



Week 2 Lab Class

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Plan for today

- We have just one hour and there is a lot to go through
- Plan
 - Learn to use IntelliJ (our development environment)
 - Create your first nodeJs server
 - Learn to get a file
 - Learn to post a form
- You are expected to know HTML and Javascript as a starting point



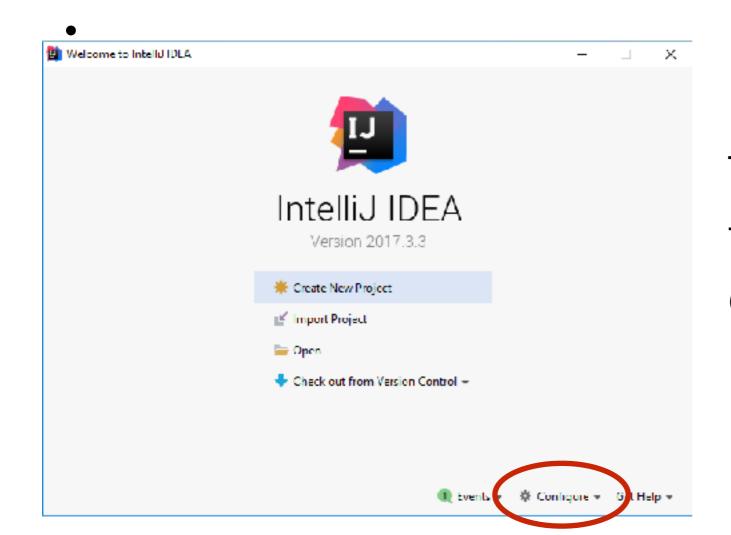
Important!

- Very important:
 - if you do not finish the exercise today,
 - make sure to finish it over the coming week
 - from next week we will build on this
 - if you have not completed the exercises you will struggle
- Also
 - use today as a test of your Javascript and HTML knowledge



Using IntelliJ

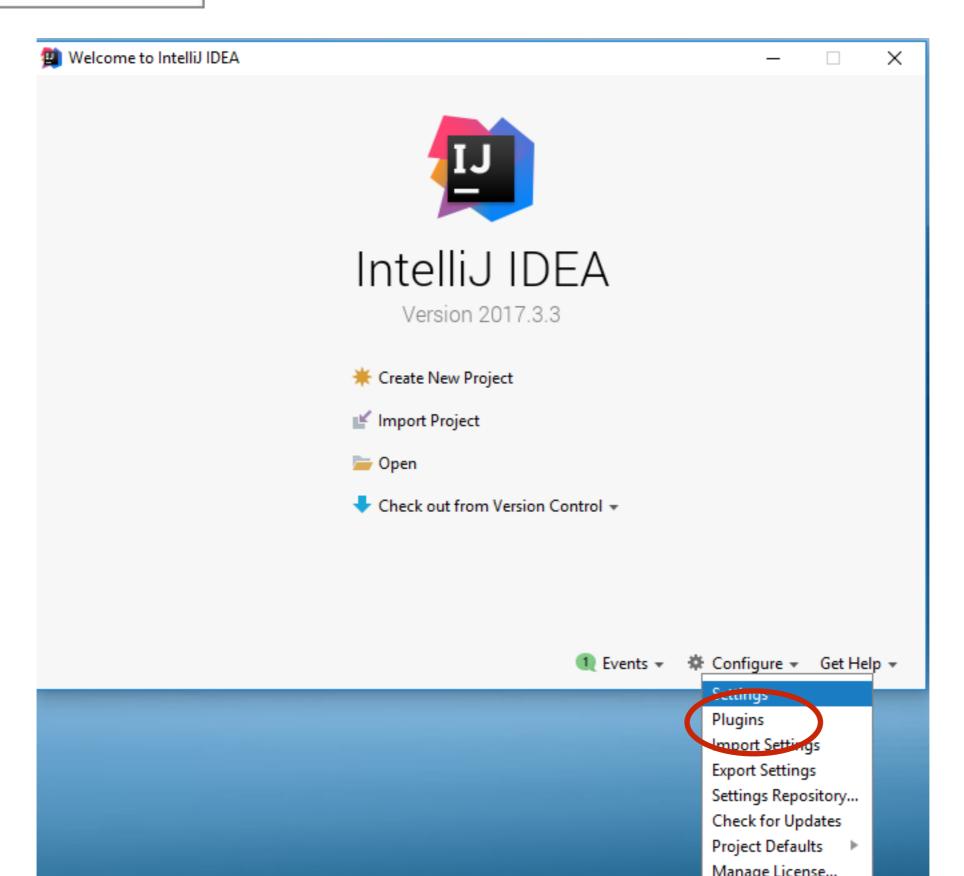
- Go to the Window menu and select
 - Jetbrains>IntelliJ
 - I had to click a number of times before it worked
- This is what you will see:

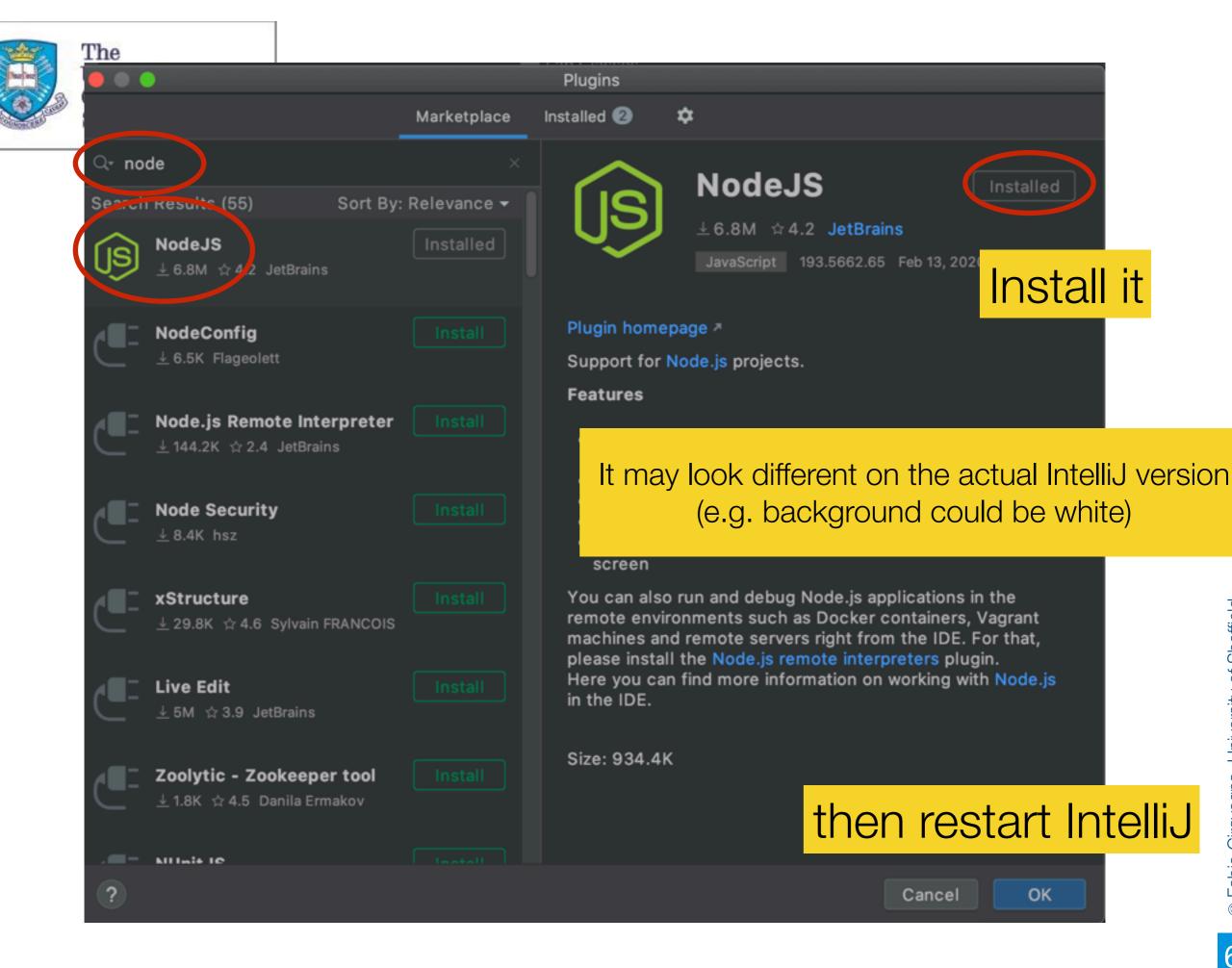


The first time you use that computer, click on configure



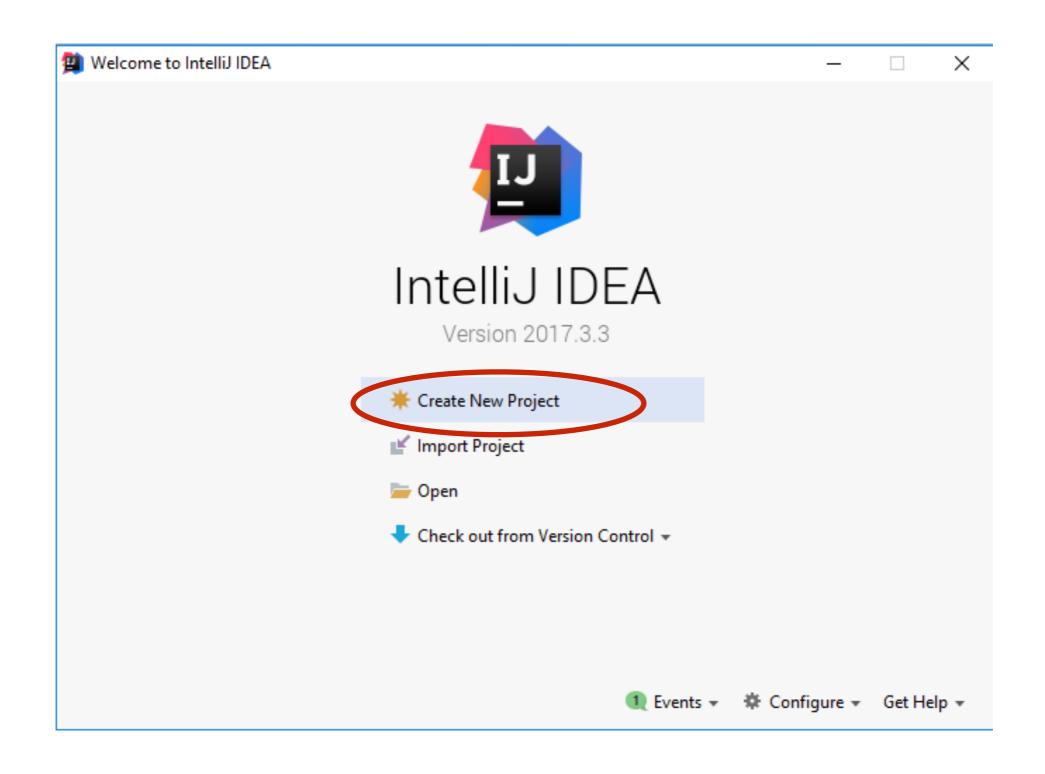
