IN4MATX 133: User Interface Software

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Announcements

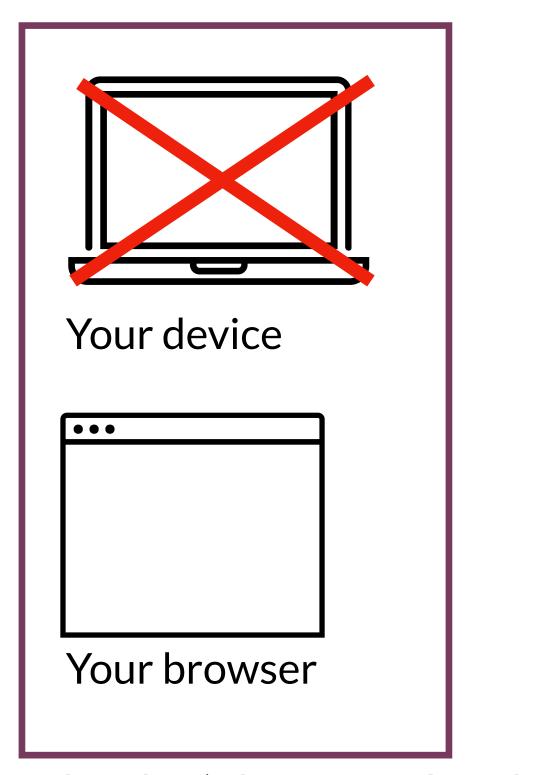
- A3 will be posted soon
 - Maybe tomorrow or over the weekend

Today's goals

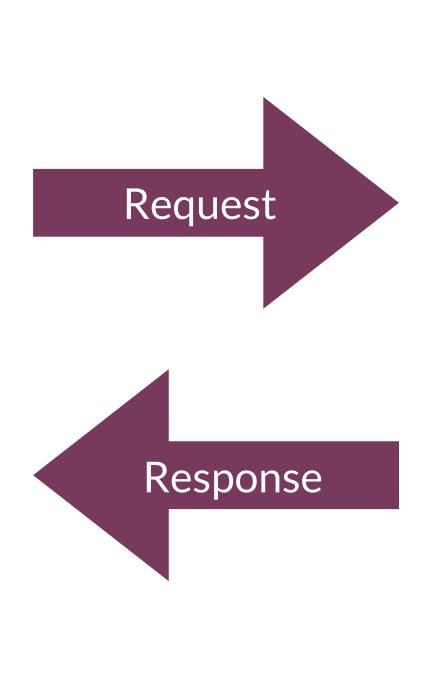
By the end of today, you should be able to...

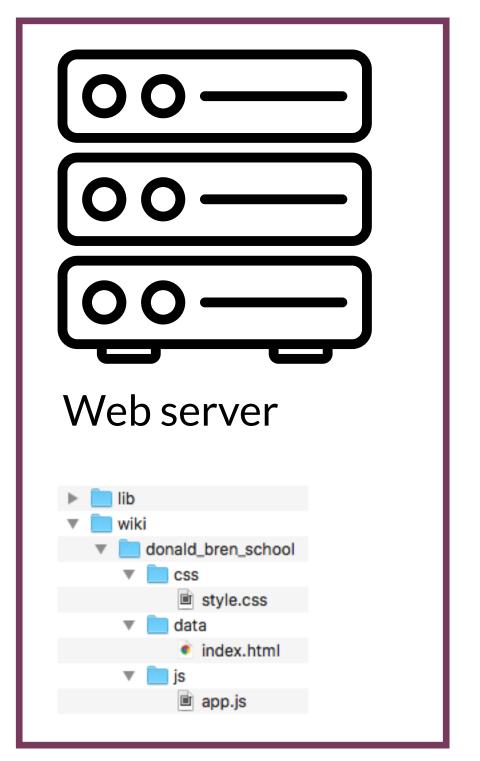
- Explain the advantages and disadvantages of different tools for server-side development
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- Explain and implement the different stages to authenticating via OAuth
- Describe the advantages and disadvantages of OpenId

Client-side and server-side JavaScript



Edit what's being rendered Trigger or react to events





Navigate file system programmatically Dynamically generate pages or views Transport, store, or interact with data

Client-side

Runs in the browser

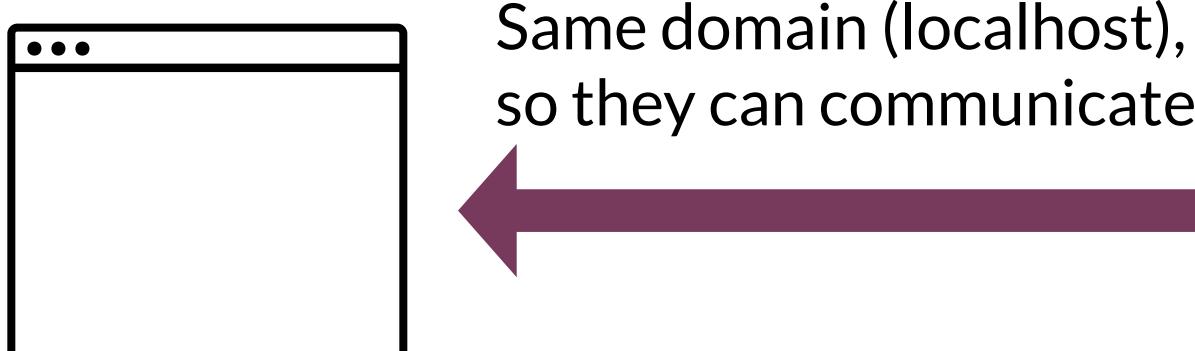
- Changes happen in real-time in the browser
- Cannot make HTTP requests to many APIs
- Examples: AJAX, Angular,
 React, Vue.js

Server-side

- Runs in the command line, etc.
 (but maybe can still be accessed from the browser)
- Changes happen in response to HTTP requests
- Can make HTTP requests to most APIs
- Examples: Node, ASP.NET

Servers on localhost

Localhost: "this computer"



so they can communicate

No communication restrictions

Live server: localhost:8080

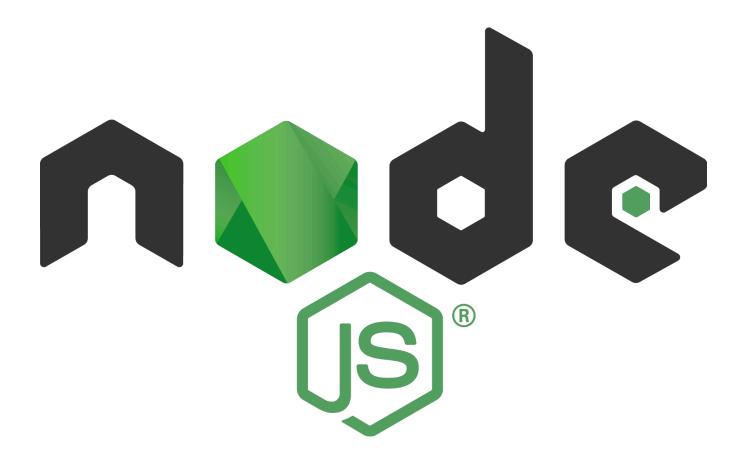
Browser implements same-origin policy to protect the other data you have open in the browser

Twitter proxy: localhost:7890

No same-origin policy restrictions, can communicate with Twitter

Server-side development: Node.js

- Event-driven, non-blocking
 I/O model makes it efficient
- Best for highly-interactive pages
 - When a lot of computation is required, other frameworks are better
 - Event-driven loops are inefficient
- Lower threshold for us: we're already learning JavaScript!



Other server-side environments

- Ruby, via Ruby on Rails
- Python, via Django or web2py
- These days, you can create a dynamic website in almost any language



Node package manager (npm)

- Included in the download of Node
- Originally libraries specifically for Node
- Now includes many JavaScript packages



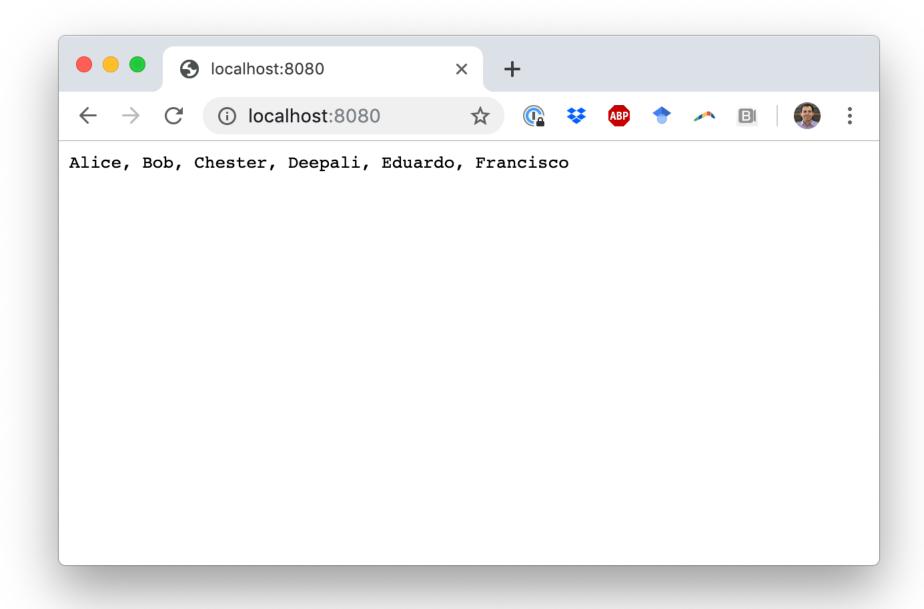
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var server = http.createServer(function(req, res) {
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  res.end('Hello World');
  Anonymous function with
  });
  request and response parameters
server.listen(8080); "Ok" status in the header,
  write hello world text
Listen on port 8080
```

Running Node.js

• node file.js

Node.js





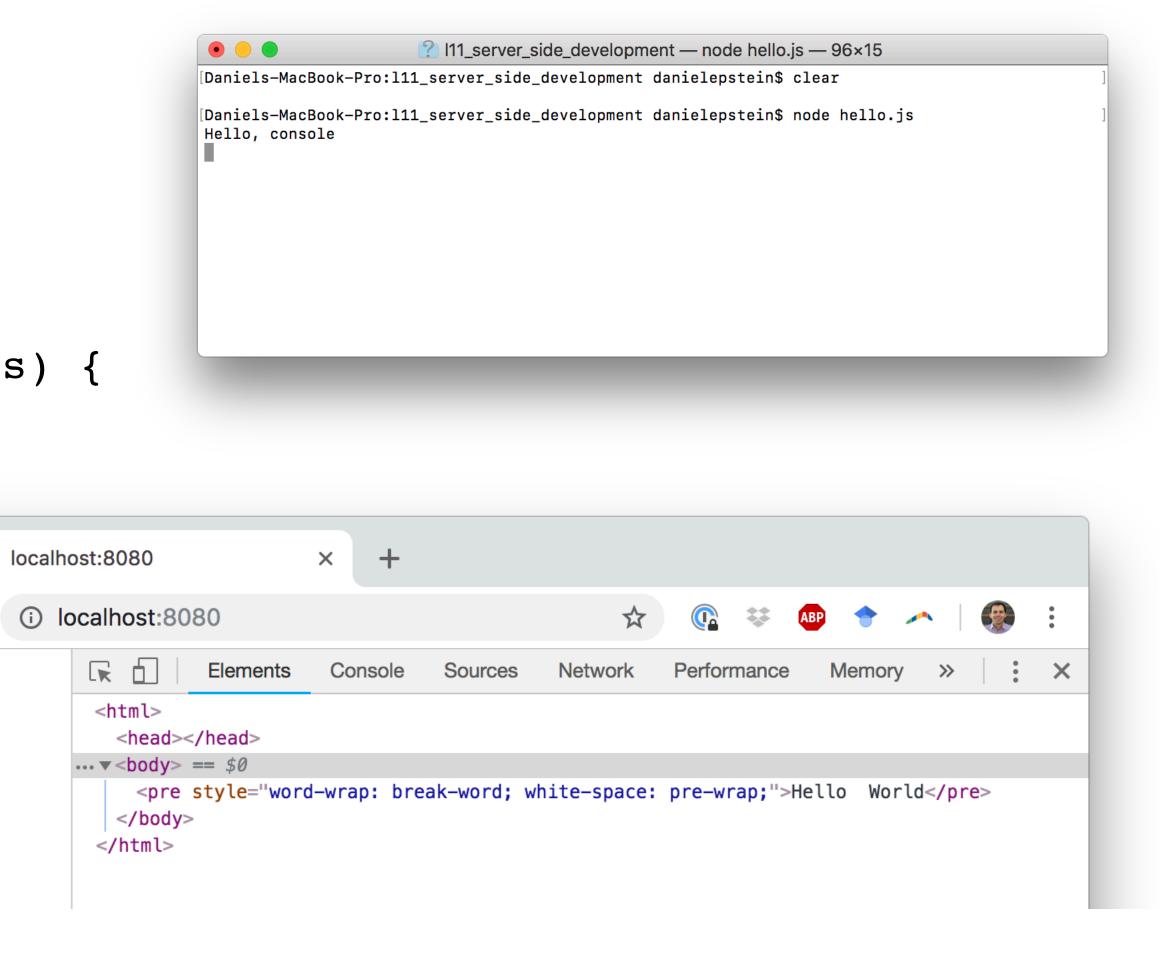
Remember, Node.js is server-side JavaScript

Where is the JavaScript running?

Server-side

