

# Node.js applications in CICS

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# Agenda

## Technology overview

- JavaScript, Node.js, NPM, IBM SDK for Node.js – z/OS, CICS TS 5.5
- Motivation

## Demos

- Run a Node.js application in CICS to verify the installation
- Develop & test a Node.js application that uses CICS services from a workstation
- Use CICS Explorer to package and deploy a Node.js application in CICS

## Next steps

- Trying it on your IBM Z system or IBM hosted systems



# TECHNOLOGY OVERVIEW

# Terminology

**JavaScript** – programming language, typically uses .js file type

**Node.js** – server-side runtime for JavaScript

**Node.js Package Manager (NPM)** – resolves, downloads & builds dependencies

**NPM site** – hosts dependencies – public version at <https://www.npmjs.com/>

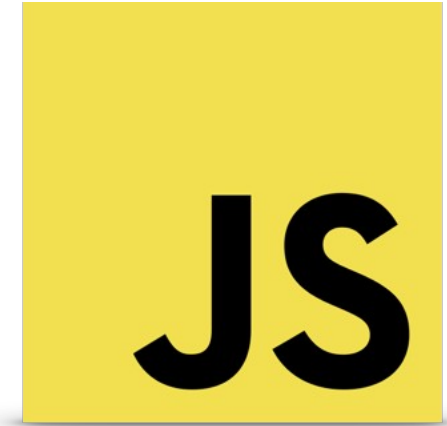
**IBM SDK for Node.js** – z/OS – product that includes Node.js, NPM, C++ compiler

# JavaScript™

**First released in Netscape Navigator 2.0 in 1995**

**Scripting programming language for dynamic content**

- Typically used with HTML and CSS
- User interactions, asynchronous API calls, ...



**Designed to complement Java with a similar syntax**

**Standardised as ECMAScript**

- 1<sup>st</sup> edition 1997, latest 9<sup>th</sup> edition 2018

**Most browsers embed a [JavaScript runtime](#) and compete around its performance**

# Node.js

**Server-side JavaScript runtime platform**

**Governed by the [Node.js Foundation](#)**

**Built on Google's V8 JavaScript engine**

**Designed to build scalable network applications**

- Best suited for data and I/O intensive applications

**Lightweight and efficient**

- Uses an event-driven, single-threaded, non-blocking I/O model
- Leverages the underlying asynchronous I/O support in z/OS

**Module-driven approach to application design**

- Scalable and encourages agile practices





# Why use JavaScript and Node.js ?

**JavaScript is ubiquitous - client, server, cloud, browsers, embedded systems**

**Large ecosystem of frameworks and tools for application development**

- 750K+ modules available via the Node Package Manager ecosystem

**Fast moving, community driven**

- High performance runtimes driven by competition in browsers
- ‘Battle tested’ frameworks

**JavaScript on servers**

- Leverage huge JavaScript developer ecosystem
- Reuse components, tools, concepts, community

# IBM SDK for Node.js - z/OS

**Compatible with Node.js V6.x**

**Available from IBM Shopz and installed via SMP/E**

- Includes IBM support using standard support processes
- Options for [IBM support](#) for popular frameworks

**Bundled with C/C++ compiler for native add-ons**

**90-day evaluation for non-production use**

**Run Node.js applications in z/OS UNIX shell**

**[Container pricing for IBM Z](#) with details in [Technote](#)**

- Application Development and Test Solution
- New Application Solution



# Why use Node.js in CICS ?

## Host APIs and web applications that consume APIs and data on z/OS

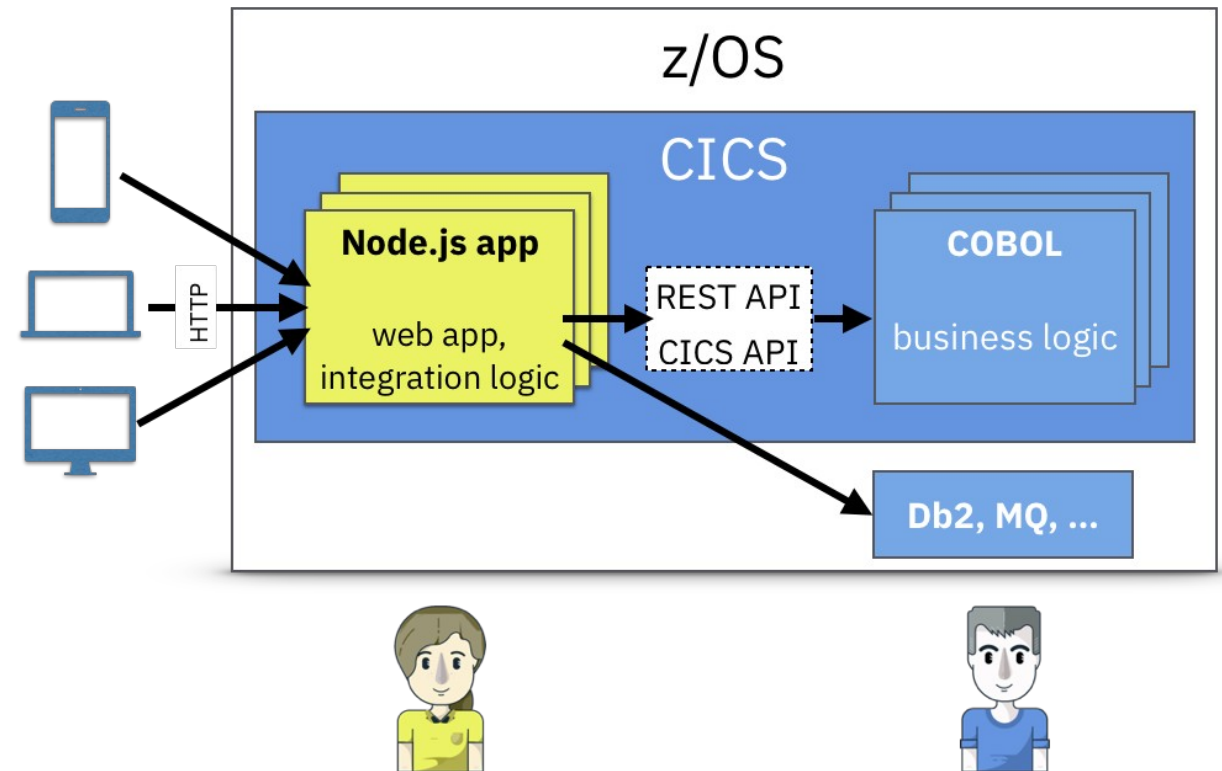
- Add logic to existing APIs
- Aggregate APIs and data
- Reuse modules to access external APIs

