

## Middlewares and Error Handlers.

Route handlers and middlewares are two most important ~~top~~ topic

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~~const server = require("server")~~

const express = require("Express") ← importing request  
 const app = express(); ← assigning express to app  
 Port = 4000; ← giving port number or assigning port no.  
 app.listen(port, () => { console.log("server running") });  
↑                      ↑                      ↑  
function   Port no                      Callback function once it connect or start listening to the port.

app.use("/user", () => { // route handler });  
↑                      ↑  
route                      route handler function

If we use app.use

it can handle any type of method whether it is (get/post/patch/put/delete) ← request

app.use("/user", (req, res) => {  
↑                      ↑  
parameters  
 res.send("route handler 1");  
 } ↑ send method to send response.

What if we didn't send any ~~or request~~ response  
← what will return if route handler is empty →

Ans: It will keep sending the request and it will go to infinite loop (it will keep sending, sending, after some time it will get timeout) Sending, sending, sending the request

Because we are not sending any response from the server.

don't do this



one route can also have multiple route handlers

We can also handle multiple route handlers with one route

`app.get("/user", (req, res, next) {`  
 // res.send("get data") ← if we send res here it will stop the execution here.  
`console.log("tested 1")`  
`next();` ← we have to use next() to use second handler.  
`}`  
`(req, res) => {`  
`res.send("get 2nd data")`  
`console.log("tested 2")`  
`}`

comment out so it can go next

next() fn is given by express.js  
if call it will go to the next handler

→ If we try to send the multiple ~~send request~~ response it will throw error.  
Suppose it is not committed so it will be

request man = get data.

`console.log =` tested 1  
 + error → cannot send the header  
 tested 2. after they are sent to the client.



once we send a data to client we cannot  
reply or send data to client  
because

A TCP connection is made, between a client and  
server, it spins up the connection it sends the  
data back and it closes the connection and the  
connection is lost.

once our client get the response it closes the  
connection but here our server is trying to  
send more data but connection is lost

as soon we call next() it will put  
next handler into call stack as next function.

# we can add as many as we want to add  
route handlers.

to go to next handler we use next();

and if we have 3 route <sup>handler</sup> and given next() <sup>next handler</sup>  
to next with no res. send it will throw error.

app.get("/user", (req, res) => { console.log("1");  
next() })

(req, res, next) { console.log("2"); next(); }  
(req, res, next) { console.log("3"); next(); }

no response send it will throw error  
because next() function because express think it must  
have next handler or if there is no next then  
it will go to infinite loop.



There are lots of corner case we will  
do it on code (use git hub)

we can also give the array of route handler.  
all

```
app.get("/route", [rh1, rh2, rh3])
```

or we can just pass 2 to array

```
app.get("/route", [rh1, rh2], rh3)
```

or

```
app.get("/route", rh1, [rh2, rh3])
```

all will work same and give the same output.

There is another way also.

we don't pass route handler below.  
we do like this

```
app.get("/user", (req, res) => { console.log("H1");  
                                next();
```

independent route handler.

```
    });  
app.get("/user", (req, res, next) => {  
    console.log("H2")  
    res.send();  
    });
```

if code work properly some way



## Middlewares

(VI) Route handler is just the function that actually handling the route, which actually sending the response back.

function that has been put in the middle, this function are known as middle ware.

Suppose request comes in

// get / user  $\Rightarrow$

whenever a request will comes in user. express will go and check for whether we have route is matching somewhere, then it will go through the middlewares and then it will handle the request.

if it get request it will go through all the middleware till it get (res.send) or till it get response back, once it get response back it will close connection

and

where it get response back that will called as request response handler. request handler.

when a request comes to a express js server the job of express server is to go one by one one by one and goest from top to bottom all the app. function and tryes to send response back if it does not get the request back it get hangs back.  $\leftarrow$  that's how express works.



What is different between (use, all)  
app.use vs app.all

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```
app.use("/user", (req, res, next) => {  
  console.log("Handling 1");  
  next();  
})
```

```
(req, res, next) => {  
  console.log("Handling 2");  
  next();  
})
```

```
(req, res, next) => {  
  console.log("Handling 3");  
  next();  
})
```

Allows middleware

```
(req, res, next) => {
```

```
  console.log("Handling 4")
```

```
  res.send("get data");  
}
```

← This is request handler  
because it is actually  
sending the data.

# Second way of defining route handlers  
(Separate route handler.)

```
app.use("/Profile", (req, res, next) => {  
  console.log("1");  
  next();  
});
```

← middleware

```
app.use("/Profile", (req, res, next) => {  
  console.log("2");  
  res.send("Success");  
});
```

← request handler

both will work same



Why do we even need middlewares, just that is the use of middlewares.

Suppose we have a route of /admin and we are handling the data.

```

    /admin/getAllData
    app.get ("/admin", (req, res) => {
        // logic of fetching data
        // Check if req is authenticated, if it is not then return.
        res.send ("All data sent");
    });
  
```

Now we have to protect that.

We will use tokens.

```

    app.use ("/admin/getAllData", (req, res) => {
        res.send ("All data sent");
    });
  
```

→ Now we will use middlewares,

auth part  
↙ part.

```

    app.use ("/admin" (req, res, next) => {
        const token = "xyz"
        const auth token = token === xyz
  
```

```

        if (!auth token) {
  
```

```

            res.status(401).send ("not authorized")
        } else {
            res.send ("send All data")
        }
    });
  
```

we can use  
it in different file  
see github for  
more.



## Error Handling.

Thumb rule - Always try to use (try catch block)

but if you forget or something else occurred  
anything your code get broken

then we can use wildcard to manage  
unexpected errors.

lets see how.

off: use `("/", " (error, res, req, next) => {`  
known as wildcard.

```
res.status(500).send("error occurred")
};
```

↑ use this last of the code.