```
node hello.js
hello.js:
var http = require('http');
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  res.end('Hello World');
});
server.listen(8080);
console.log('Hello, console');
Node is listening on port 8080.
But the JavaScript is not
running in the browser.
```

It's running in the console.



Hello World

Where is the JavaScript running?

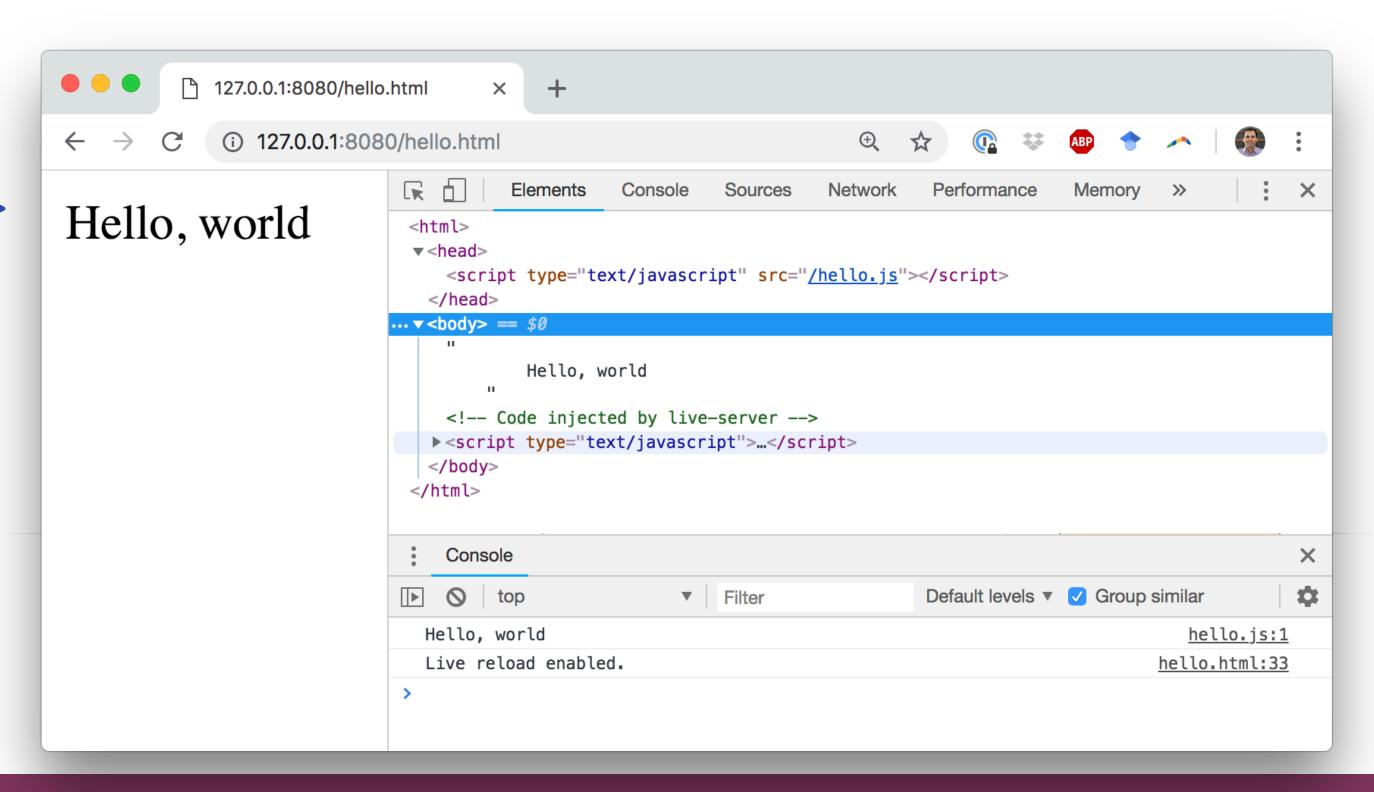
Client-side

live-server

hello.html:

hello.js:

console.log('Hello, world');



What does Node.js add?

- OS-level functionality like reading and writing files
- Tools for importing and managing packages
- The ability to listen on a port as a web server
- But it's just JavaScript, and it's pretty basic as a web framework

What does a "good" server-side web framework need?

- To speak in HTTP
 - Accept connections, handle requests, send replies
- Routing
 - Map URLs to the webserver function for that URL
- Middleware support
 - Add data processing layers
 - Make it easy to add support for user sessions, security, compression, etc.
- Node.js has these, but they're somewhat difficult to use

Switching topics: authentication & authorization

What is authentication?

- The process of establishing and verifying identity
- Identification: who are you? (username, account number, etc.)
- Authentication: prove it! (password, PIN, etc.)

What is authorization?

- Once we know a user's identify,
 we must decide what they are allowed to access or modify
- One way is the app defines permissions upfront based on a user's role
 - A student can access their own grades, but not modify them
 - A TA and a professor can access and modify everyone's grades
- Another way is for the app to request the user grant certain permissions
 - A Twitter app may ask, "can I Tweet on your behalf?"

Multi-factor authentication

- Should be a mix of things that you have/possess and things that you know
- ATM machine: 2-factor authentication
 - ATM card: something you have
 - PIN: something you know
- Password + code delivered via SMS: 2-factor authentication
 - Password: something you know
 - Code: validates that you possess your phone
- Two passwords != Two-factor authentication



Which of these is an example of "good" two-factor authentication?

- (A) A government agency requiring a birth certificate and a passport
- (B) A store requiring a membership card and a PIN
- (c) A website requiring a password and a security question
- Two of the above
- E All of the above

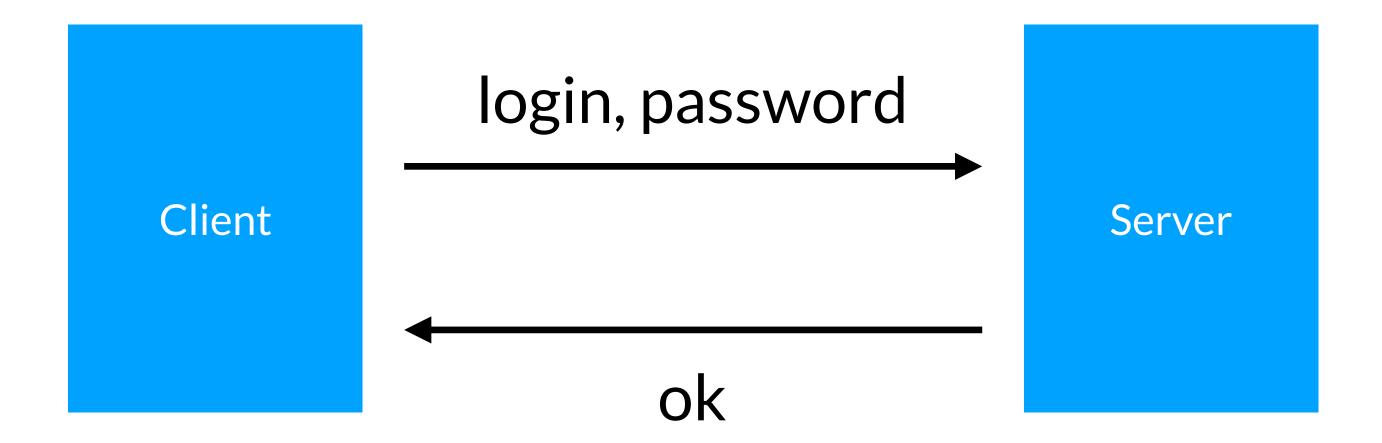


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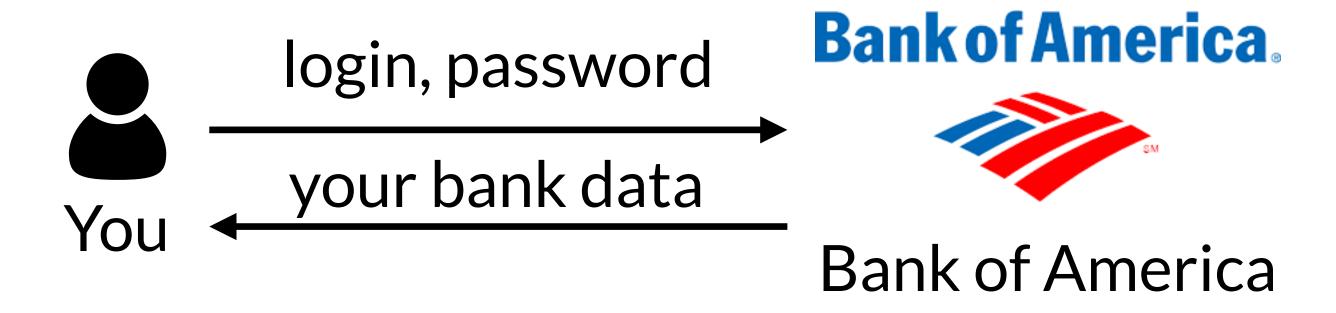
