Node.js

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Node.js is a server-side platform wrapped around the JavaScript language for building scalable, event-driven applications. This is confusing for even experienced programmers because the traditional JavaScript environment has always been client-side - in a user's browser or in an Application that is talking to a server. JavaScript has not been considered when it comes to the Server responding to Client requests, but that is exactly what **Node.js** provides.

Node.js is not written in JavaScript (it is written in C++) but it uses the JavaScript language as an interpretive language for Server-side request/response processing. In other words, **Node.js** runs stand-alone JavaScript programs. The advantage is that programmers can use their current, albeit Client-side, programming knowledge and begin coding with **Node.js** much more easily.

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