Install Node Plugin





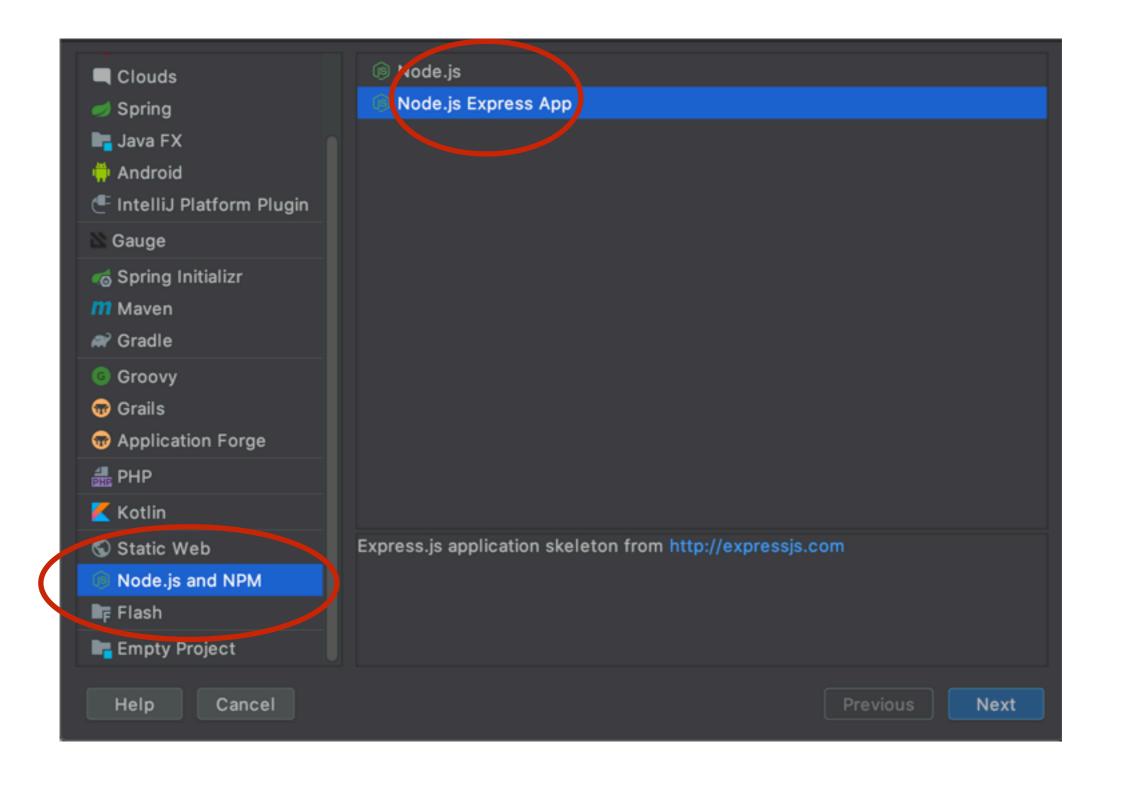


After restarting

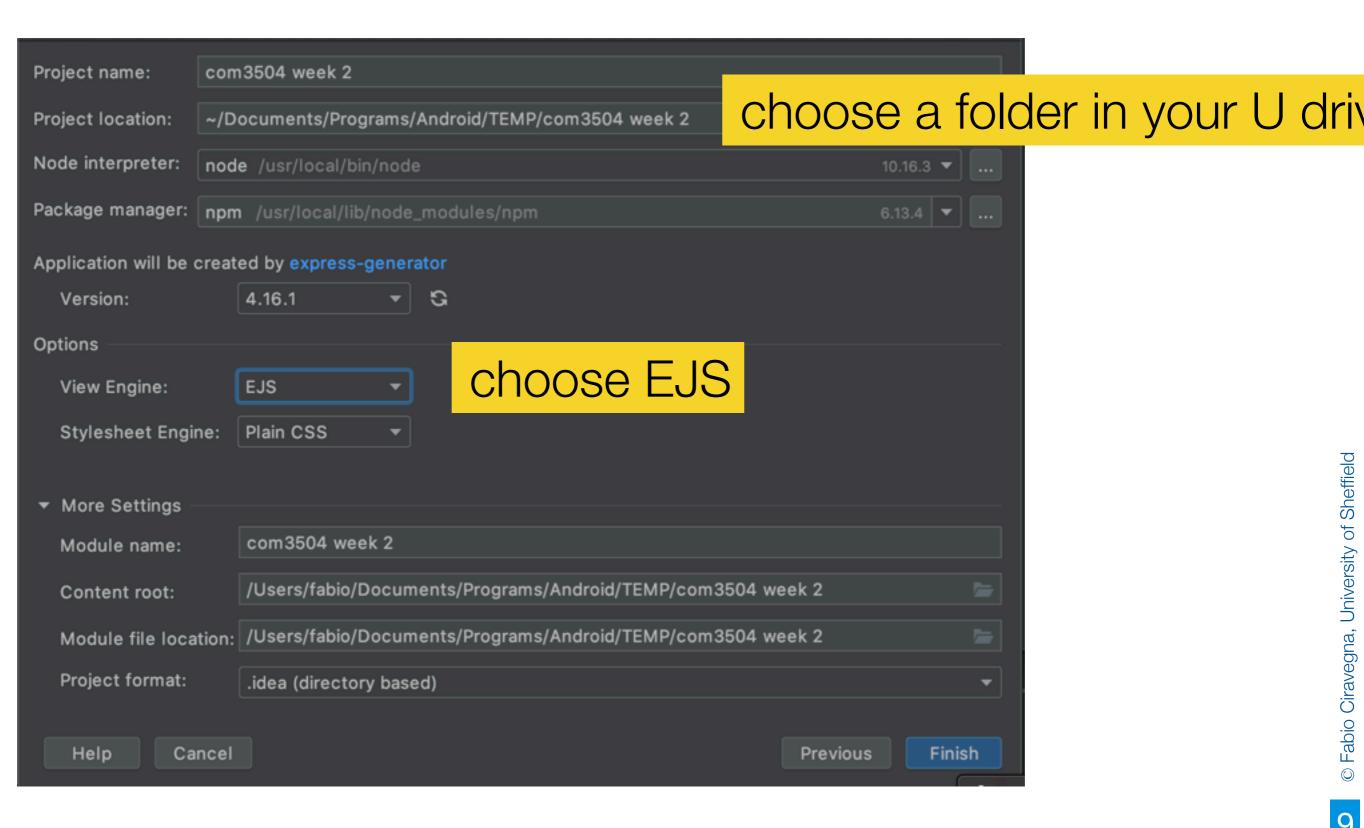




Select NodeJs