Password protocol

- Send a login and a password to a server
- Server checks your credentials and okays you
- Need to trust that the server is storing your password securely



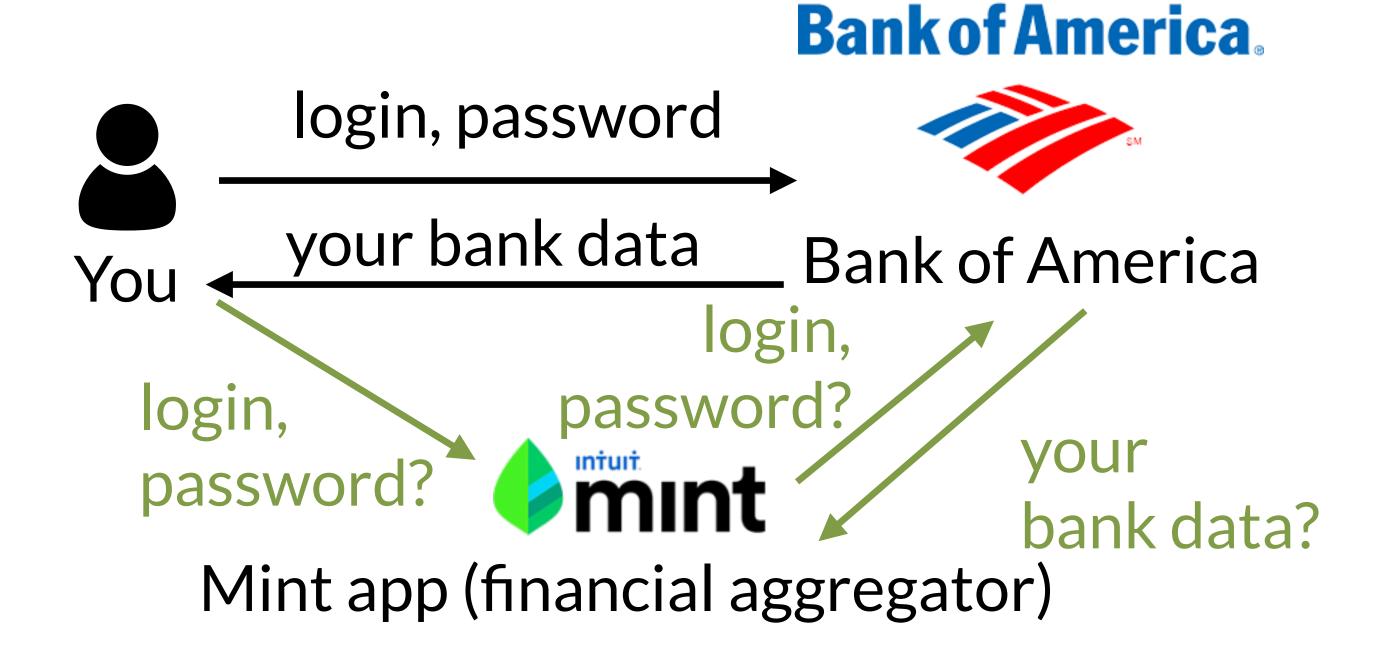
Password protocol: sending data

Once you've logged in,
 the server can send you whatever data you're allowed to see



Sending data to a third party

- You want to send data that a server has to a third party
 - You could give them your username and password...
 - Why is this a bad idea?



Sending data to a third party

- Now you have to trust another service to manage your password
- What if you don't want them to have full access?
 - e.g., you want Mint to load your savings account but not your checking account
- What if you want to revoke access later?
 - Can change your password, but that's not a good solution

Oauth 2.0

- Open <u>auth</u>entication
- Goal: support users in granting access to third-party applications
 - Do not require users to share their passwords with the third-party applications
 - Allow users to revoke access from the third parties at any time

Oauth 2.0 history

- There was a 1.0
 - It was complex (worse than 2.0)
 - It had security vulnerabilities
 - It shouldn't be used anymore
- Google, Twitter, & Yahoo! teamed up to propose 2.0
- 2.0 is not compatible with 1.0

Oauth 2.0 terminology

- Client
 - Third-party app who wants to access resources owned by the resource owner (e.g., app you develop)
- Resource owner (user)
 - Person whose data is being accessed, which is stored on the resource server
- Resource server
 - App that stores the resources (e.g., Spotify, Google, Facebook)
- Authorization and Token endpoints
 - URIs from where a resource owner authorizes requests

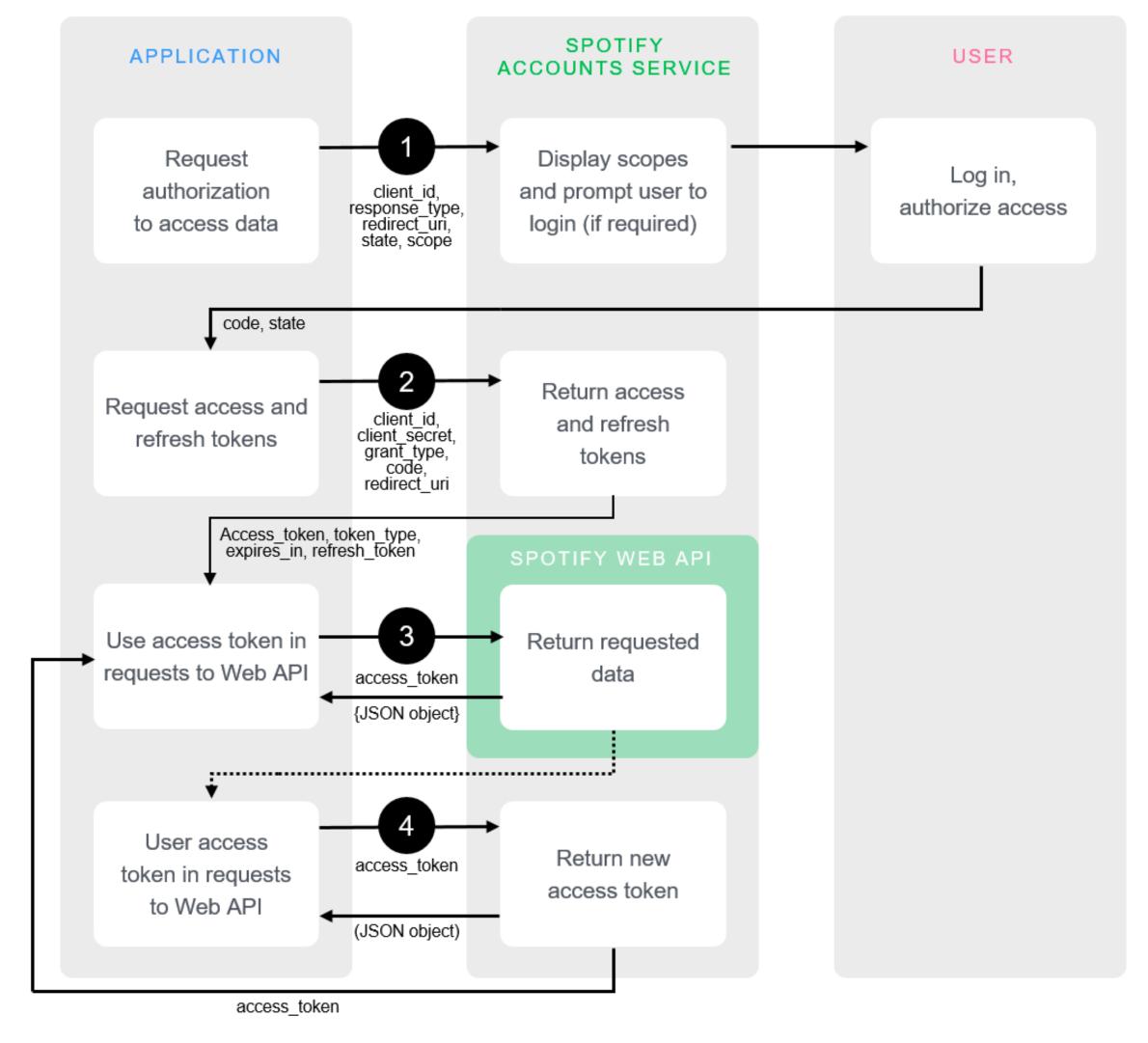
Oauth 2.0 terminology

- Authorization code
 - A string the client uses to request access tokens
- Access token
 - A string the client uses to access resources (e.g., songs on Spotify, Tweets, etc.)
 - Expires after some amount of time
- Refresh token
 - Once the access token expires, can be exchanged for a new access token

Oauth 2.0 steps

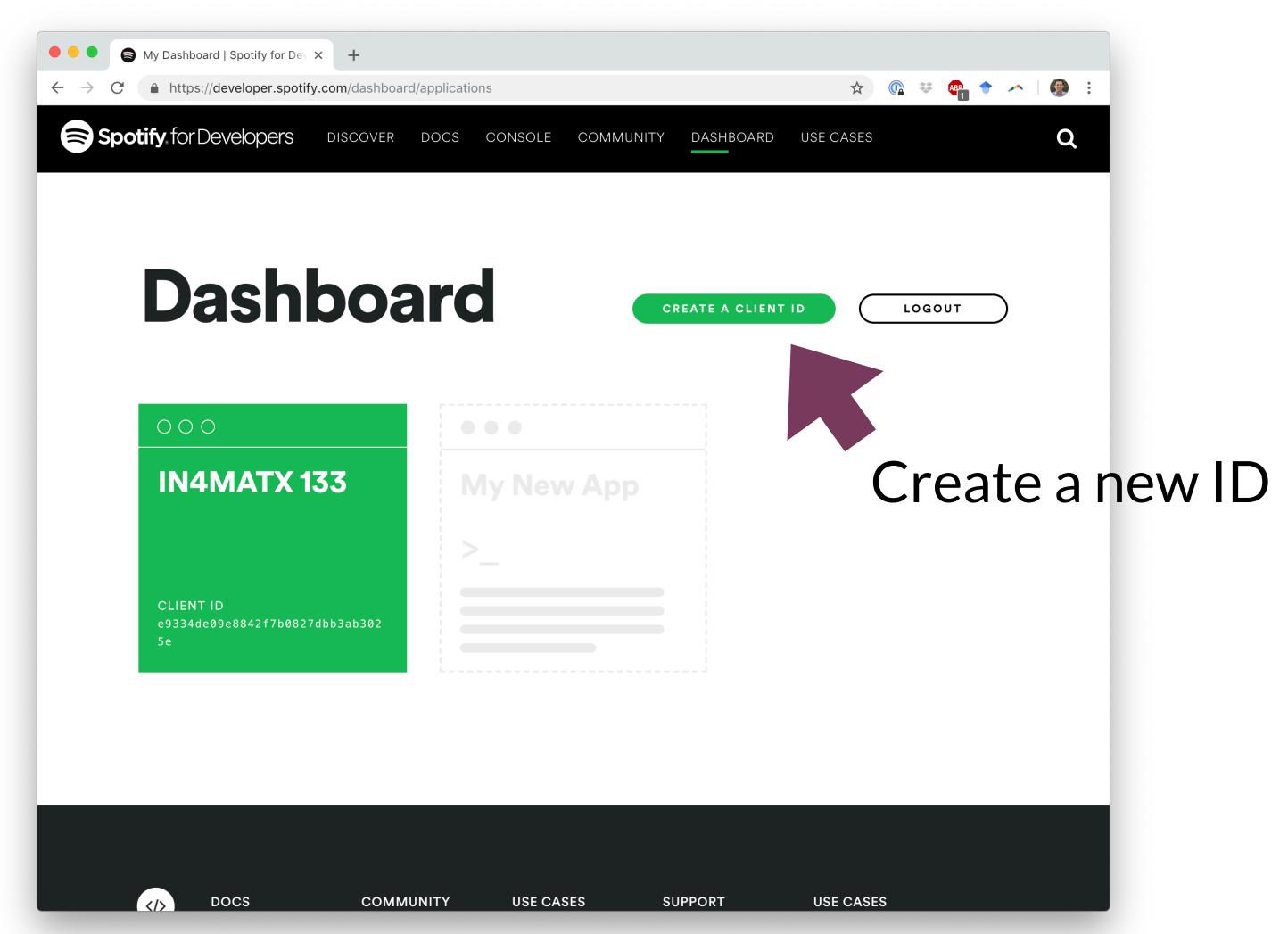
- 1. Request authorization
- 2. Get access token
- 3. Make API calls
- 4. Refresh access token

Oauth 2.0 steps



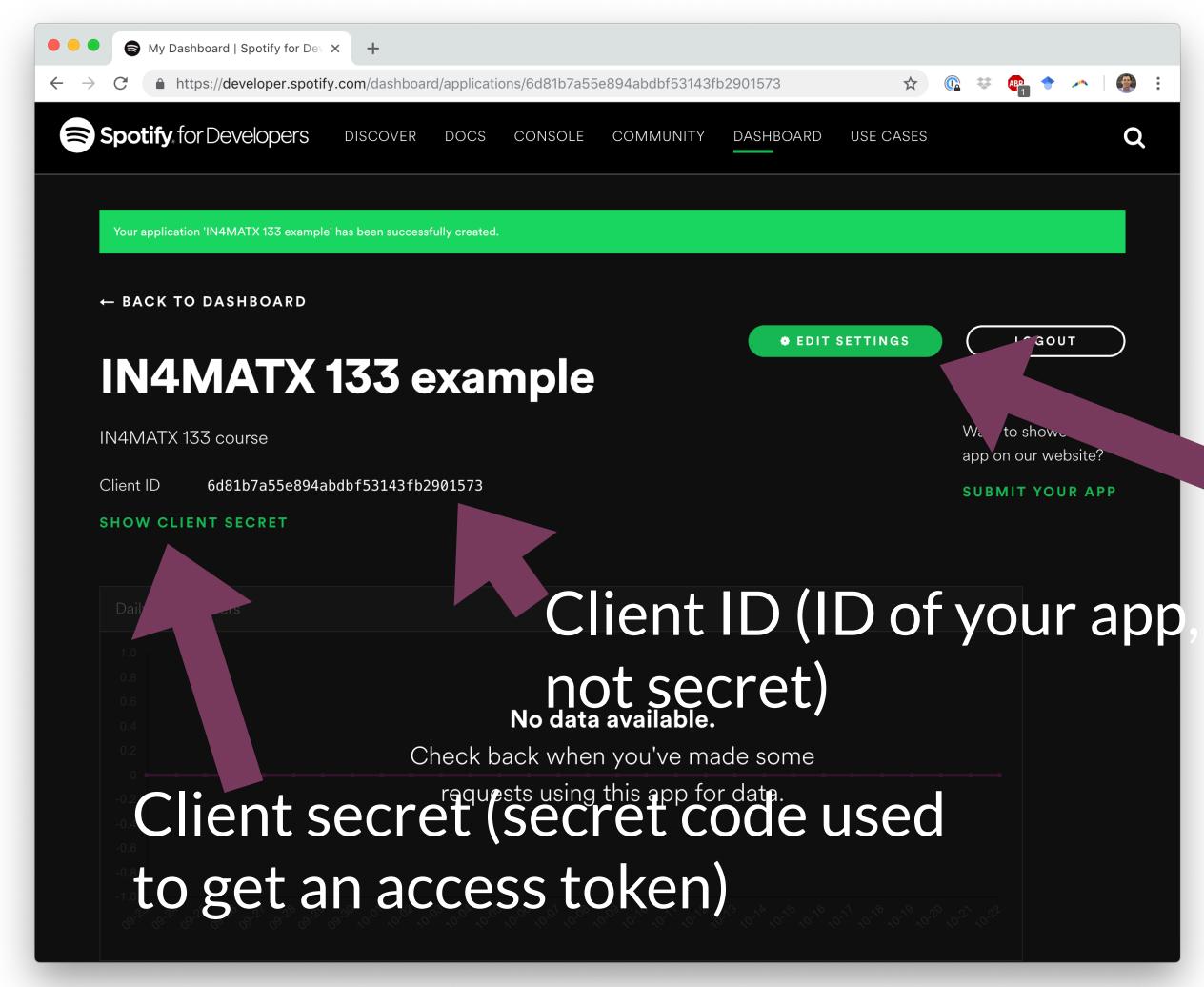
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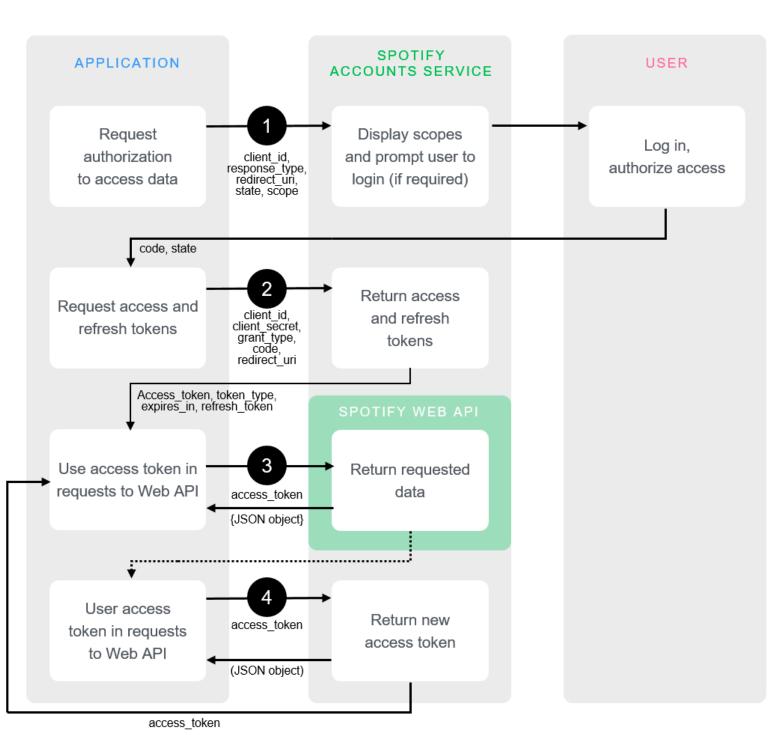
Need to specify what URI to return to (redirect URI)

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Oauth 2.0 on server-side JavaScript

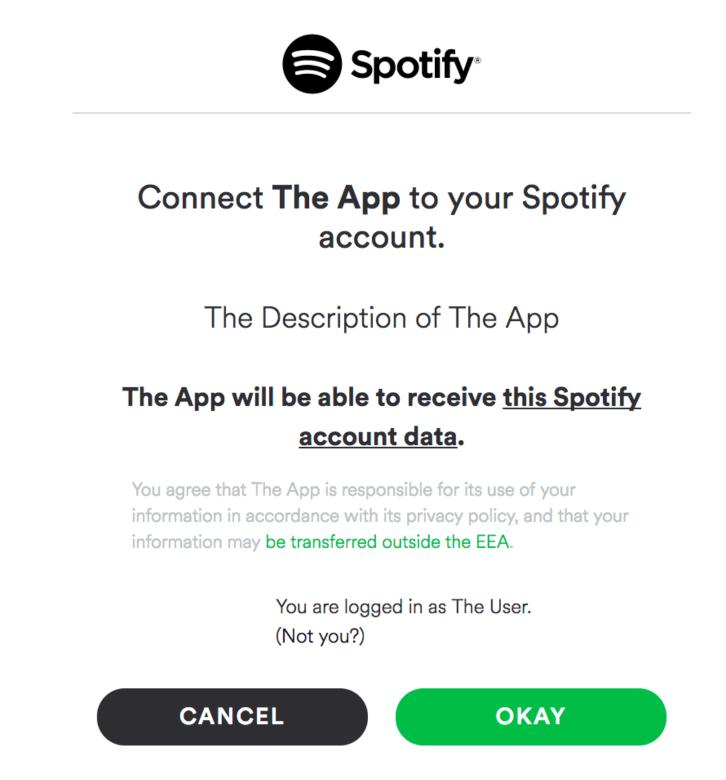