## Co-location for optimized response times

## Simplified deployment and management with CICS applications

## Welcome a new set of API and front-end developers onto z/OS platform

[CICS Developer Center](#) for Q&A



# Node.js application in CICS

## Add Node.js application to a CICS bundle

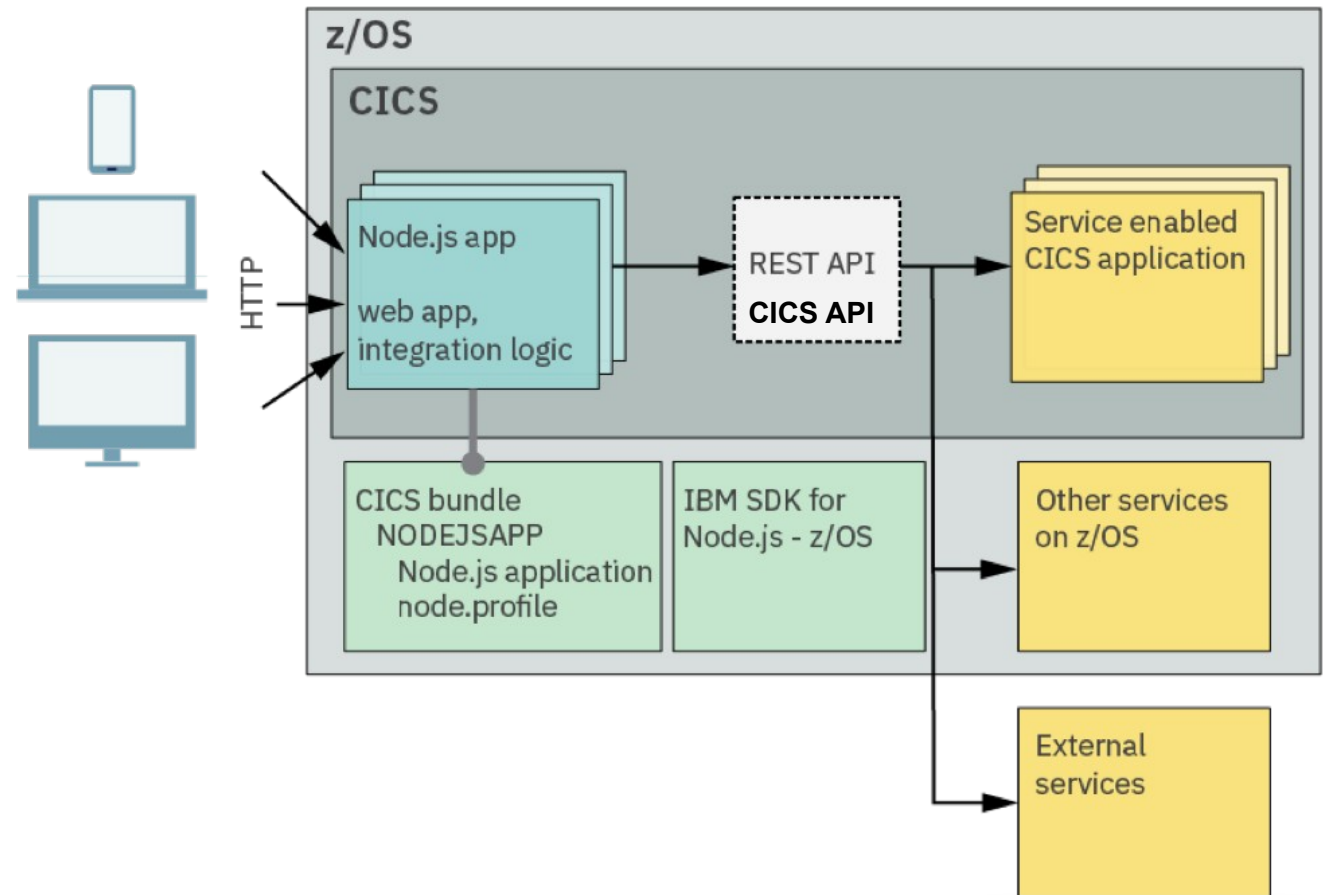
1. NODEJSAPP bundle part
2. Profile
3. Nodejs. application
  - Start script
  - Other application assets

## Build CICS bundle from source and deploy to zFS

- CICS build toolkit
- Tag text files, otherwise EBCDIC assumed
- Run npm to resolve dependencies
- DFHDPLOY, CICS TS plug-in for UCD, ...

## Lifecycle CICS bundle as usual

- CEDA, CEMT, SPI, CICS Explorer, CMCI, ...
- Node.js app is running when bundle part enabled
- IBM SDK used by CICS to run the application
- Unix signals used by CICS to end application





## DEMO

**RUN A NODE.JS APPLICATION IN CICS  
TO VERIFY THE INSTALLATION**

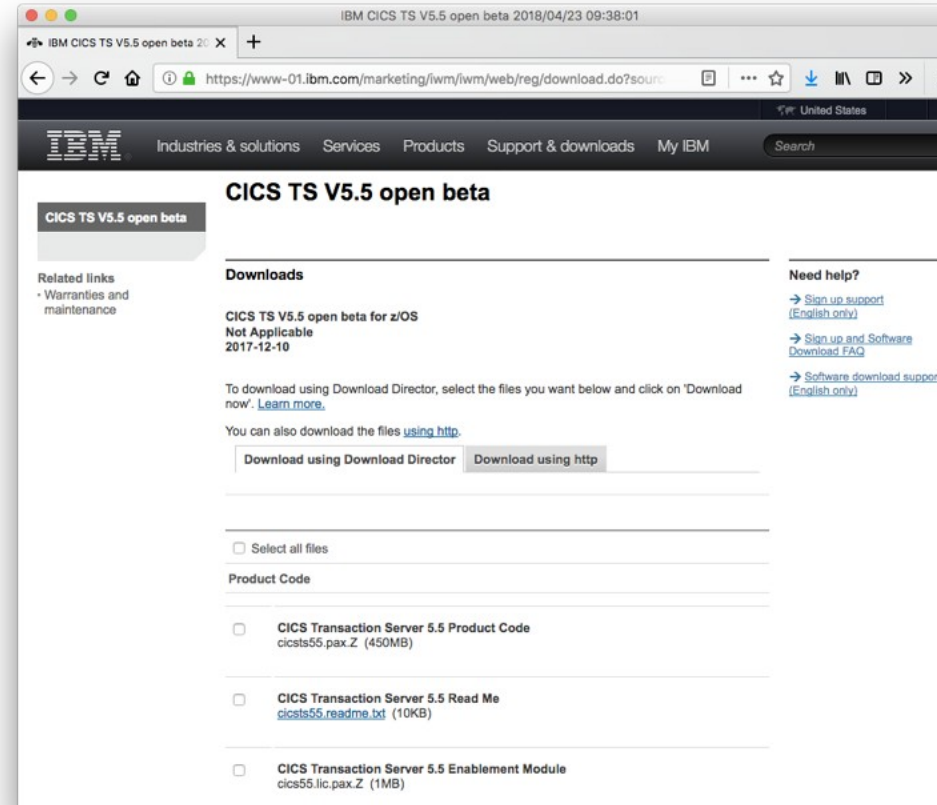
## Run a Node.js application in CICS to verify the installation

1. Install CICS and Node.js
2. Copy CICS supplied bundle
3. Update CICS Node.js profile
4. Define BUNDLE resource
5. Install BUNDLE resource
6. Verify log files
7. Call Node.js application from web browser
8. Disable and discard BUNDLE resource

# Run a Node.js application in CICS to verify the installation

## Install CICS and Node.js

- CICS TS V5.5 (or July open beta)
- IBM SDK for Node.js - z/OS
- NPM requires
  - [GNU Make 4.1](#)
  - [Python 2.7.13](#)