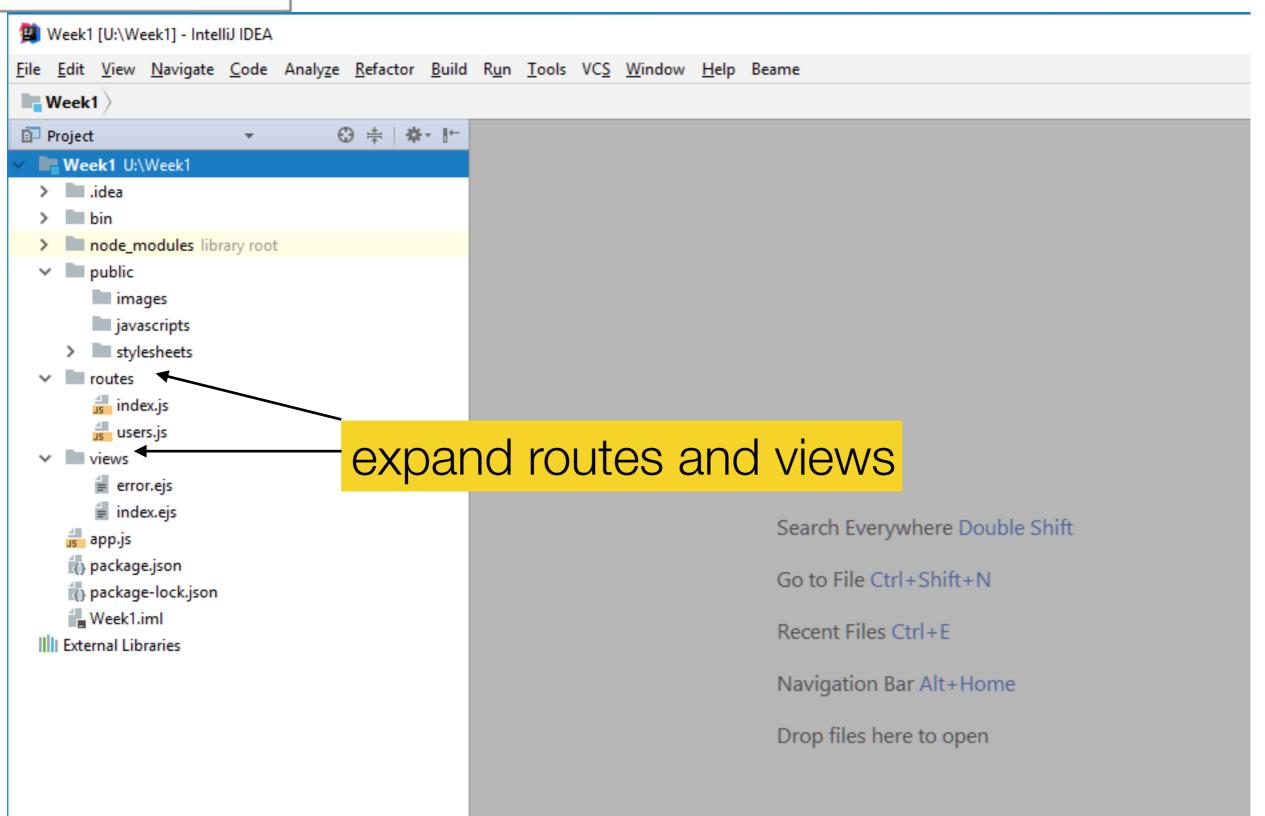


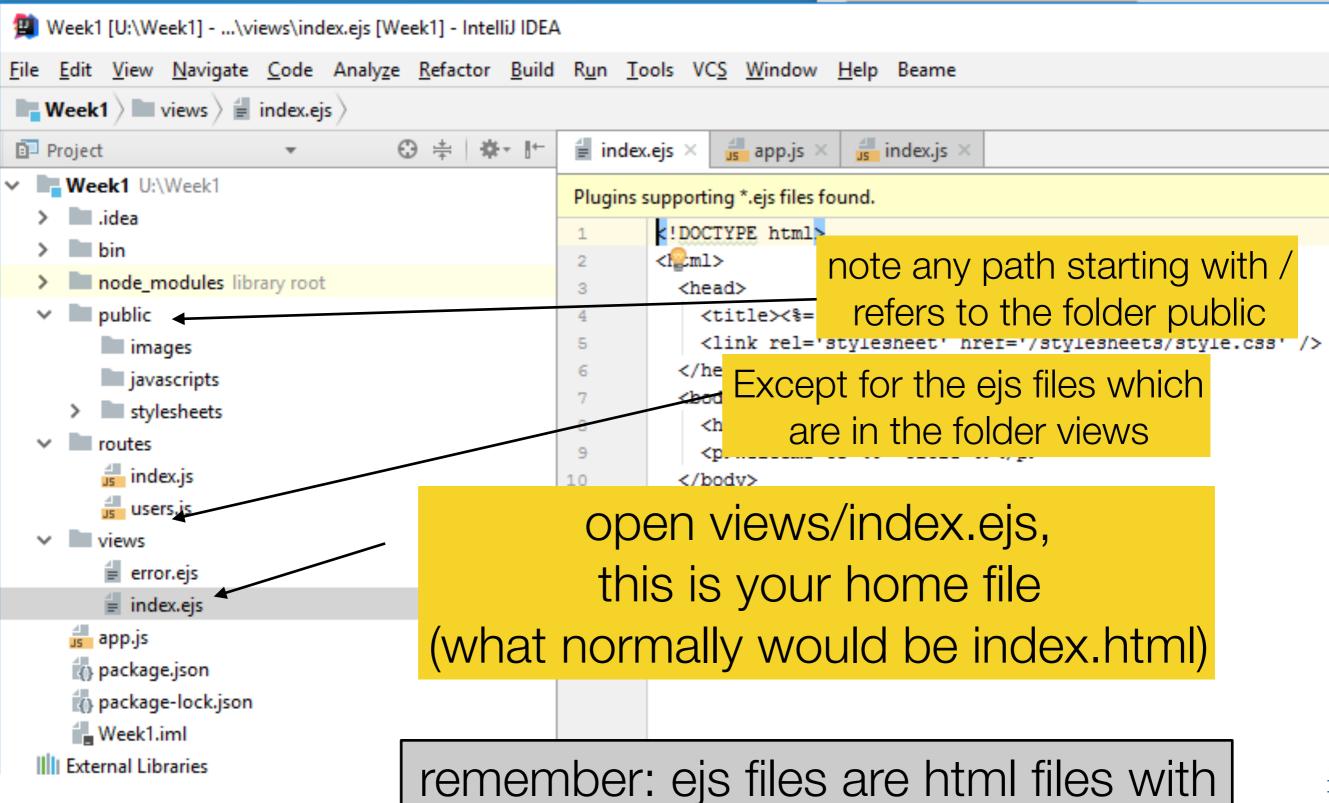






Here is your project

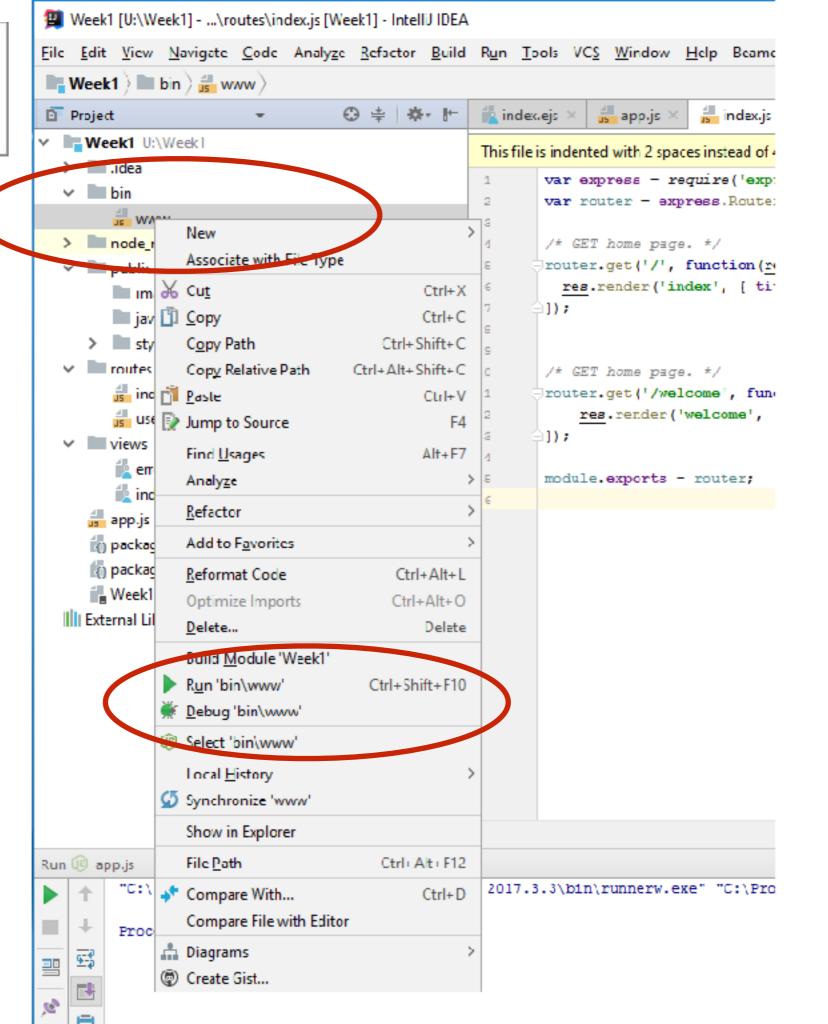