- This example will walk through the Oauth flow for server-side JavaScript (like Node.js/Express)
- There are browser-side ways of doing (some parts of) Oauth
- For A3, you'll send all browser-side requests to a Node.js/Express server

Step 1: request authorization to access data



Requesting authorization

- Make a page with links to Spotify's authorization endpoint (https://accounts.spotify.com/authorize/)
- Pass arguments in the query string
 - Client ID (public ID of your app)
 - Response type (string "code")
 - Redirect URI (where to return to)
 - Scope (what permissions to ask for)



Requesting authorization

• https://accounts.spotify.com/authorize? Endpoint response_type=code& "code" response type client_id=6d81b7a55e894abdbf53143fb2901573& Client id for app scope=user-read-private%20user-read-email& Scope

URI to redirect to:
http://localhost:8888/callback

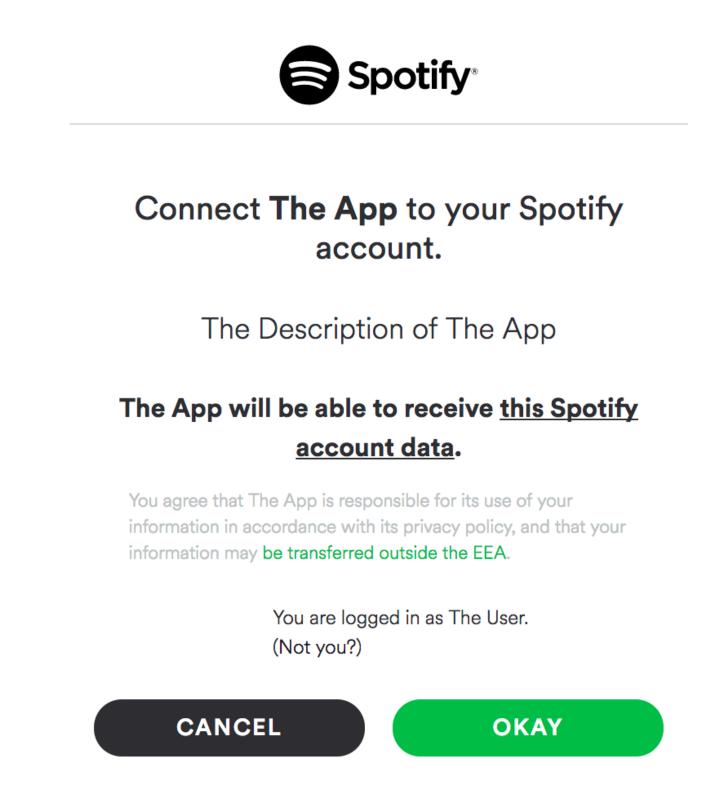
• Escaping characters: encodeURIComponent ()

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global_Objects/encodeURIComponent https://developer.spotify.com/documentation/general/guides/authorization-guide/

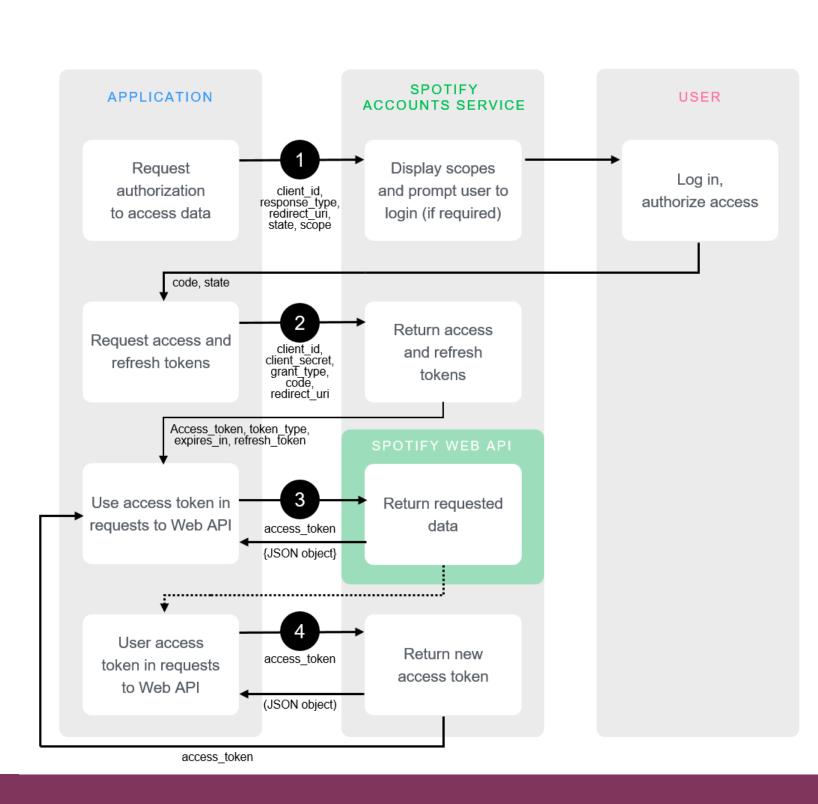
redirect uri=http%3A%2F%2Flocalhost%3A88888%2Fcallback

Handling response

- User clicks "okay", browser then redirects back to your server
- The response contains additional parameters in the URL
- http://localhost:8888/
 callback?code=...
- In Express, code can be accessed through req.query



Step 2: request access and refresh tokens



- Our goal: trade code for an access token
 - An access token needs to be included in API requests
- Why do we need to do this?
 - The user has granted permission for the ID we created on Spotify to access resources
 - But any website could send a user to that URL: client IDs, etc. is all public information
 - How can we verify our app uses the client ID we created on Spotify?

- We make a POST request with our client's secret code and ask for an access token
 - Endpoint: https://accounts.spotify.com/api/token
- Why a POST request rather than a GET?
 - POST sends content in the body of an HTTP request (cannot be read by someone watching your web traffic)
 - GET sends content in the URI
 - https://accounts.spotify.com/authorize?response_type=code&client id=6d81b7a55e894abdbf53143fb2901573

https://security.stackexchange.com/questions/33837/get-vs-post-which-is-more-secure https://developer.spotify.com/documentation/general/guides/authorization-guide/



- Body of POST request requires 3 parameters
 - Grant type (string "authorization_code")