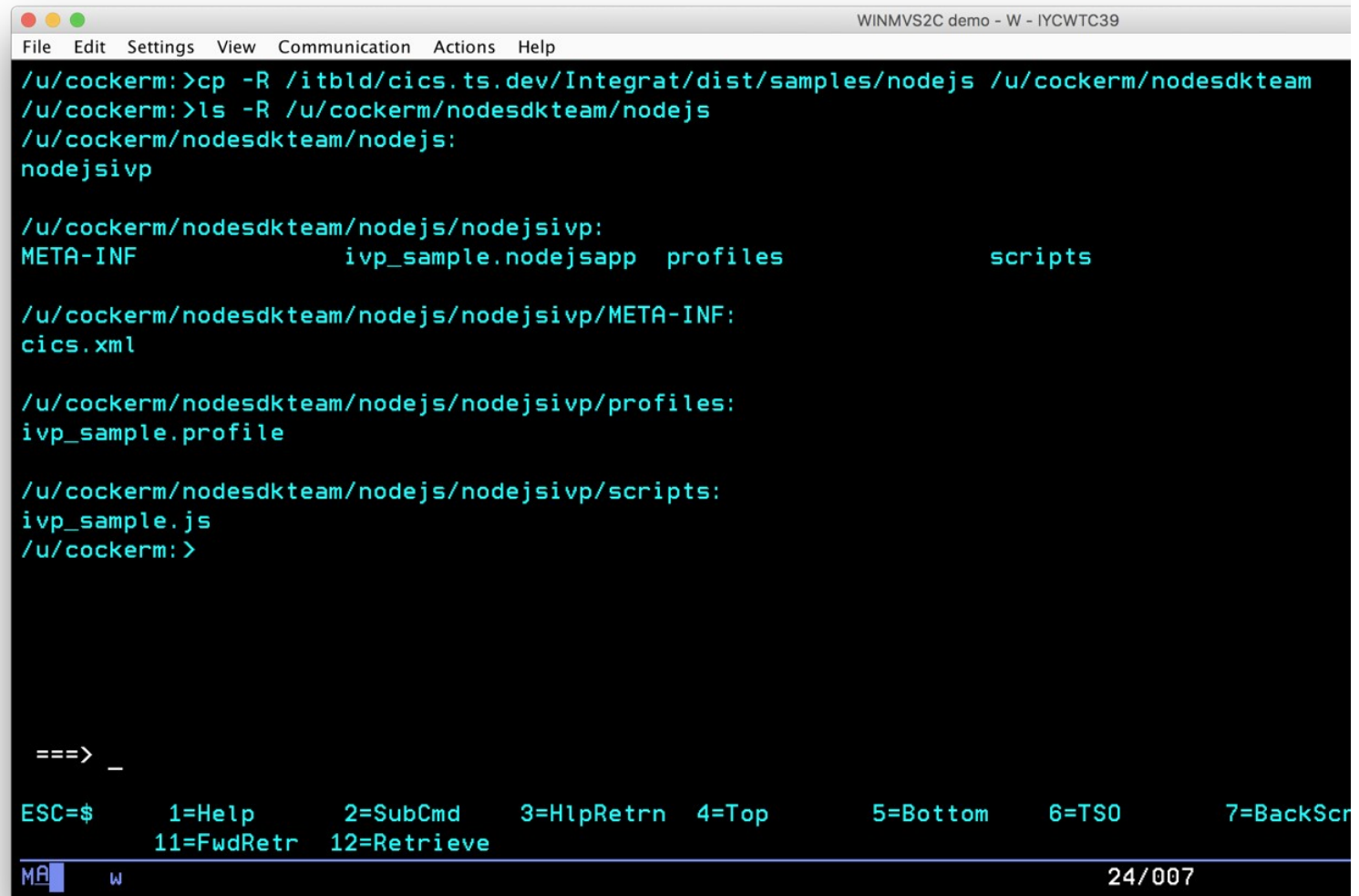


# Run a Node.js application in CICS to verify the installation

Install CICS and Node.js

## Copy CICS supplied bundle

- from CICS install directory
- to a directory
- CICS region must have read access



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File Edit Settings View Communication Actions Help
/u/cockerm:>cp -R /itbld/cics.ts.dev/Integrat/dist/samples/nodejs /u/cockerm/nodesdkteam
/u/cockerm:>ls -R /u/cockerm/nodesdkteam/nodejs
/u/cockerm/nodesdkteam/nodejs:
nodejsivp

/u/cockerm/nodesdkteam/nodejs/nodejsivp:
META-INF          ivp_sample.nodejsapp  profiles          scripts

/u/cockerm/nodesdkteam/nodejs/nodejsivp/META-INF:
cics.xml

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ivp_sample.profile

/u/cockerm/nodesdkteam/nodejs/nodejsivp/scripts:
ivp_sample.js
/u/cockerm:>

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# Run a Node.js application in CICS to verify the installation

