

Get Started with Koa

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HTTP 101

- telephone
- bi-directional
- ip address and port

Port

- physical port like usb port
- 2^{16}
- port for http server is 80
- bind to port lower than 1024 requires root privilege

Request

```
GET /user/1 HTTP/1.1  
Host: localhost:3000  
User-Agent: curl/7.47.0  
Accept: */*
```

Request

- method
- path
- headers

Methods

- GET
- POST
- PUT
- DELETE
- HEAD
- PATCH

Response

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=utf-8

Content-Length: 11

Date: Wed, 26 Oct 2016 05:29:14 GMT

Connection: keep-alive

hello there

Response

- status code
- headers
- body

Status codes

200 OK

304 Not Modified

400 Bad Request

401 Unauthorized

403 Forbidden

404 Not Found

Request and response

- stateless

- set by server
- carried in the request header by client(browser)

- authentication
- tracking client
- signed/ecrypted

- realtime

- binary protocol
- better speed
 - multiple request, one TCP connection
 - header compression

```
sudo tcpdump -X -nni lo port 3000 and tcp
```



```
sudo tcpflow -X /dev/null -i any -C port 3000
```

```
sudo gor --input-raw-track-response \  
  --input-raw :3000 --output-stdout
```

```
export http_proxy=http://127.0.0.1:8080  
curl localhost:3000
```

JavaScript

Any application that can be written in JavaScript, will eventually be written in JavaScript.

The Origin of JavaScript

- 1995
- Netscape
- Brendan Eich
- ten days

ECMAScript the standard

JavaScript the implementation of ECMAScript

Transpiling source code to source code compilation

ES 6 -> ES 5

CoffeeScript -> JavaScript

TypeScript -> JavaScript

Elm -> JavaScript

What is Babel

- Babel compiles newer version js to older version js
- <https://babeljs.io/>

Using Babel

```
npm install --global babel-cli
```

this is not the recommended way!

Using Babel

```
$ babel script.js
```

Using Babel

```
$ babel-node
```

Configure babel plugins

add to package.json

```
{  
  "babel": {  
    "plugins": [  
      "transform-async-to-generator",  
      "transform-es2015-modules-commonjs"  
    ]  
  }  
}
```

Functions

- common functions
- generator functions
- async functions

Common Functions

```
function add(num, num2) {  
  return num + num2  
}
```

```
const add = function(num, num2) {  
  return num + num2  
}
```

Generator Functions

- function can only return one value
- generators can yield multiple values

Generator Functions

```
function* range(start, end) {  
  while (start <= end) {  
    yield start  
    start = start + 1  
  }  
}
```

```
for (let i of range(1, 9)) {  
  console.log(i)  
}
```

Async Functions

async functions always return a Promise

```
async function() {  
  await fetch()  
}
```

Fat Arrow

- no context(this)
- terse

```
const add = (num, num2) => num + num2
```

```
const add = (num, num2) => {  
  return num + num2  
}
```

Koa

The Origin

Successor of Express, the most popular nodejs web framework

Compared with Express

- both are middleware based
- express uses callbacks
- koa uses async function or generator function
- koa is slimer, no middleware bundled

Example Koa

```
import Koa from "koa"
const app = new Koa

app.use(ctx => {
  ctx.body = "koa"
})

app.listen(3000)
```

Example Express

```
import Express from "express"
const app = new Express

app.get("/", (req, res) => {
  res.send("express")
})

app.listen(3000)
```


or Pyramid of Doom

Middleware



A logging middleware

```
import Koa from "koa"
const app = new Koa

app.use(async (ctx, next) => {
  console.log(`${ctx.method} ${ctx.path}`)
  await next()
})

app.use(ctx => {
  ctx.body = "hello there"
})

app.listen(3000)

curl localhost:3000
```

A timing middleware

```
const timeRequest = async (ctx, next) => {  
  const requestStarted = new Date()  
  await next()  
  console.log('took: ${new Date() - requestStarted} ms')  
}  
  
app.use(timeRequest)
```

Middleware is like Onion

```
import Koa from "koa"
const app = new Koa

app.use(async (ctx, next) => {
  console.log('>>> one')
  await next()
  console.log('<<< one')
})
```

Middleware is like Onion

```
app.use(async (ctx, next) => {  
  console.log('>> two')  
  ctx.body = 'two'  
  await next()  
  console.log('<< two')  
});
```

```
app.use(async (ctx, next) => {  
  console.log('>> three')  
  await next()  
  console.log('<< three')  
})
```

```
app.listen(3000)
```

Passing options to middlewares

```
const myMiddleware = (options) => async (ctx, next) => {  
}
```

Mounting a middleware

```
app.use(middleware(opts))
```


Semantic versioning

semver for short, major.minor.patch, 1.20.1

- major for incompatible change
- minor for new feature
- patch for bug fix
- first stable release should be 1.0.0

```
npm install koa@next
```

The process of mapping requests to handlers

- method
- path

Using koa-router

koa has no built-in routing support

```
npm install --save koa-router@next
```

Using koa-router

```
import Router from "koa-router"
const router = new Router

router.get('/', ctx => {
  ctx.body = 'router'
})

app.use(router.routes())
```

Extracting params from url

```
router.get('/hello/:name', ctx => {  
  ctx.body = `hello ${ctx.params.name}`  
})
```

```
router.post('/', ctx => {  
  ctx.body = 'it was POST'  
})
```

Popular engines

pug formerly know as jade

mustache minimal, logic less, language-agnostic

nunjucks inspired by jinja2

ejs old-style


```
npm install --save koa-views@next ejs
```

Configure view engine

```
import views from 'koa-views'

app.use(views('${__dirname}/views', {
  map: {html: 'ejs'}
}))
```

Passing variables

in handler

```
ctx.render("index", {key: val})
```

in middleware

```
ctx.state.name = value
```

```
npm install --save koa-static@next
```

```
import serve from "koa-static"
```

```
app.use(serve('${__dirname}/public'))
```