 - Code (returned as a parameter in the response from the authorization request)
 - Redirect URI (must be the same as before)
- Header of POST request requires 2 parameters
 - Authorization (concatenation of client ID and client secret, as a Buffer)
 - Encoding (via Content-Type, as "application/x-www-form-urlencoded")

- Making the body: URLSearchParams
 - params = new URLSearchParams();
 - params.append('grant_type', 'authorization_code'); etc.
- Header: a dictionary
 - 'Content-Type': 'application/x-www-form-urlencoded'
 - 'Authorization': 'Basic ' + Buffer.from(my_client_id + ':' + my_client_secret).toString('base64')

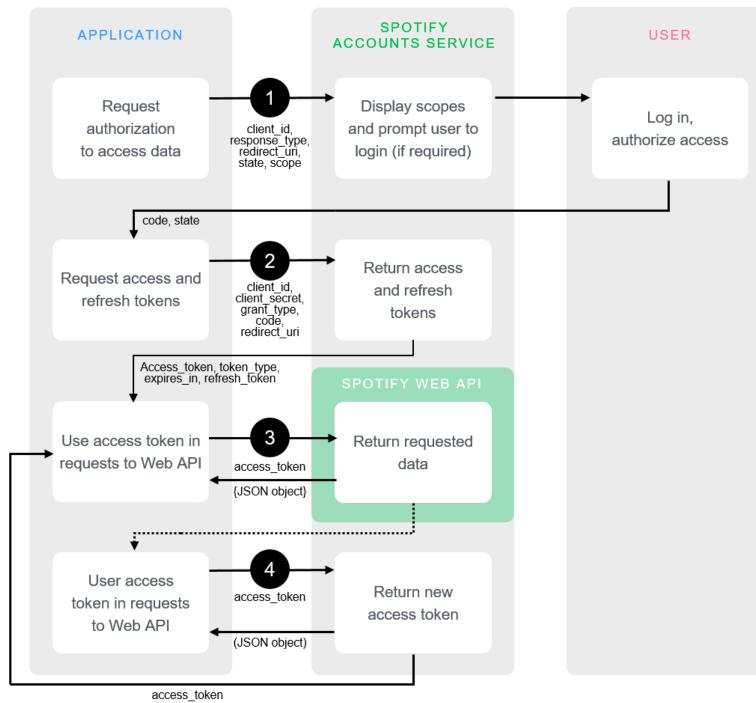
https://www.w3schools.com/nodejs/met_buffer_from.asp

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/URLSearchParams

Handling response

- In the response body, Spotify sends back:
 - Access Token (needed to make API calls)
 - Expires in (how long the access token is good for)
 - Refresh Token (once the Access Token expires, this can be used to get a new one)
- What would you do with these tokens?
 - Store them in a database for later access
 - In A3, we'll store them in a text file (bad form, but easier)

Step 3: use access token in requests to web API



Making an API request

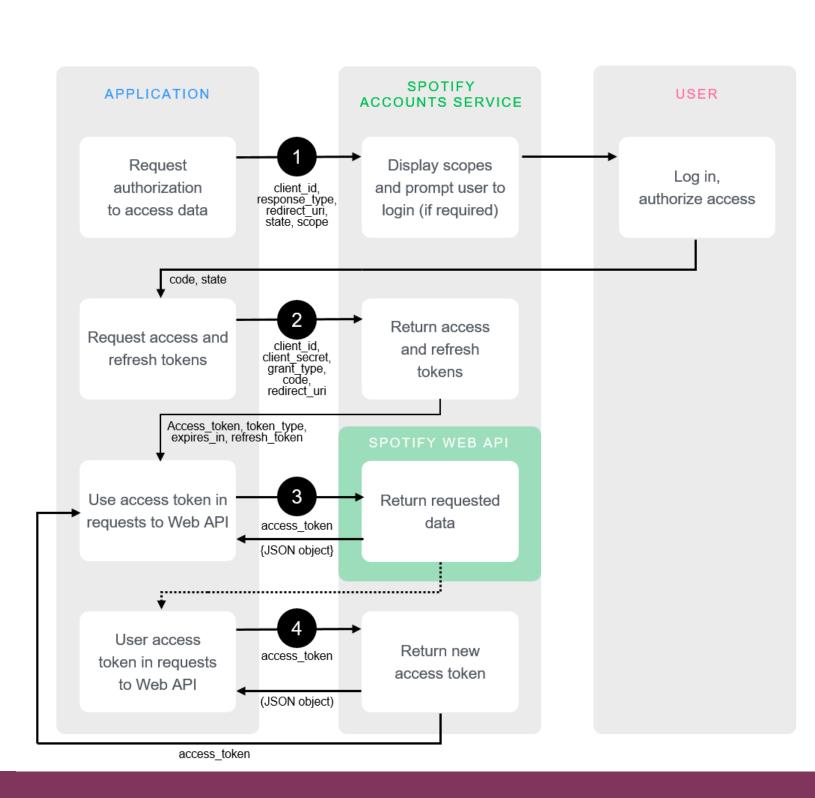
- Pass the access token in the header
 - Much like the client id and secret, but no need to convert it
 - 'Authorization': 'Bearer ' + access_token
- Make a GET request to one of the API endpoints
 - e.g., https://api.spotify.com/v1/me
 - Will return a JSON object with the requested resource
 - e.g., birthdate, email, a profile image

https://developer.spotify.com/documentation/web-api/reference/users-profile/get-current-users-profile/https://developer.spotify.com/documentation/general/guides/authorization-guide/

Making an API request

- Spotify has endpoints for artists, albums, tracks, and more
- Often specify a subresource in the URI
 - e.g., https://api.spotify.com/v1/albums/{id} for a specific album

Step 4: refresh access token



Refresh token

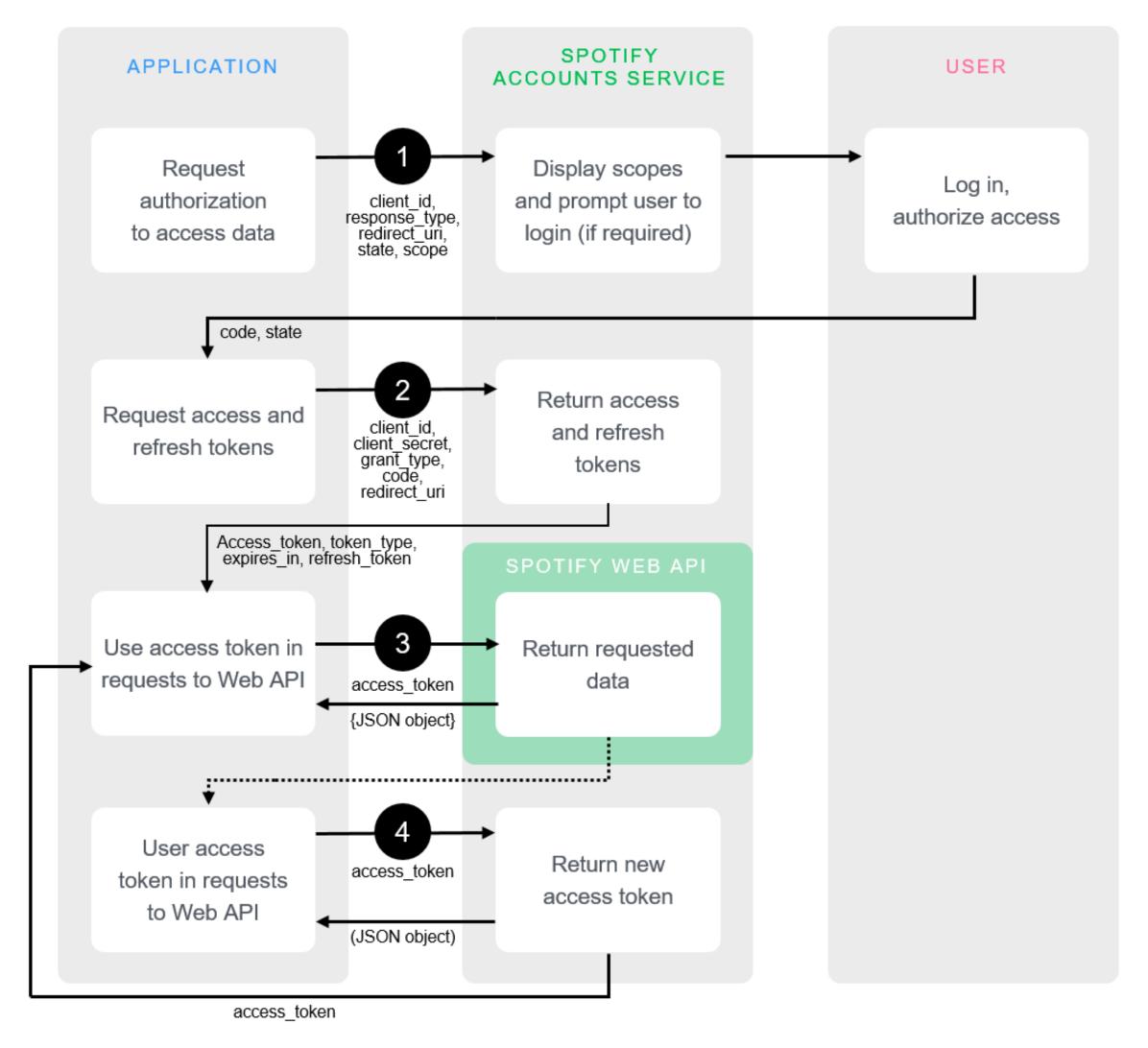
- Tokens typically expire after a fixed amount of time
 - One hour for Spotify tokens
 - After that time, all API requests will return with code 401 (Unauthorized)
- A user can use the refresh token to get a new token
- Why do tokens expire?
 - To allow a user to revoke their privileges

https://developer.spotify.com/documentation/web-api/

Refresh token

- Same endpoint as requesting an access token
 - Endpoint: https://accounts.spotify.com/api/token
- Similar parameters; header with encoding and authorization
 - 'Content-Type': 'application/x-www-form-urlencoded'
 - 'Authorization': 'Basic ' + Buffer.from(my_client_id + ':' + my client secret).toString('base64')
- Different body parameters
 - "refresh_token" as "grant_type", the token itself as "refresh_token"

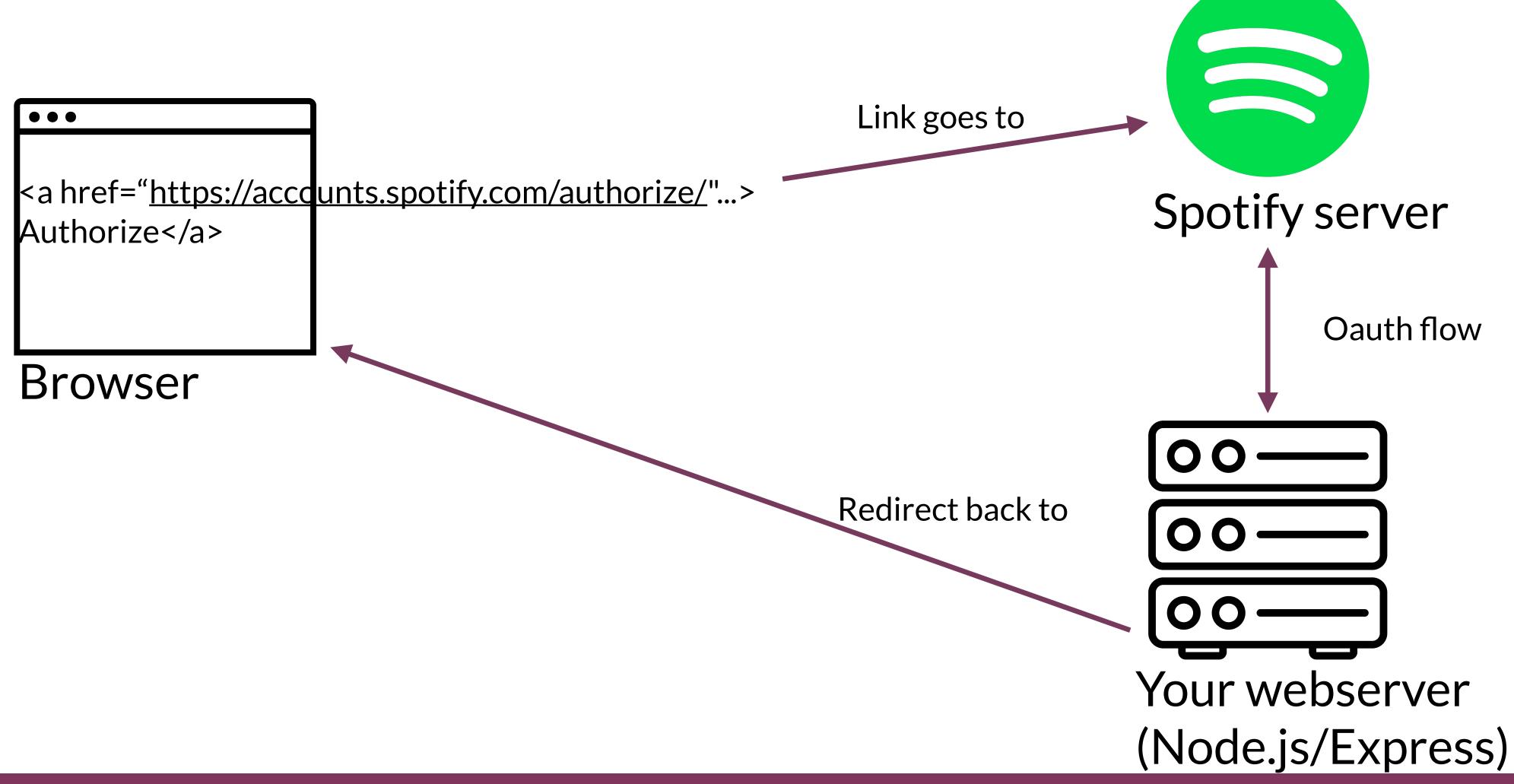
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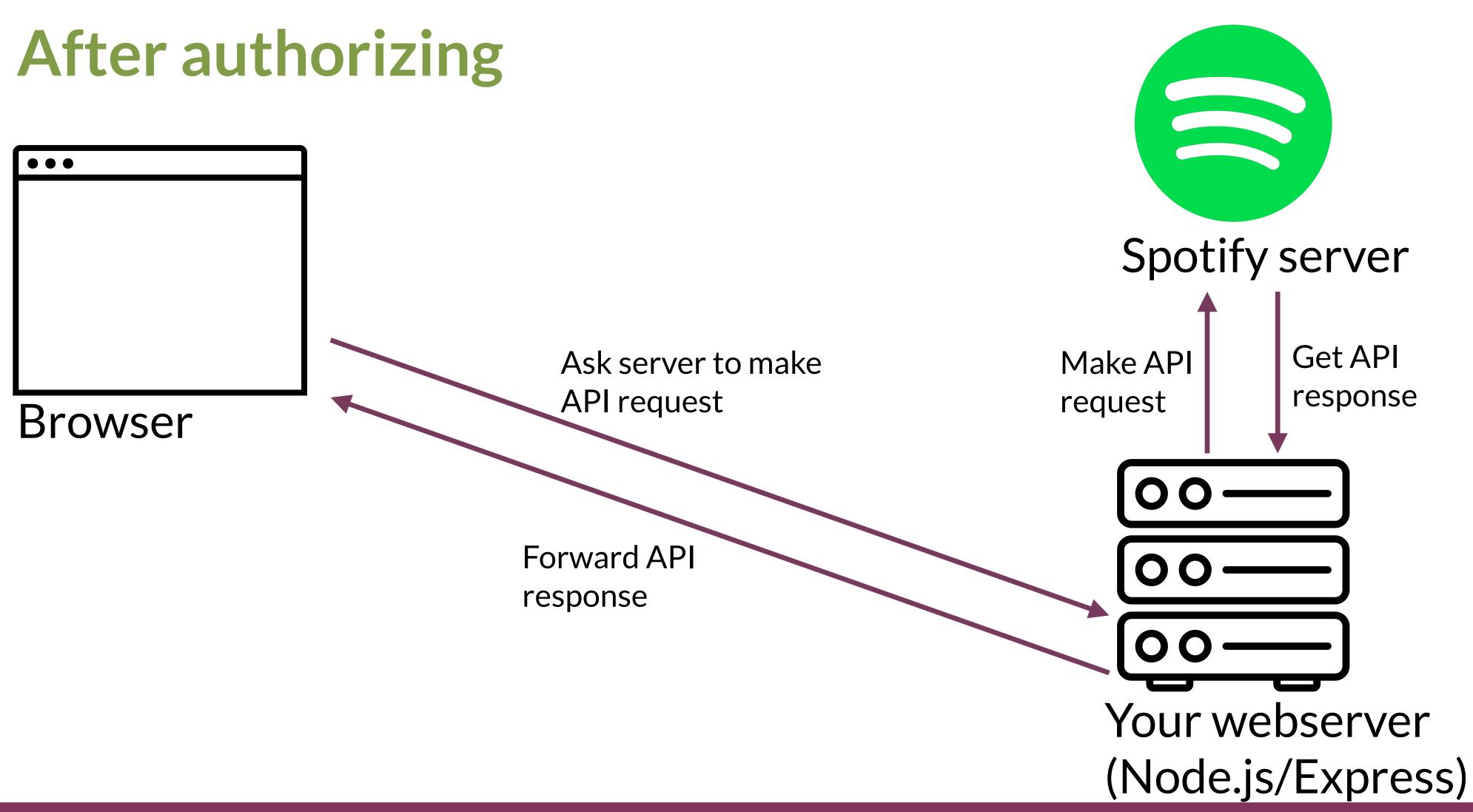
Authorizing from the browser

- Create a link to the authorization endpoint (https://accounts.spotify.com/authorize/)
 - Which will redirect to your server-side JavaScript
- Once tokens have been received, redirect back to client-side JavaScript

Authorizing from the browser



Making an API request from the browser

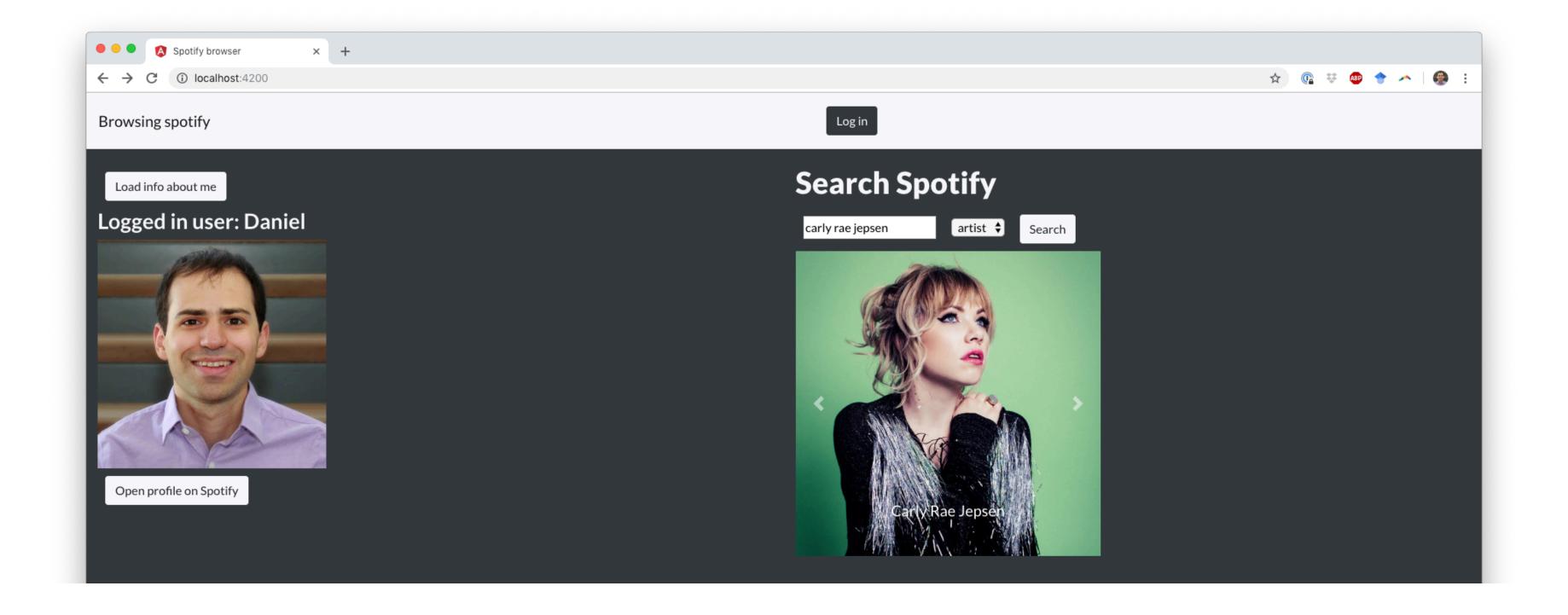


Making an API request from the browser

- How does the browser indicate that it wants the server to make an API request?
 - All web servers communicate in HTTP
 - Make an HTTP request to the server, asking it to make the API request
 - It returns the response

Assignment 3







Which can make an HTTP request to the Spotify API?

(Assume the browser uses default settings)

- (A)4
- (B) 1, 4
- **c** 1, 2, 4
- (P) 1, 3, 4
- E 1, 2, 3, 4

- (1) A browser open to spotify.com
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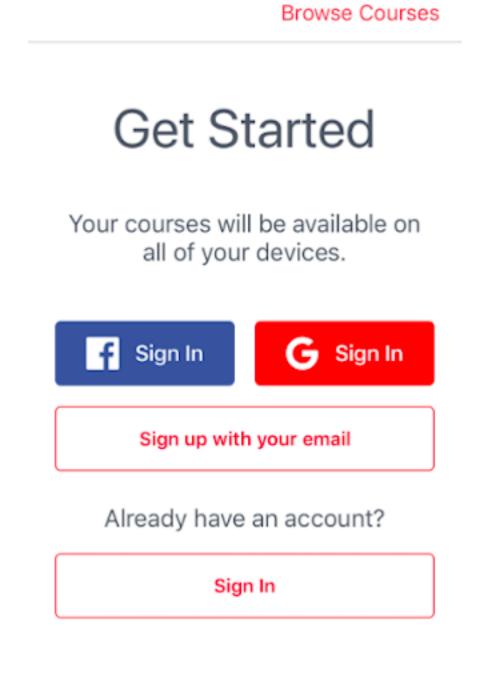
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OpenID Connect

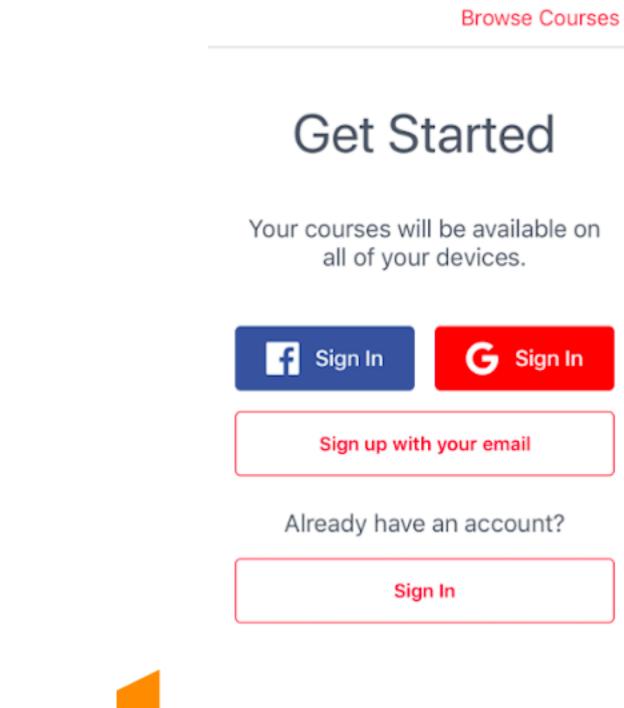
- Ever seen a button with "sign in with Google", etc.?
- Implemented with OpenID Connect
 - Added layer on top of Oauth





OpenID Connect

- Benefits:
 - No need to get an ID for every service
 - Only one password to remember/store
- Drawbacks
 - Facebook/Google/etc.
 gather (more) information about you and and the websites you go to







Which of these topics would you prefer to have covered in Monday's discussion?

- (A) More on JavaScript, in support of A2
- (B) More on HTTP, server-side JavaScript, authentication & authorization
- C A preview of Angular, in support of A3
- PI will probably go regardless
- E) I will probably not go regardless

Today's goals

By the end of today, you should be able to...

- Explain the advantages and disadvantages of different tools for server-side development
- Differentiate authentication from authorization
- Describe the utility of supporting authentication and authorization in interfaces
- Explain and implement the different stages to authenticating via OAuth
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More on Node and Express

Node file system

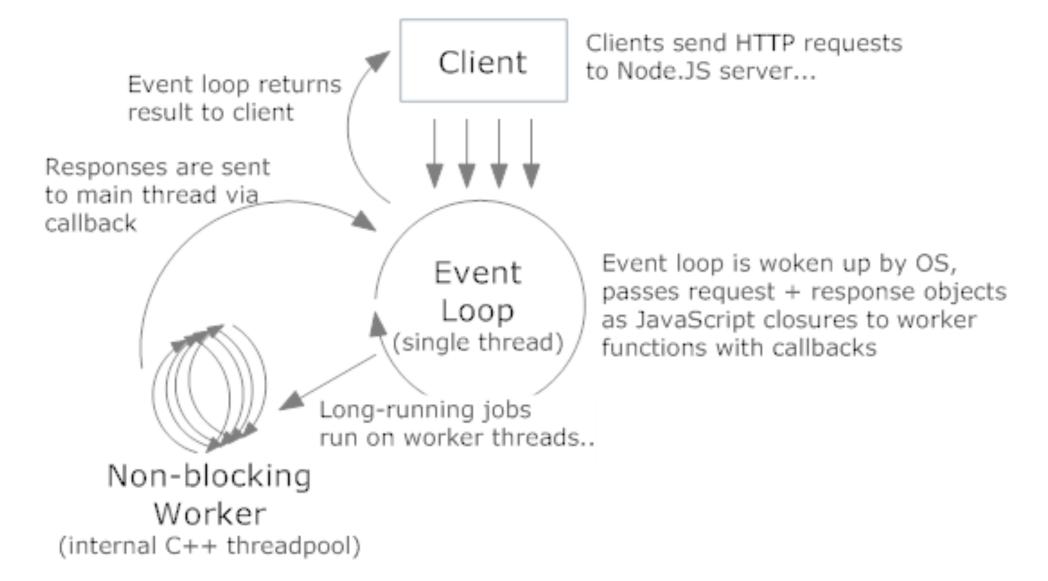
Node file system

```
var http = require('http');
var fs = require('fs');
var server = http.createServer(function(req, res) {
fs.readFile( dirname + req.url, function (err, data) {
    if (err) {
      res.writeHead(404);
      res.end(JSON.stringify(err));
      return;
    res.writeHead(200);
    res.end(data);
  });
server.listen(8080);
```

Node processing model

- Requests are handled in a single-threaded event loop
 - Every time someone loads a page node manages, it's added to this loop
- Requests are then processed asynchronously
 - When the work a request asks for is done, responses are returned to the client

Node.JS Processing Model



Express.js

- A fairly minimal web framework that improves Node.js functionality
 - Can route HTTP requests, render HTML, and configure middleware

```
var expressApp = express();

expressApp.get('/', function (httpRequest, httpResponse)
{
  httpResponse.send('hello world');
});
expressApp.listen(3000);
```

Express installation

- npm install express
 - Will save it to your node_modules folder

Express routing

- By HTTP method
 expressApp.get(urlPath, requestProcessFunction);
 expressApp.post(urlPath, requestProcessFunction);
 expressApp.put(urlPath, requestProcessFunction);
 expressApp.delete(urlPath, requestProcessFunction);
 expressApp.all(urlPath, requestProcessFunction);
- urlPath may contain parameters (e.g., \/ user/:user id')

httpRequest object