Install CICS and Node.js

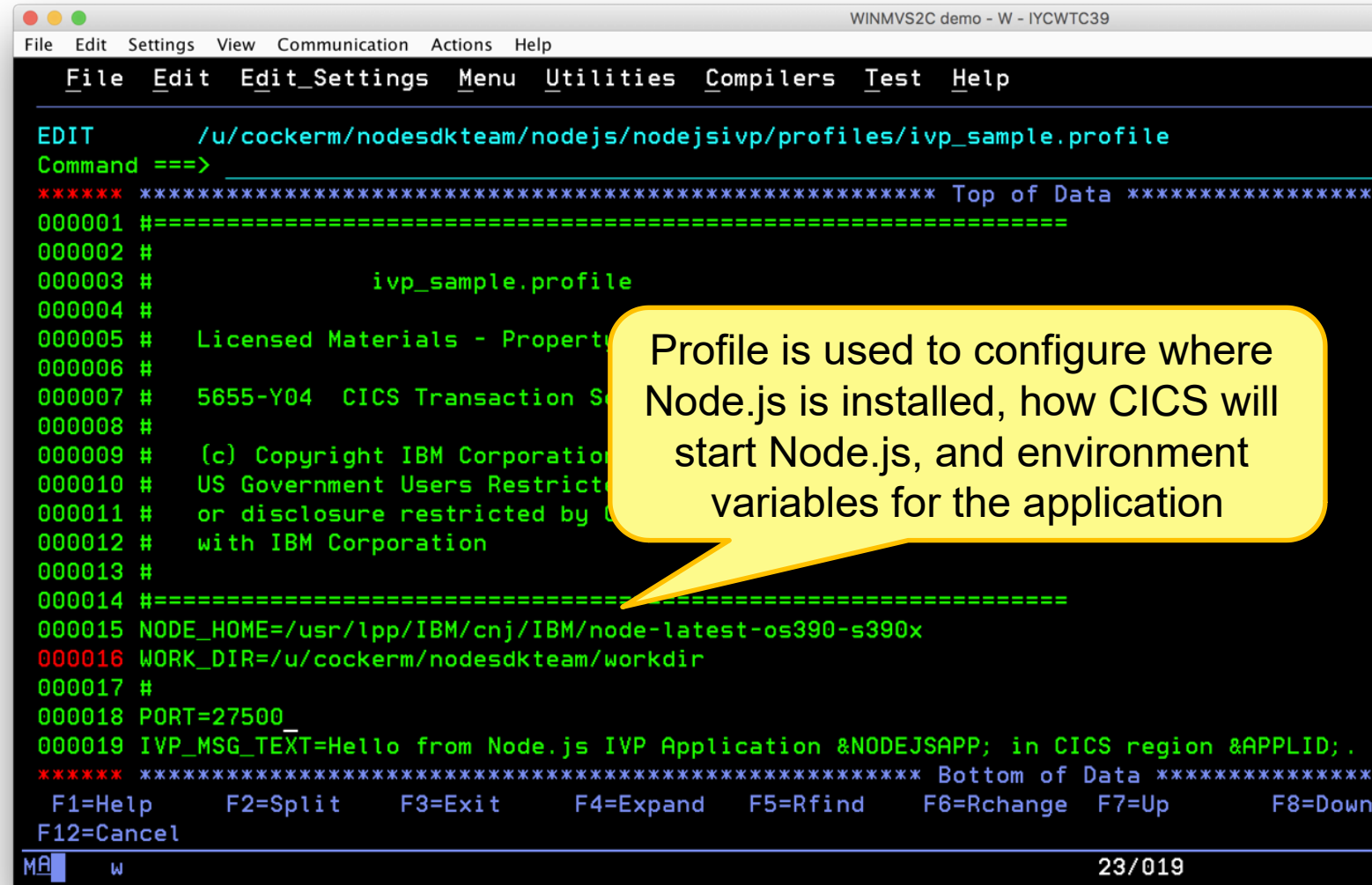
Copy CICS supplied bundle

**Update CICS Node.js profile**

**NODE\_HOME=**

**WORK\_DIR=**

**PORT=**



```

WINMVS2C demo - W - IYCWT39
File Edit Settings View Communication Actions Help
File Edit Edit_Settings Menu Utilities Compilers Test Help

EDIT      /u/cockerm/nodesdkteam/nodejs/nodejsivp/profiles/ivp_sample.profile
Command ==>

***** ***** Top of Data *****
000001 #=====
000002 #
000003 #               ivp_sample.profile
000004 #
000005 #   Licensed Materials - Property
000006 #
000007 #   5655-Y04   CICS Transaction S
000008 #
000009 #   (c) Copyright IBM Corporation
000010 #   US Government Users Restrict
000011 #   or disclosure restricted by
000012 #   with IBM Corporation
000013 #
000014 #=====
000015 NODE_HOME=/usr/lpp/IBM/cnj/IBM/node-latest-os390-s390x
000016 WORK_DIR=/u/cockerm/nodesdkteam/workdir
000017 #
000018 PORT=27500
000019 IVP_MSG_TEXT=Hello from Node.js IVP Application &NODEJSAPP; in CICS region &APPLID;.
***** ***** Bottom of Data *****
F1=Help      F2=Split    F3=Exit      F4=Expand    F5=Rfind     F6=Rchange   F7=Up        F8=Down
F12=Cancel
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Profile is used to configure where Node.js is installed, how CICS will start Node.js, and environment variables for the application

# Run a Node.js application in CICS to verify the installation

Install CICS and Node.js

Copy CICS supplied bundle

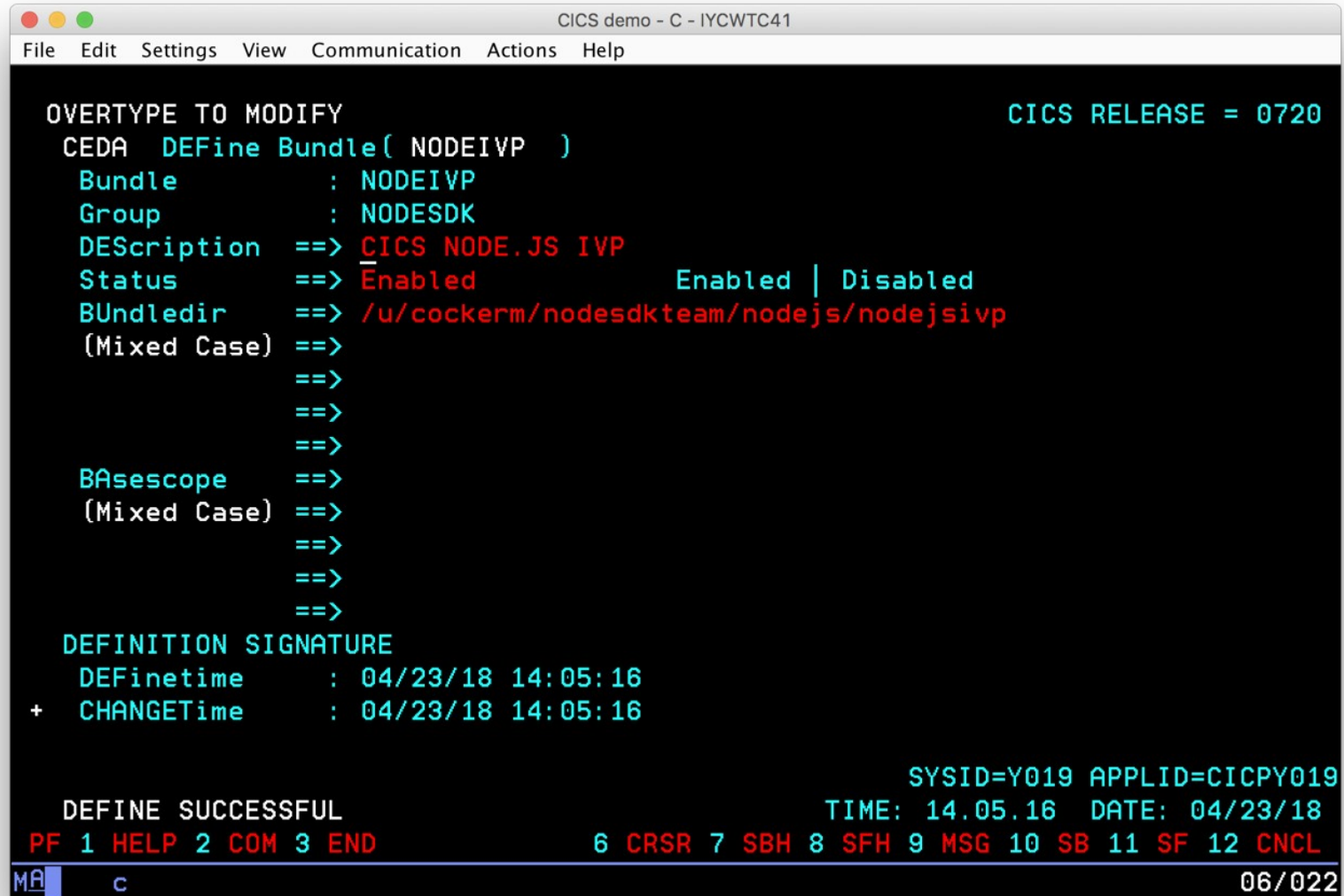
Update CICS Node.js profile

**Define BUNDLE resource**

**BUNDLE=**

**GROUP=**

**BUNDLEDIR=**



```

CICS demo - C - IYCWTC41
File Edit Settings View Communication Actions Help

OVERTYPE TO MODIFY                                CICS RELEASE = 0720
CEDA DEFINE Bundle( NODEIVP )
  Bundle      : NODEIVP
  Group       : NODESDK
  Description ==> CICS NODE.JS IVP
  Status      ==> Enabled           Enabled | Disabled
  BUndledir   ==> /u/cockerm/nodesdkteam/nodejs/nodejsivp
  (Mixed Case) ==>
  ==>
  ==>
  ==>
  BAsescope   ==>
  (Mixed Case) ==>
  ==>
  ==>
  ==>

DEFINITION SIGNATURE
  DEFinetime   : 04/23/18 14:05:16
+ CHANGETime   : 04/23/18 14:05:16

                                                                    SYSID=Y019 APPLID=CICPY019
DEFINE SUCCESSFUL                                                    TIME: 14.05.16 DATE: 04/23/18
PF 1 HELP 2 COM 3 END                                           6 CRSR 7 SBH 8 SFH 9 MSG 10 SB 11 SF 12 CNCL
MA c                                                                06/022
  
```

# Run a Node.js application in CICS to verify the installation

Install CICS and Node.js

Copy CICS supplied bundle

Update CICS Node.js profile

Define BUNDLE resource

**Install BUNDLE resource**



The screenshot shows a CICS terminal window titled "CICS demo - C - IYCWTC41". The menu bar includes File, Edit, Settings, View, Communication, Actions, and Help. The main display area shows the command "ex BUNDLE(NODEIVP) gr(\*)" and the prompt "ENTER COMMANDS". Below this, a table lists the resource details:

NAME	TYPE	GROUP	LAST CHANGE
NODEIVP	BUNDLE	NODESDK *	INSTALL SUCCESSFUL

At the bottom of the screen, the status bar displays "RESULTS: 1 TO 1 OF 1" and "TIME: 14.06.50 DATE: 04/23/18". The bottom right corner shows "04/035".

# Run a Node.js application in CICS to verify the installation

Install CICS and Node.js

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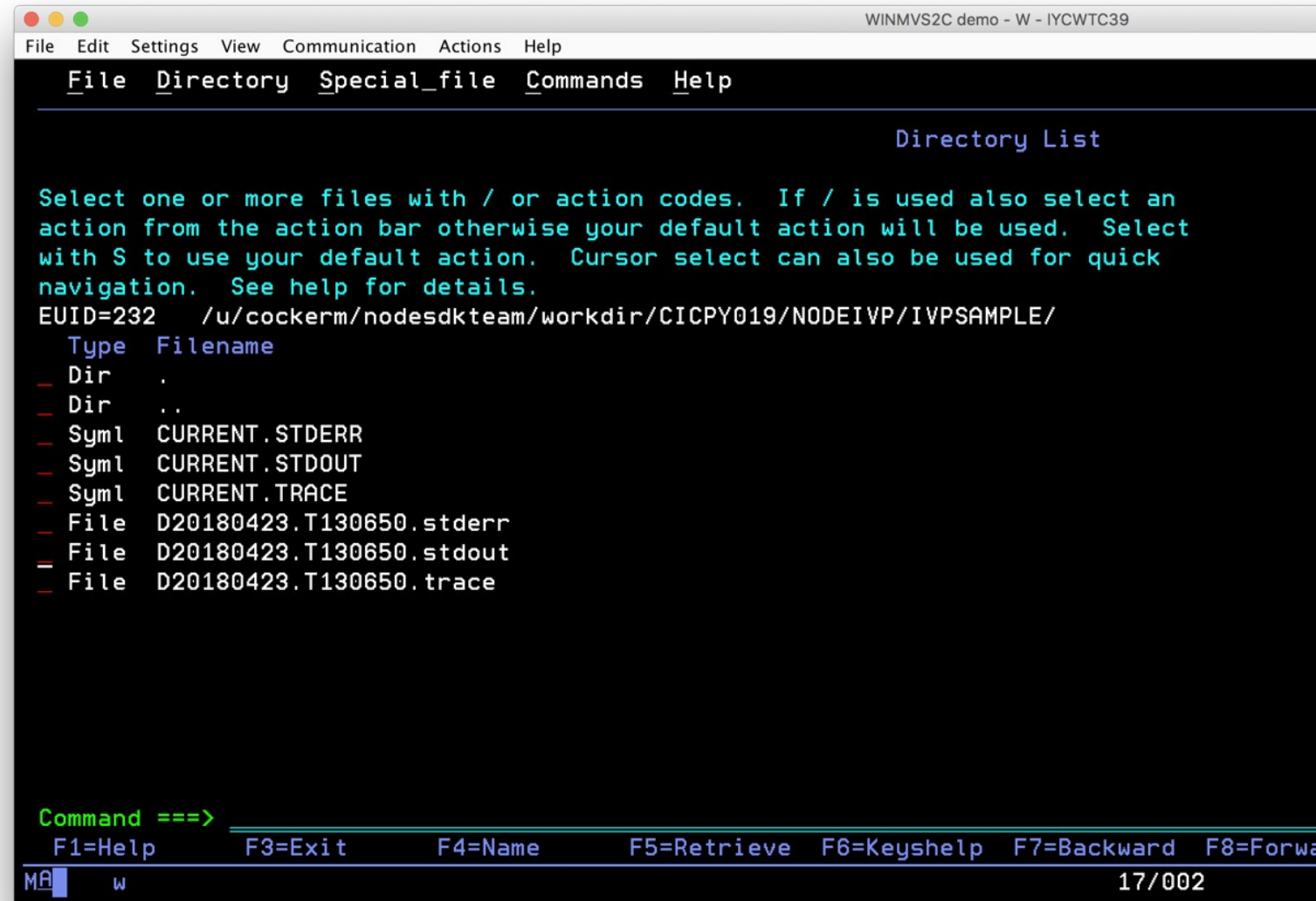
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Define BUNDLE resource

Install BUNDLE resource

## Verify log files

**.stdout** has application  
**console.log()** output



WINMVS2C demo - W - IYCWTC39

File Edit Settings View Communication Actions Help

File Directory Special\_file Commands Help

Directory List

Select one or more files with / or action codes. If / is used also select an action from the action bar otherwise your default action will be used. Select with S to use your default action. Cursor select can also be used for quick navigation. See help for details.

EUID=232 /u/cockerm/nodesdkteam/workdir/CICPY019/NODEIVP/IVPSAMPLE/

Type	Filename
Dir	.
Dir	..
Syml	CURRENT.STDERR
Syml	CURRENT.STDOUT
Syml	CURRENT.TRACE
File	D20180423.T130650.stderr
File	D20180423.T130650.stdout
File	D20180423.T130650.trace

Command ==>

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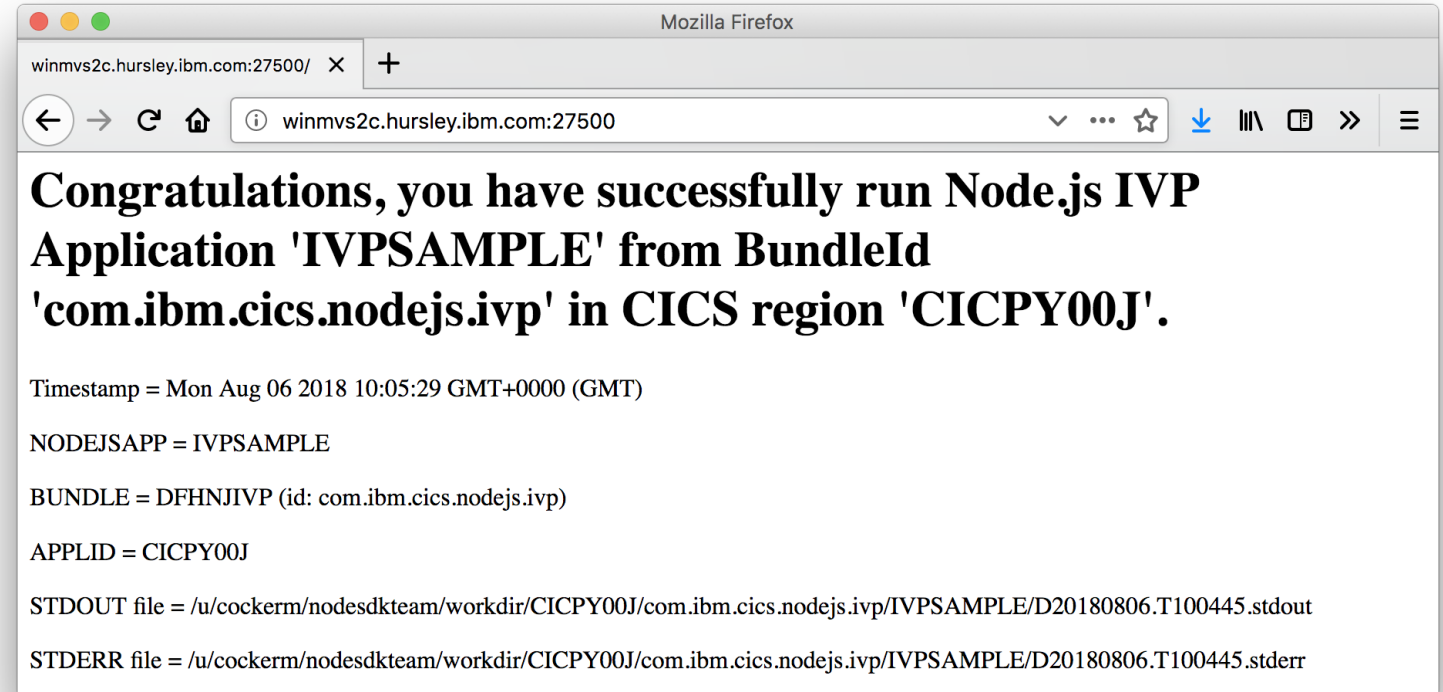
Define BUNDLE resource

Install BUNDLE resource

Verify log files

**Call Node.js application from web browser**

**Disable and discard BUNDLE resource**



# Invoke CICS services from Node.js applications

## 1. Enable the CICS program to be called via JSON web service

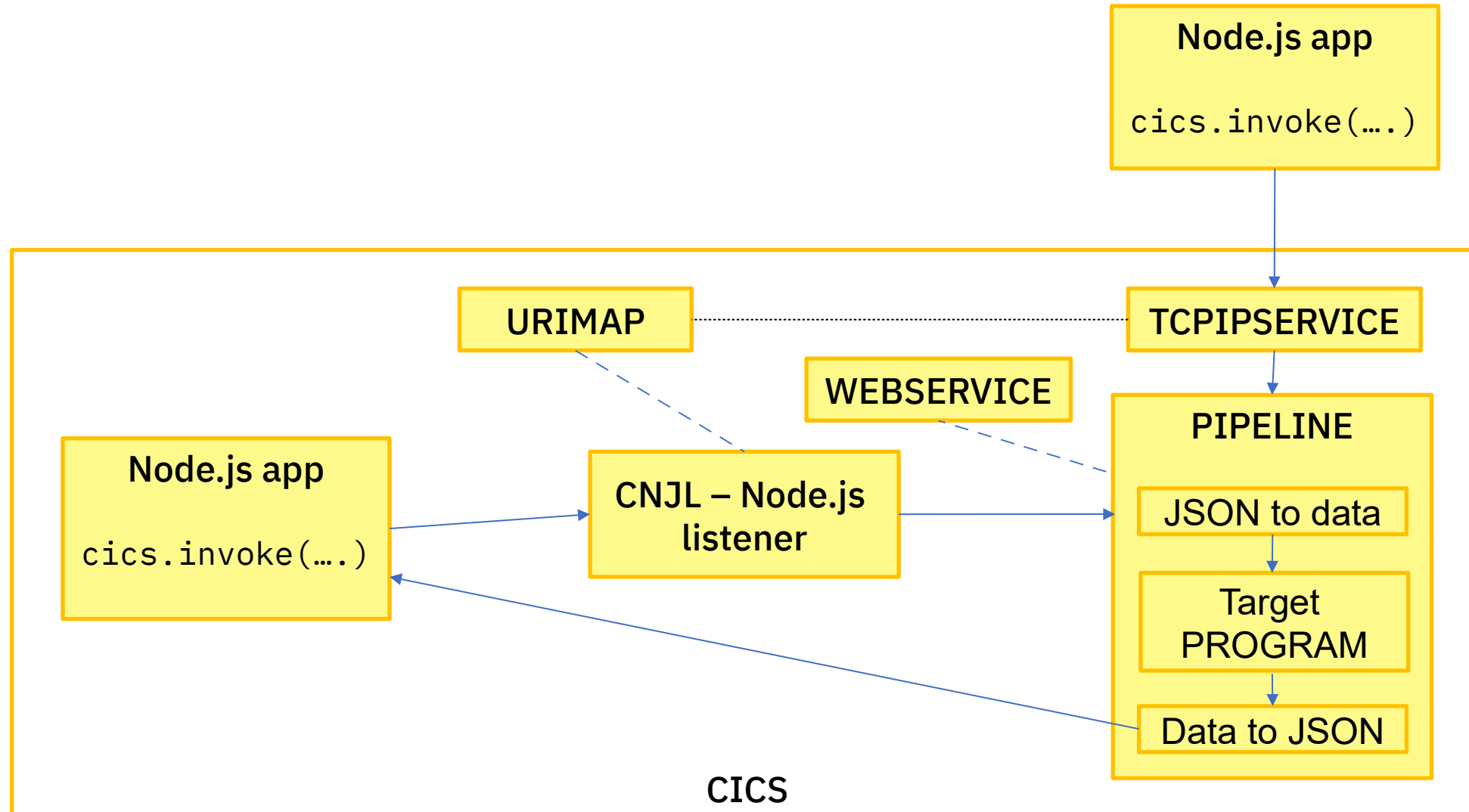
- As today, using DFHLS2JS, TCPIP SERVICE, PIPELINE, URIMAP, WEBSERVICE

## 2. Write a Node.js application to invoke the service

## 3. Invoke API

- Uses HTTP if run outside of CICS
- Uses locally optimized transport inside of CICS
- Uses native CICS JSON pipeline

# Invoke CICS services from Node.js applications



# Locally optimised API – sample code

```
const cics = require('ibm-cics-api');

let uri = "http://winmvs2c.hursley.ibm.com/exampleApp/json_inquireCatalogWrapper";
let requestData = {
  "inquireCatalogRequest": {
    "startItemRef": 10,
    "itemCount": 774
  }
};

cics.invoke(uri,requestData,function(err, data)
{
  if (err) {
    ... do something with error ....
  } else {
    .... do something with response data
  }
});
```





## DEMO

# DEVELOP AND TEST A NODE.JS APPLICATION USING CICS SERVICES FROM A WORKSTATION

# Develop and test a Node.js application that calls CICS services from a workstation

1. Code app to use `ibm-cics-api`
2. Perform `npm install`
3. Test locally over HTTP



## DEMO

**USE CICS EXPLORER TO DEPLOY  
A NODE.JS APPLICATION IN CICS**

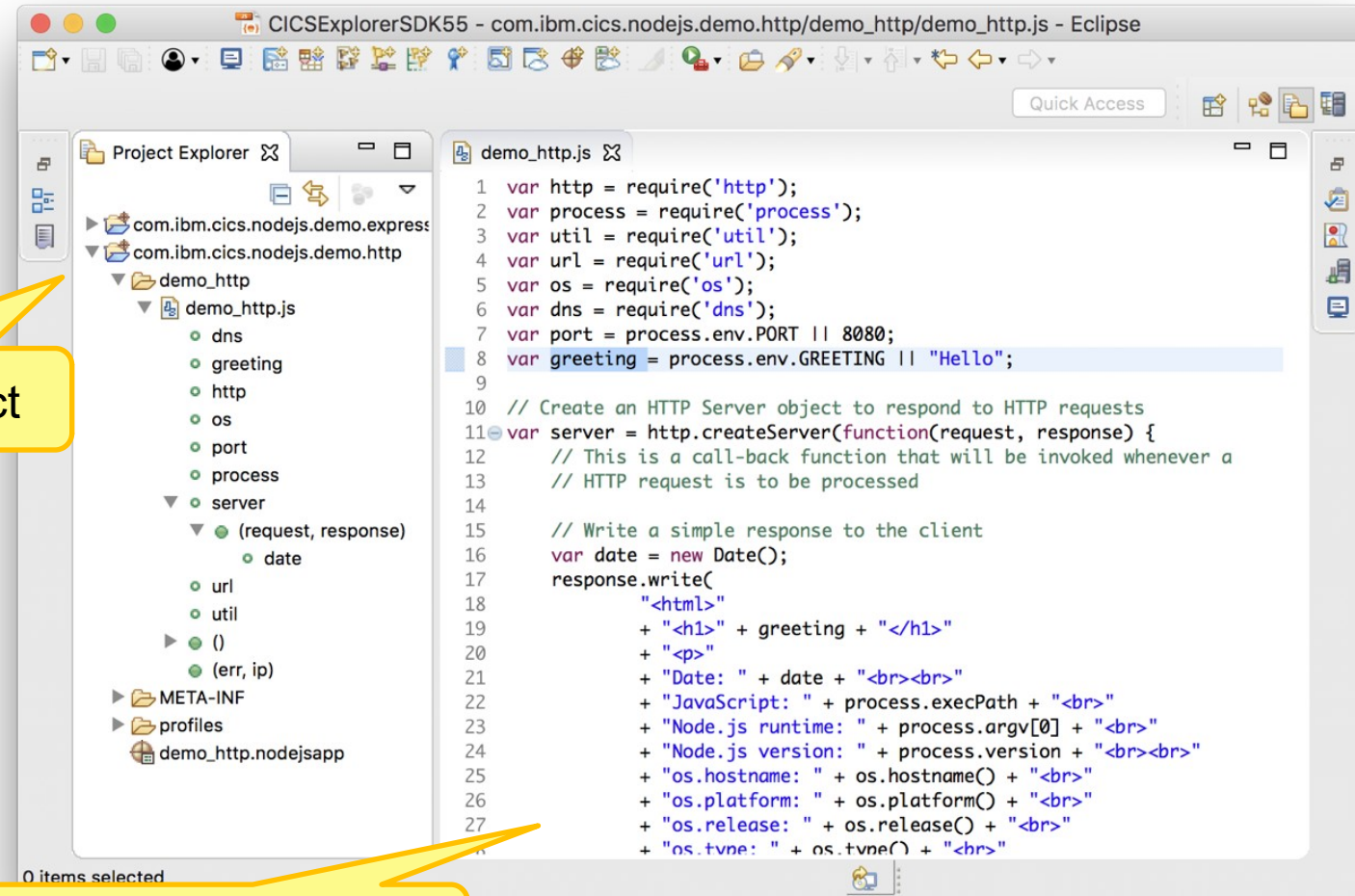
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6. Perform `npm install`
7. Define and install CICS bundle resource
8. Verify install successful
9. Verify log messages
10. Run Node.js application

# Use CICS Explorer to package and deploy a Node.js application in CICS

**Create CICS bundle project**  
**Copy in Node.js application**

CICS bundle project