parameters passed by the server!



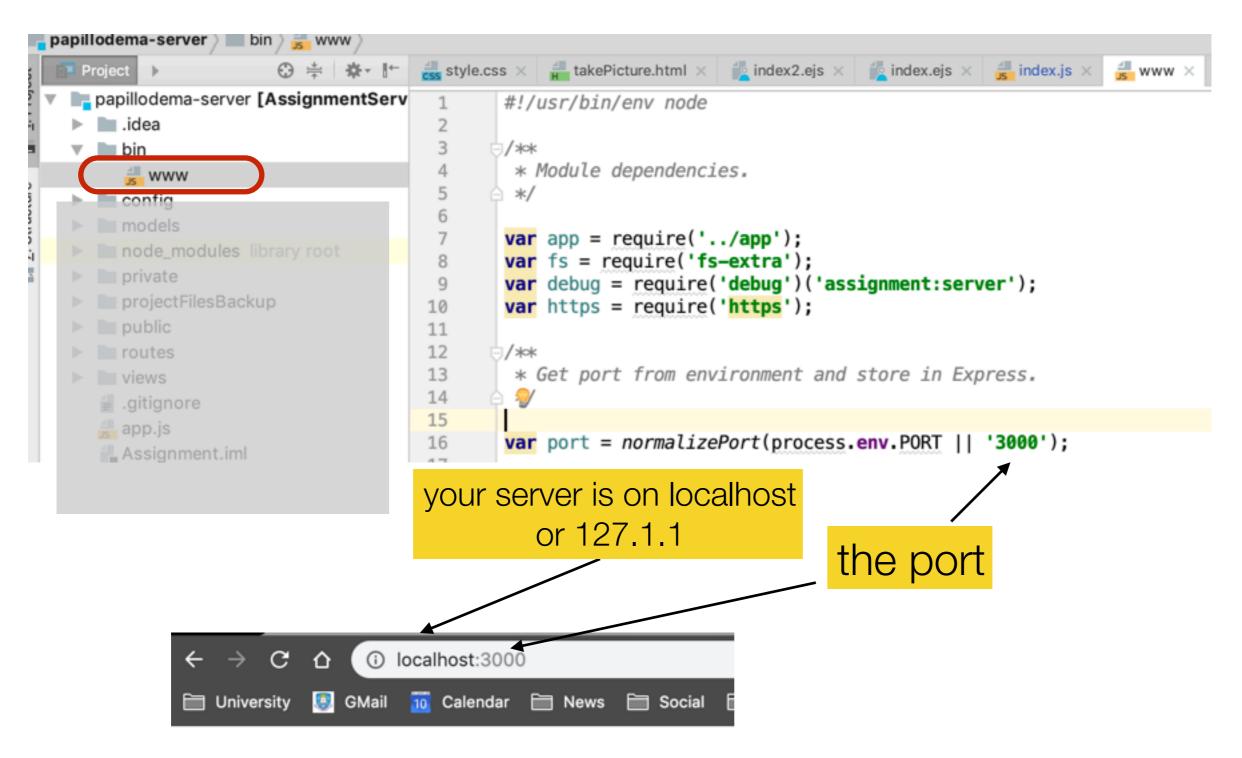
- To run the server
- Right Click on bin>www
- Choose Run





Running the client

open your browser





what is a port?

- Ports are an old concept from when servers had physical cables entering ports
 - you could contact a hardware server through a specific entry point, i.e. a port
 - Nowadays computers have just fibre optic entering them but the concept of ports has been kept
 - Ports are entry points to the physical server
 - You can only have one process (e.g. your node server) running on one port
 - If you try to run a server when another one is running you will get an error telling you that the port is taken
 - If so, either stop the server on that port or run your process on a different port by changing the value 3000 in bin/www

```
var port = normalizePort(process.env.PORT || '3000');
```



Ports (ctd)

- Ports have values 1-65535 are available, and ports in range 1-1023 are the privileged ones: an application needs to be run as root in order to listen to these ports
 - Suggestion: use ports 3000-3004 or 8080 (standard port) 8090-8092
- If you use 8080 you can omit the port. i.e. http://localhost defaults to http://localhost:8080



Exercise 1

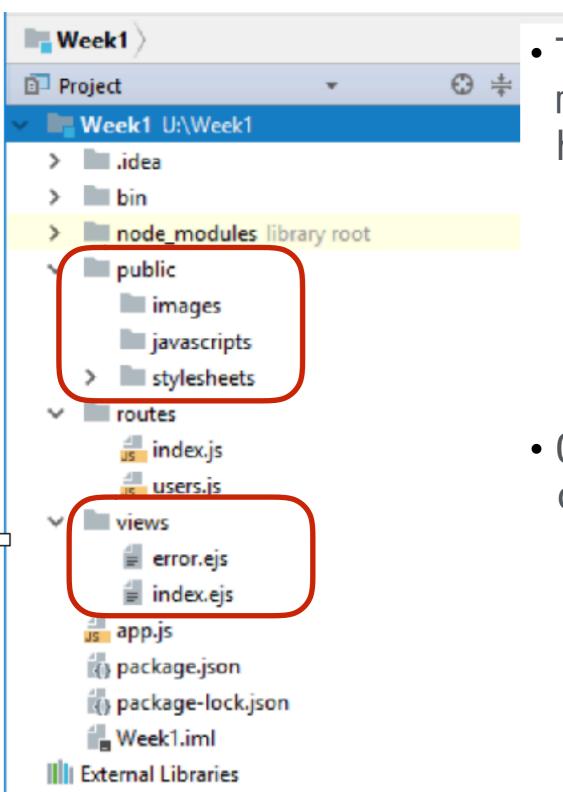


Exercise one

- Familiarise yourself with the Express structure also using the lecture slides
 - then start working on the exercises in the next slides



Exercise 1



- This exercise is designed to make sure that you understand how to use
 - routes and
 - ejs files
 - in a GET using Express
- Open the project you have created
 - it will have the standard structure shown on the left side

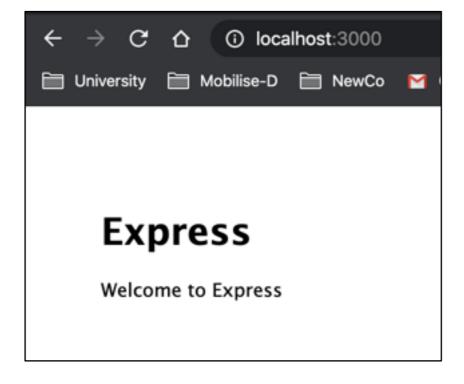


Open the client

 run the node interpreter (right click on bin/www or)



open the browser on http://localhost:3000



Learning to manipulate .ejs files

• Your first exercise is to modify views/index.ejs so that it looks like

Welcome to My Class

Please click getting the other file

- Please note: the term My Class should be passed as parameter to the ejs file, so using the notation <h1> Welcome to <%= title %> </h1>
- and having the route in routes/index.js as (as it is already)



Following the link

Welcome to My Class

Please click getting the other file

- insert a link into the html of the eps file so to provide a link to the path
 - /welcome
 - i.e.the html should be

Please click

getting the other file



Responding to /welcome

- Create a new route path in routes/index.js
 - so that when you click the link, a file called welcome ejs is rendered which will be shown as

Welcome to COM3504

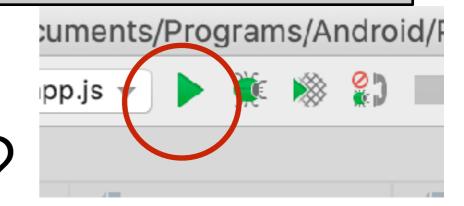
COM3504 is a cool module

 Note: the string COM3504 should be changeable from server side to COM6504 without changing the HTML of the file welcome ejs (i.e. it is a parameter as well)



Note! every time you change the routes files you must reload the server

How would you do it?



Try to think: solution is in the next slides but try to come up with a solution before checking it

Hint 1: create an ejs view called welcome ejs under views

Hint 2: you must add a new route path for a GET which returns the rendering of welcome.ejs with 'COM3504' as parameter



Solution

This is the route path that you introduce in routes/index.js:

```
router.get('/welcome', function (req, res) {
    res.render('welcome', { title: 'COM3504' });
});
```



Exercise 2

Posting to a server and Using the debugger



- In this exercise the path / will render an ejs file containing a form
 - the form will request login and password

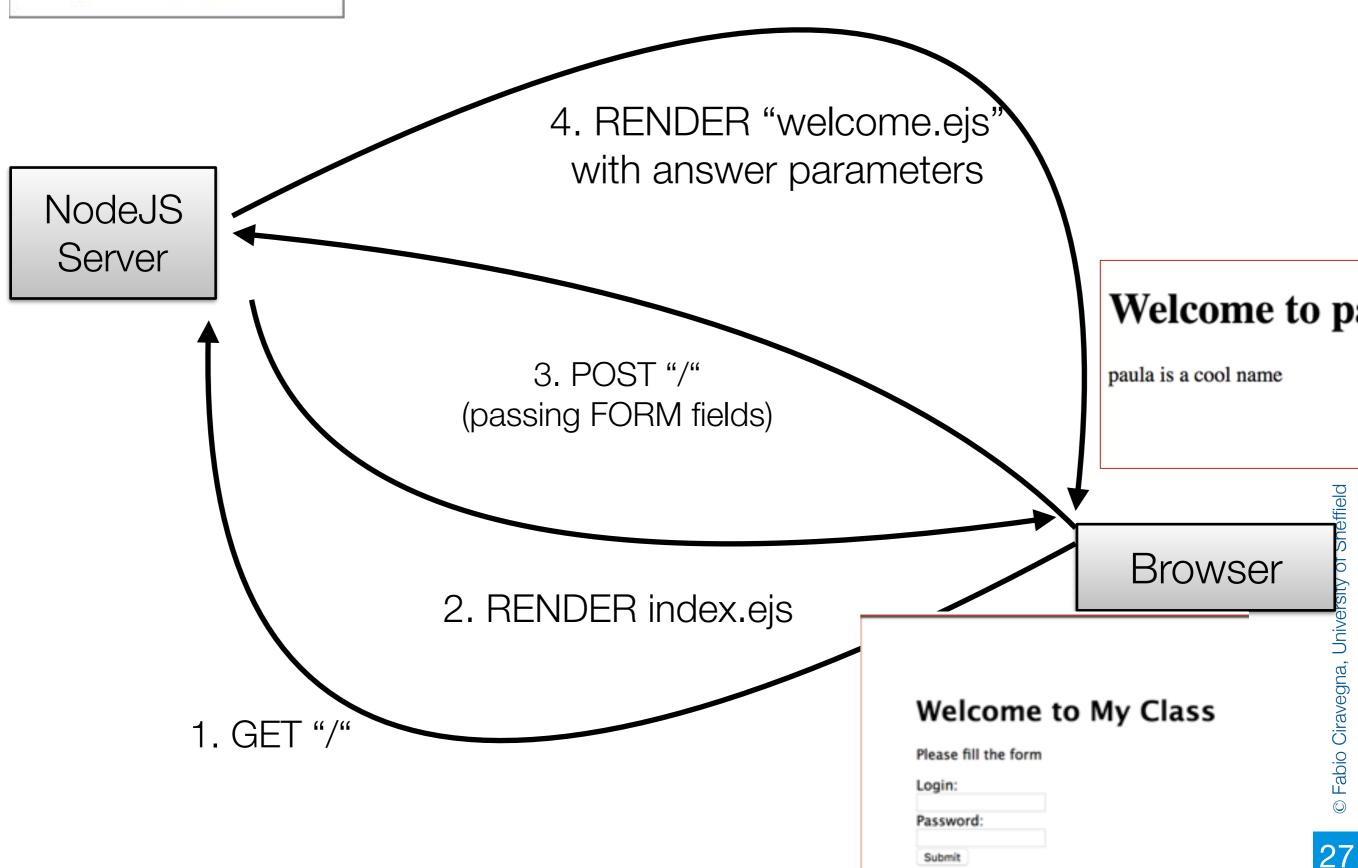
Welcome to My Class



 you have to create a route in routes/index.js so that it responds to the login/password



Client/server interplay





Step 4

- The server will respond differently depending on the value of the field login
- If login value is Paula



• If login value is different from Paula it will return an error





How to

- Modify views/index.ejs to include an HTML form asking for login and password.
 - Make sure to use an html5 form!
- This should post to the server as POST on the route"/welcome"
 - the form should be:
 - <form action="/welcome" method="POST">
- if you do not remember how to create a FORM in HTML
 - look it up

Welcome to My Class

Please fill the form
Login:
Password:
Submit



Server side

 As the form posts to the route /welcome. we must modify the file routes/index.js by adding:

```
app.post('/welcome', function(req, res){
```

- replace the three dots with code that will check the parameters passed by the module)
 - hint: use body-parser to access response body
- your code should check if the login passed by the user is 'paula'. If so it should render the file welcome.ejs which should look like the one on the right.
 - note:Paula should be a parameter

Welcome to paula

paula is a cool name



• otherwise render index.ejs again with an alert





Hint

Change the "/" route by adding a parameter:

```
router.get('/', function(req, res, next)
res.render('index', { title: 'My Class
});
```

in the POST route for '/welcome' you will

```
if the login is not 'paula' it will render index again but the
parameter login_is_correct will be false

router.get('/welcome', function(req, res, next) {
        (...check if login is not paula...)

res.render('index', { title: 'My Class', login_is_correct: false});
```

- OR
 - render a file named welcome.ejs that will say hello to Paula

```
res.render('welcome',{ title: 'Paula' })
```



interpreting the second parameter

- On the client side we should interpret the parameter login_is_correct
 - if it is true we just show the page
 - if it is false, we have to show the page and show an alert
- then create public/javascripts/index.js and insert the following code

```
function checkCredentials(isLoginIncorrect){
    if (isLoginCorrect){
        alert('login or password is incorrect');
    }
}
```



