
14       .then((data) => {
15         setMessage(data.message);
16         console.log(message);
17       }) // Set the message from the parsed data
18       .catch((error) => {
19         console.error("There was an issue with the fetch:", error);
20       });
21   }, []);
22   return (
23     <div>
24       <h1>About Page</h1>
25       <Link to="/">Go to Home</Link>
26       <h2>{message}</h2>
27     </div>
28   );
29 };
30
31 export default About;
```



Home.js

```
1 import React from "react";
1 import { Link } from "react-router-dom";
2 import { useState, useEffect } from "react";
3
4 const Home = () => {
5   const [message, setMessage] = useState("");
6   useEffect(() => {
7     fetch("http://localhost:5000/api/homeMessage")
8       .then((res) => {
9         if (!res.ok) {
10           throw new Error("Network response was not ok");
11         }
12         return res.json(); // Make sure to return the parsed JSON
13       })
14       .then((data) => setMessage(data.message)) // Set the message
15       .catch((error) => {
16         console.error("There was an issue with the fetch:", error);
17       });
18   }, []);
19   return (
20     <div>
21       <h1>Home Page</h1>
22       <Link to="/about">Go to About</Link>
23       <h2>{message}</h2>
24     </div>
25   );
26 };
27
28 export default Home;
```



Output:

