

- Built on top of nodejs HTTP facilities.
- Allows dispatching HTTP requests based on a modular routing framework.
- Allows inserting *middleware* into the applications request-response cycle.
- Allows plugging in multiple **template engines** to generate dynamic content.

- Routing allows specifying that a **handler** function (single or multiple) run when the URL for a web request matches a particular route.
- Matching route can be a fixed string or a pattern or a regular expression.
- Handler function takes a `req` and `res` argument to access the incoming Request and outgoing Response. Optionally, it can also take a `next` argument; calling `next()` allows chaining to the next set of handlers for a route which matches the request URL.

- Allows inserting arbitrary code into request-response cycle. Can make changes to the request and response objects, end the cycle, call the next middleware.
- Can be used for logging, caching, cookies and many other services.
- Set up similarly to routes except that it is specified using `use()`.

Provide a web service for maintaining users. Provides following methods.

**GET** */users* Return information for all current users.

**GET** */users/userId* Return information for existing user *userId*.

**POST** */users* Create new user specified using JSON request body.

**PUT** */users/userId* Replace information for existing user *userId* by JSON request body.

**PATCH** */users/userId* Update information for existing user *userId* by JSON request body.

**DELETE** */users/userId* Delete information for existing user *userId*.

Modification of earlier [user-store](#). Changes include:

- Deal with only a single user rather than a list of users.
- No default id (defaulting to configured git email).
- Read method changes to allow any filter (including none).
- Services provides are create, delete, load, read, replace and update.

- Top-level [index.js](#). Start web server using:  
    \$ ./index.js 1234 simpsons.json  
to run on port 1234 loading data from simpsons.json.
- Web services [user-ws.js](#).
- Underlying store [user-store.js](#).