```
expressApp.get('/user/:user_id', function (httpRequest, httpResponse) ...
```

- Has a lot of properties
 - Middleware can add properties
 - request.params: object containing url route params (e.g., user_id)
 - request.query: object containing query params (e.g., &foo=9 => {foo: '9'})
 - request.body: object containing the parsed body (e.g., if a JSON object was sent)

httpResponse object

```
expressApp.get('/user/:user_id', function (httpRequest, httpResponse) ...
```

- Has a lot of methods for setting HTTP response fields
 - response.write (content): build up the response body with content
 - response.status (code): set the HTTP status code for the reply
 - response.end(): end the request by responding to it (the only actual response!)
 - response.send (content): write content and then end
- Methods should be chained

```
response.status(code).write(content1).write(content2).end();
```

Middleware

• Give other software the ability to manipulate requests
expressApp.all(urlPath, function (request, response,
next) {
 // Do whatever processing on request (or setting
response)
 next(); // pass control to the next handler
});

Middleware

- Middleware examples:
 - Check to see if a user is logged in, otherwise send error response and don't call next()
 - Parse the request body as JSON and attach the object to request.body and call next()
 - Session and cookie management, compression, encryption, etc.

Example Express server

```
var express = require('express');
var app = express(); // Creating an Express "App"
app.use(express.static( dirname)); // Adding middleware
app.get('/', function (request, response) { // A simple request
handler
response.send('Simple web server of files from ' + dirname);
} );
app.listen(3000, function () { // Start Express on the requests
 console.log('Listening at http://localhost:3000 exporting the
directory ' +
 dirname);
```

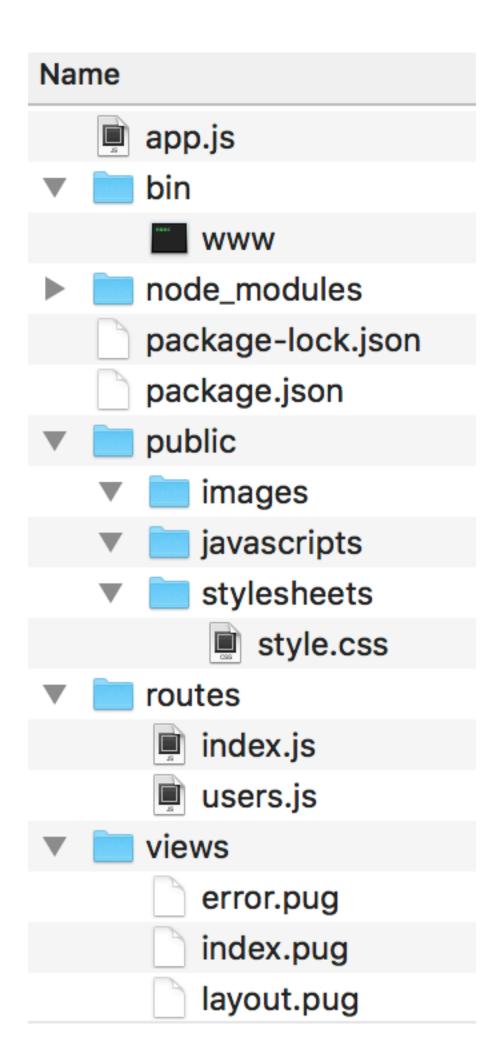
Example Express user list

```
app.get('/students/list', function (request, response) {
 response.status(200).send(in4matx133.enrolledStudents());
 return;
});
app.get('/students/:id', function (request, response) {
 var id = request.params.id;
 var user = in4matx133.isEnrolled(id);
 if (user === null) {
 console.log('Student with id:' + id + ' not found.');
 response.status(400).send('Not found');
 return;
response.status(200).send(user);
 return;
});
```

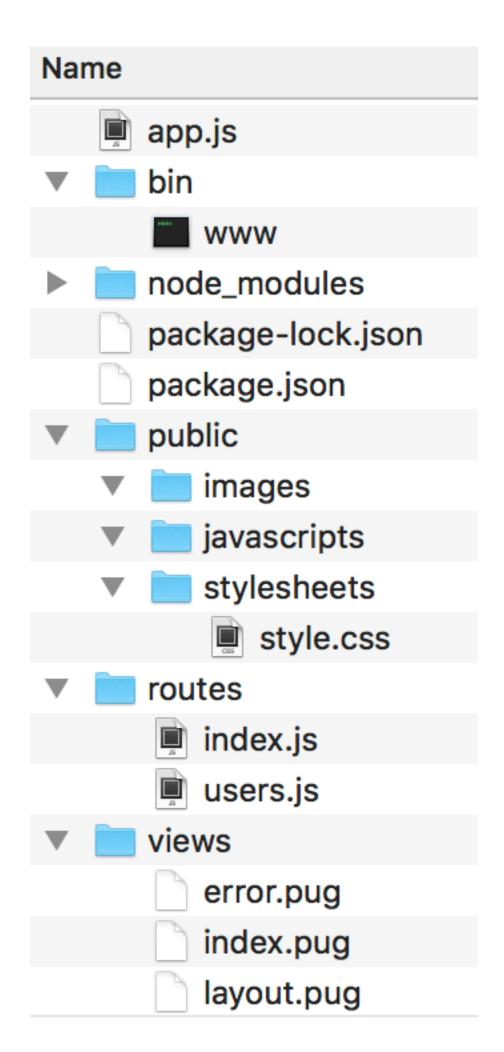
- Express provides a tool that can create and initialize an application skeleton
 - Sets up a directory structure for isolating different components
 - Your app doesn't have to be built this way, but it's a useful starting point

- npm install express-generator -g
- Can be invoked on command line with express
- Adds some boilerplate code and commonly used dependencies
- Install dependencies with npm install
 - cd into project directory first
- Run with npm start

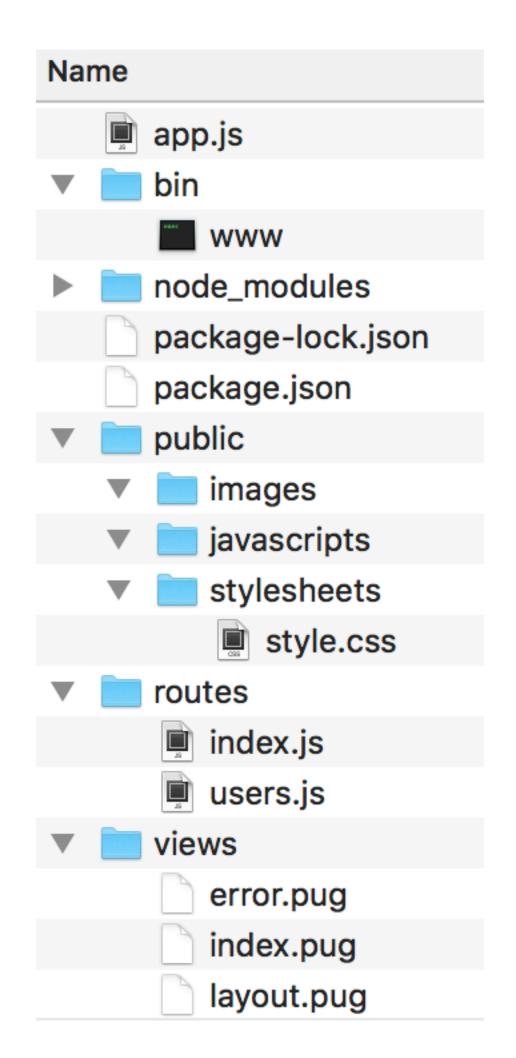
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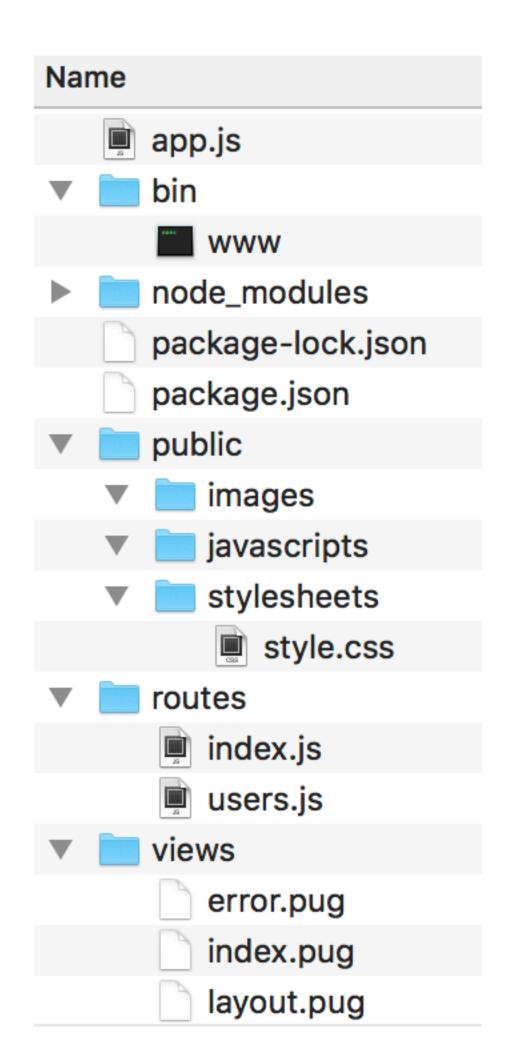
- package.json,package-lock.json,
 and node_modules folder: library management
 and installed libraries
- public folder: all public-facing images, stylesheets,
 and JavaScript files



 Routes folder: files which handle your URL mappings var express = require('express'); var router = express.Router(); /* GET home page. */ router.get('/', function(req, res, next) { res.render('index', { title: 'Express' }); }); Variable passed to renderer module.exports = router; So another page can import your router



- Views folder: any webpages which need to be rendered
- Uses a view engine, Pug, which generates HTML



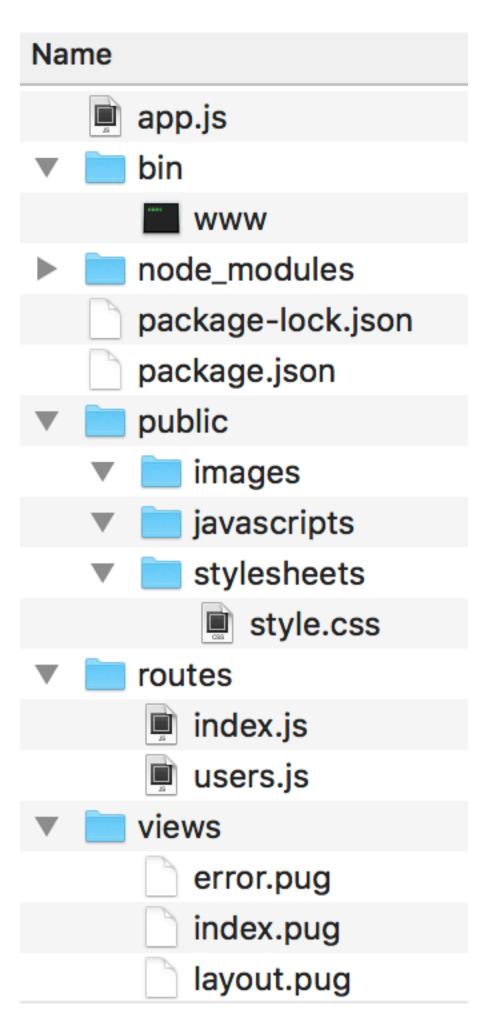
Pug view engine

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<!DOCTYPE html>
layout.pug
                                            <html>
doctype html
                                              <head>
html
                                                <title>Express</title>
  head
                                                <link rel="stylesheet" href="/</pre>
    title= title
                                            stylesheets/style.css">
    link(rel='stylesheet', href='/
                                              </head>
stylesheets/style.css')
                                              <body>
  body
                                                <h1>Express</h1>
    block content
                                                Welcome to Express
                                              </body>
index.pug
                                            </html>
extends layout  Imports other file
block content
  h1= title
  p Welcome to #{title} Parses variable passed
```

https://pugjs.org/api/getting-started.html

• app.js: sets up middleware, routers, etc.

```
var indexRouter = require('./routes/index');
var usersRouter = require('./routes/users');
var app = express();
                      Import route files
app.use(express.json());  To parse content as json
app.use(express.urlencoded({ extended: false })); To encode URLs
app.use('/', indexRouter) to treat the public folder app.use('/users', usersRouter); at the public folder
                        as static content
Use route files
```



- bin/www: set up what port to listen on
- File that is run with npm start

```
var app = require('../app');
var http = require('http');

var port = normalizePort(process.env.PORT || '3000');
app.set('port', port);
var server = http.createServer(app);

server.listen(port);
server.on('error', onError);
server.on('listening', onListening);
```