Debugging



Debugging client & server

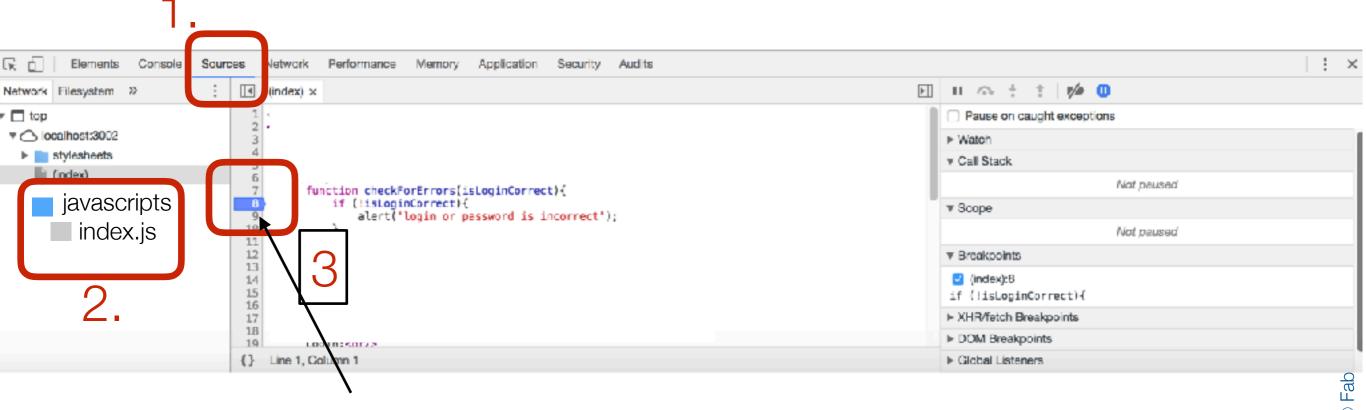
- While you develop, try to debug the client server architecture so to identify errors
 - 1. put a break into Chrome to check that the function *checkForErrors* works appropriately



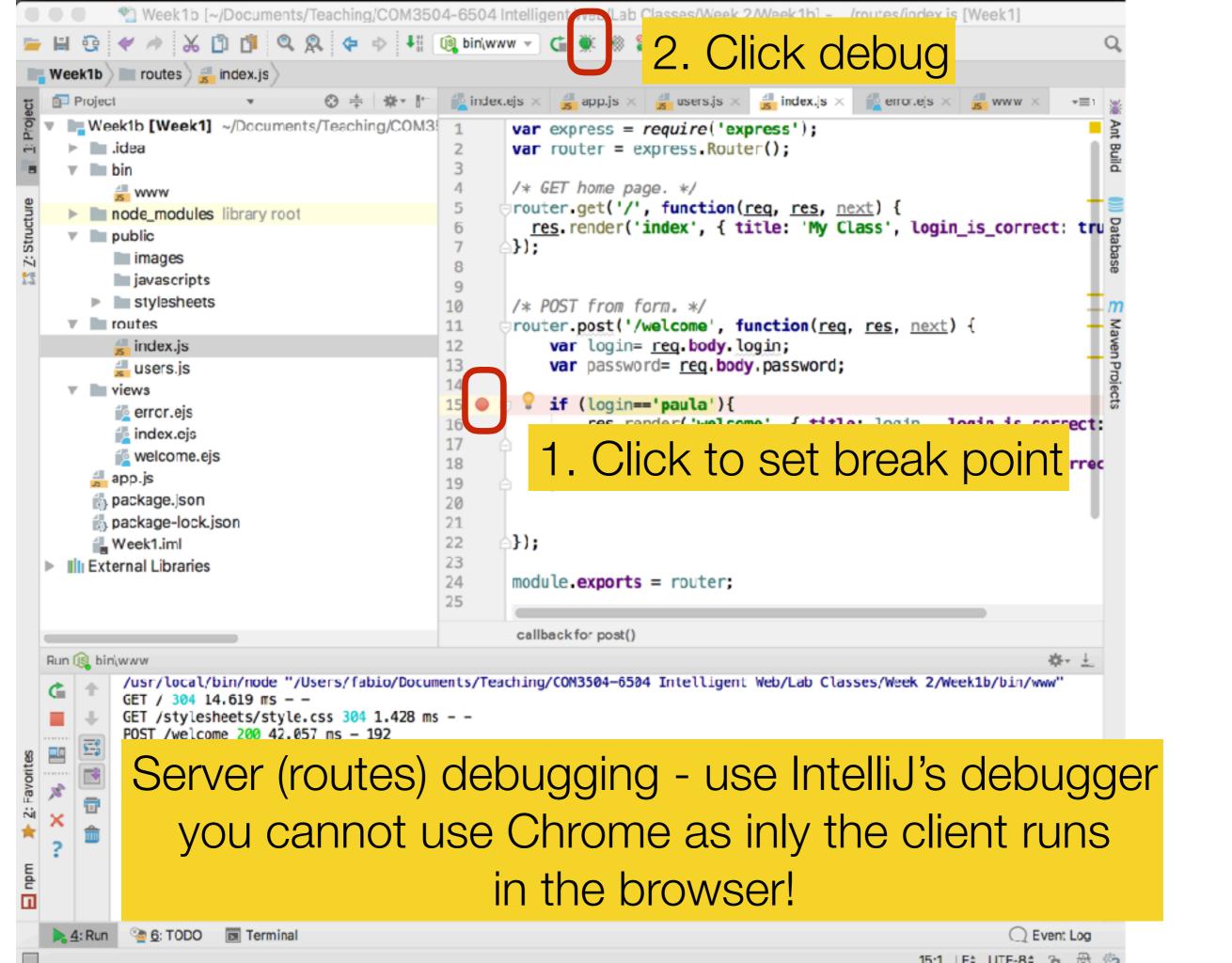
Break points in client side



- open Chrome
- open the page http://ocalhost:3000/
- open the developers tools
- insert break point
- reload page



Click on the line number to set up a break point





Questions?