Node.js application

# Use CICS Explorer to package and deploy a Node.js application in CICS

Create CICS bundle project

Copy in Node.js application

**Add CICS Node.js profile**

**Environment variables for applications**

PORT=8090

**Options for CICS to configure Node.js**

NODE\_HOME=/path

PRINT\_PROFILE=YES

**Options for you to configure Node.js**

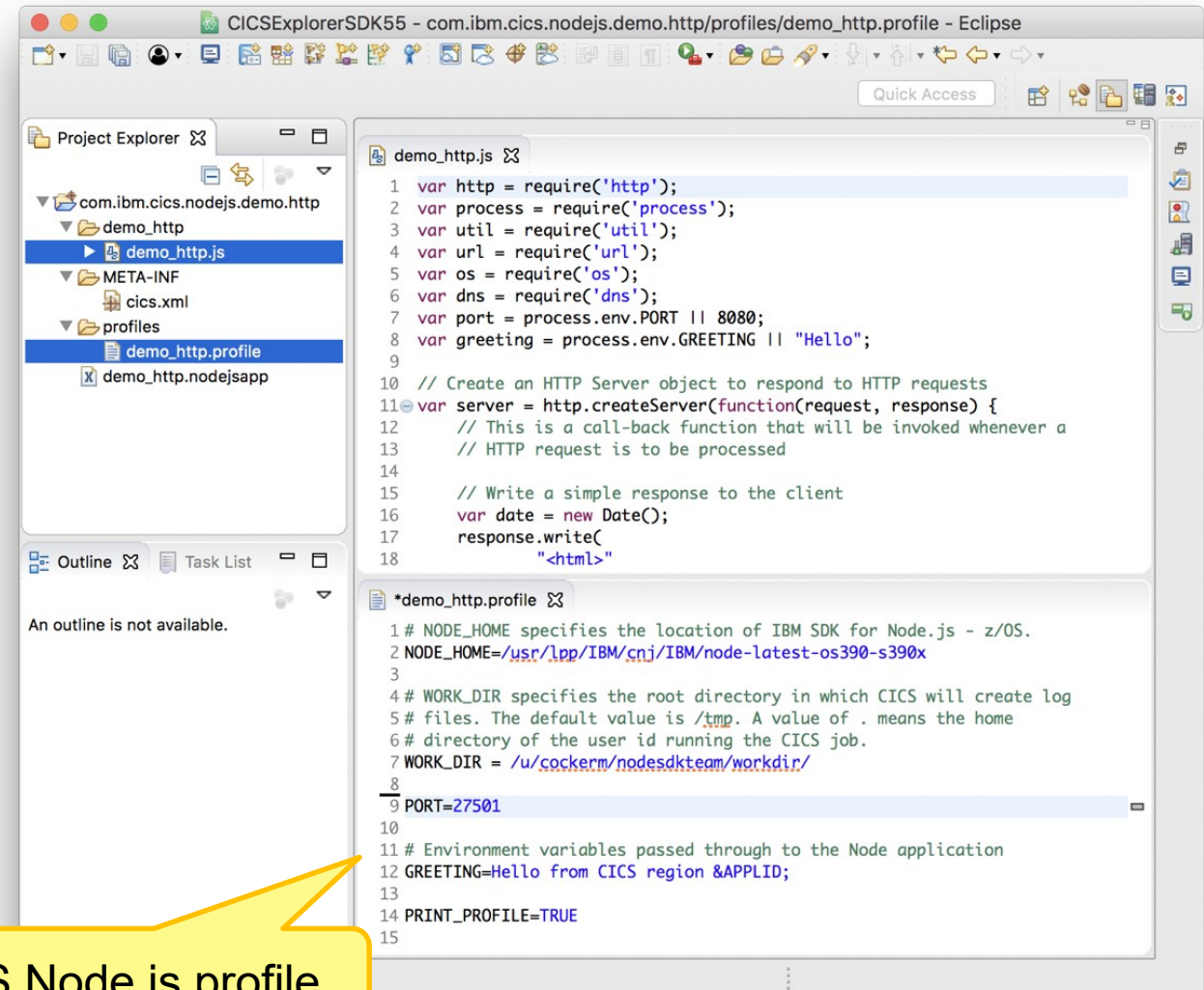
--require appmetrics/start

**Include common configuration**

%INCLUDE=/path/file

**Environment variables and CICS symbols can be substituted to avoid config duplication**

%INCLUDE=&USSCONFIG;/path/file



CICS Node.js profile

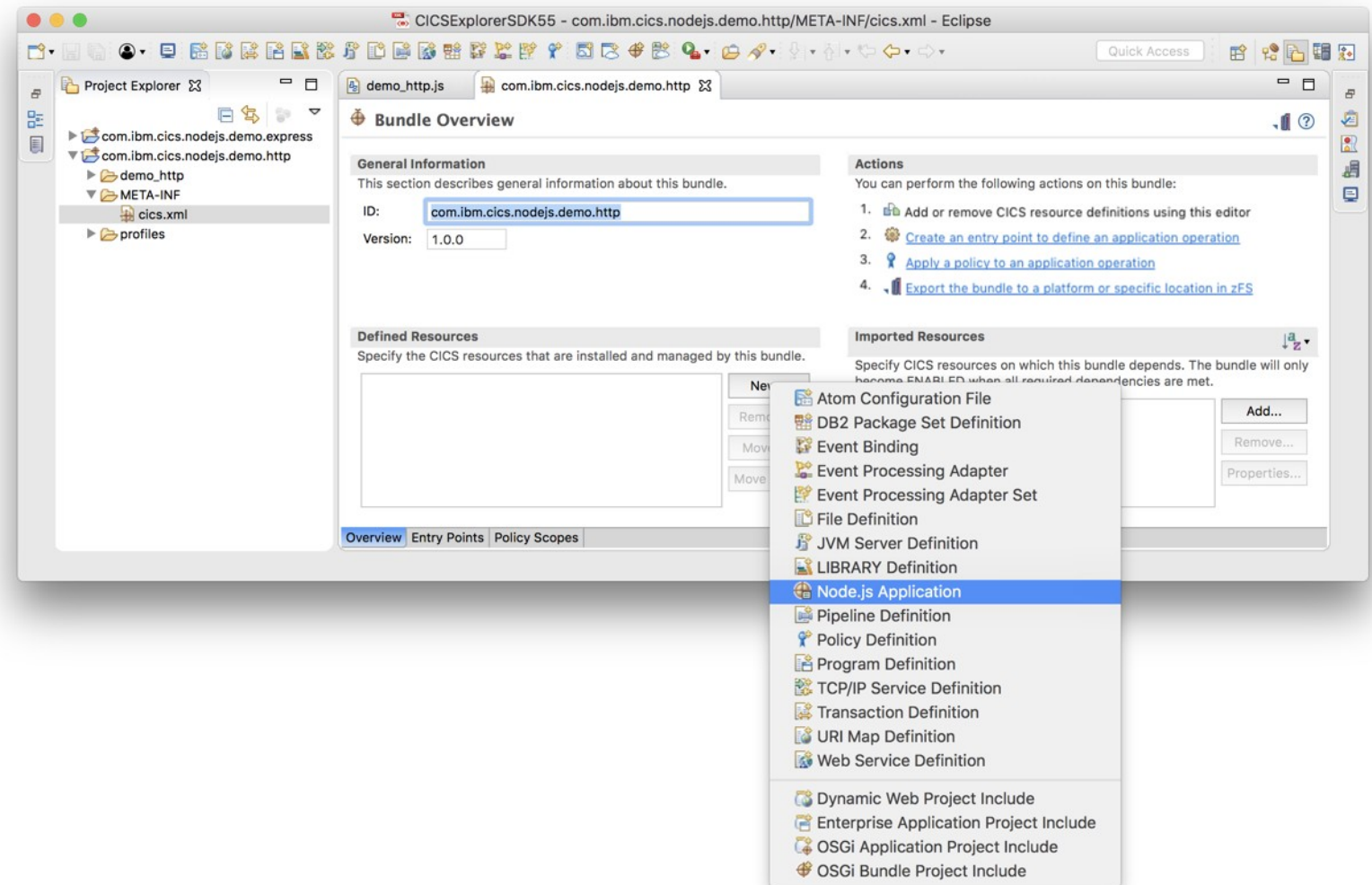
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**Add Node.js bundle part**





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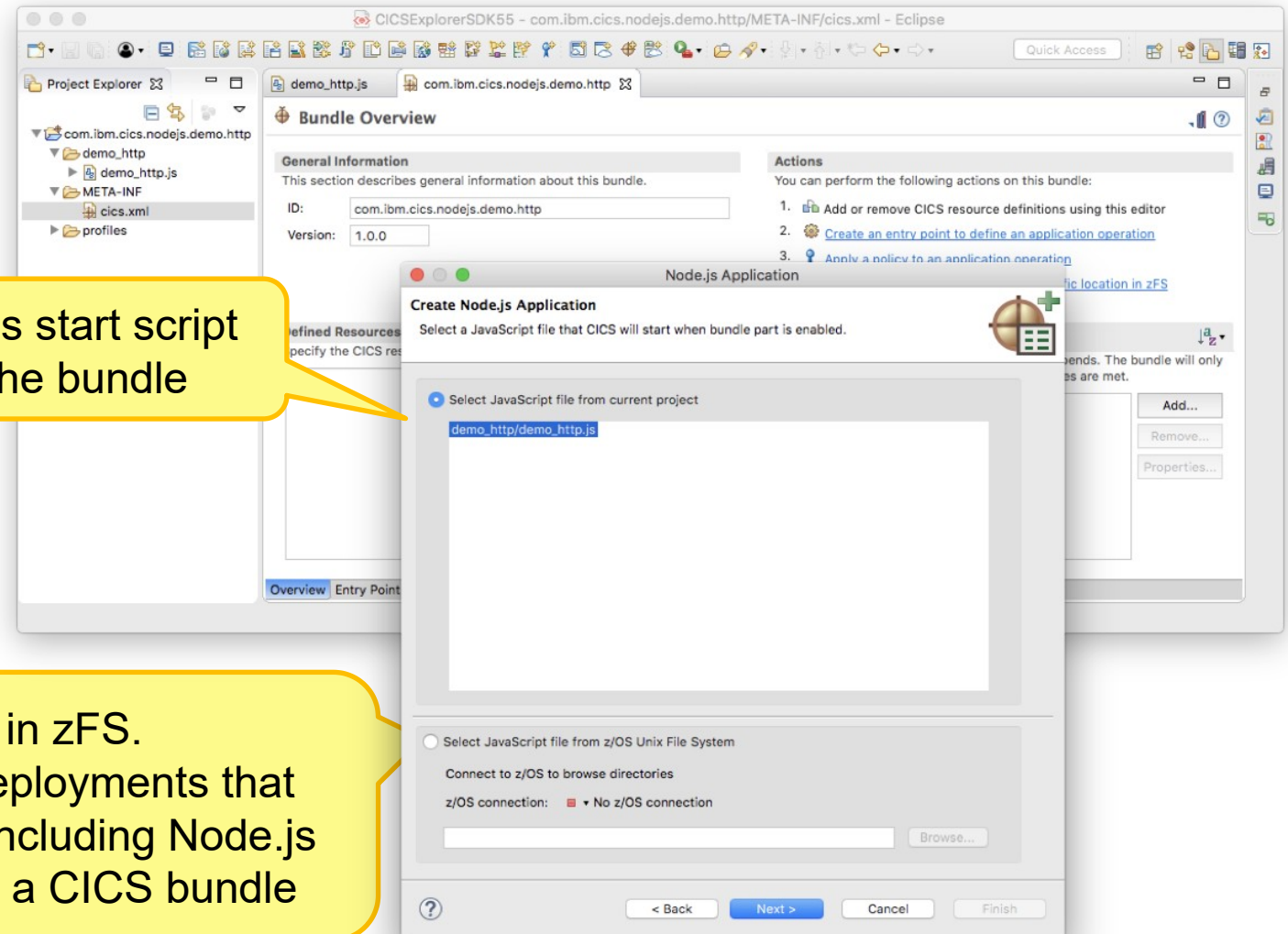
Add Node.js bundle part

**Node.js start script**

Node.js start script  
in the bundle

... or in zFS.

Useful with deployments that  
want to avoid including Node.js  
application in a CICS bundle





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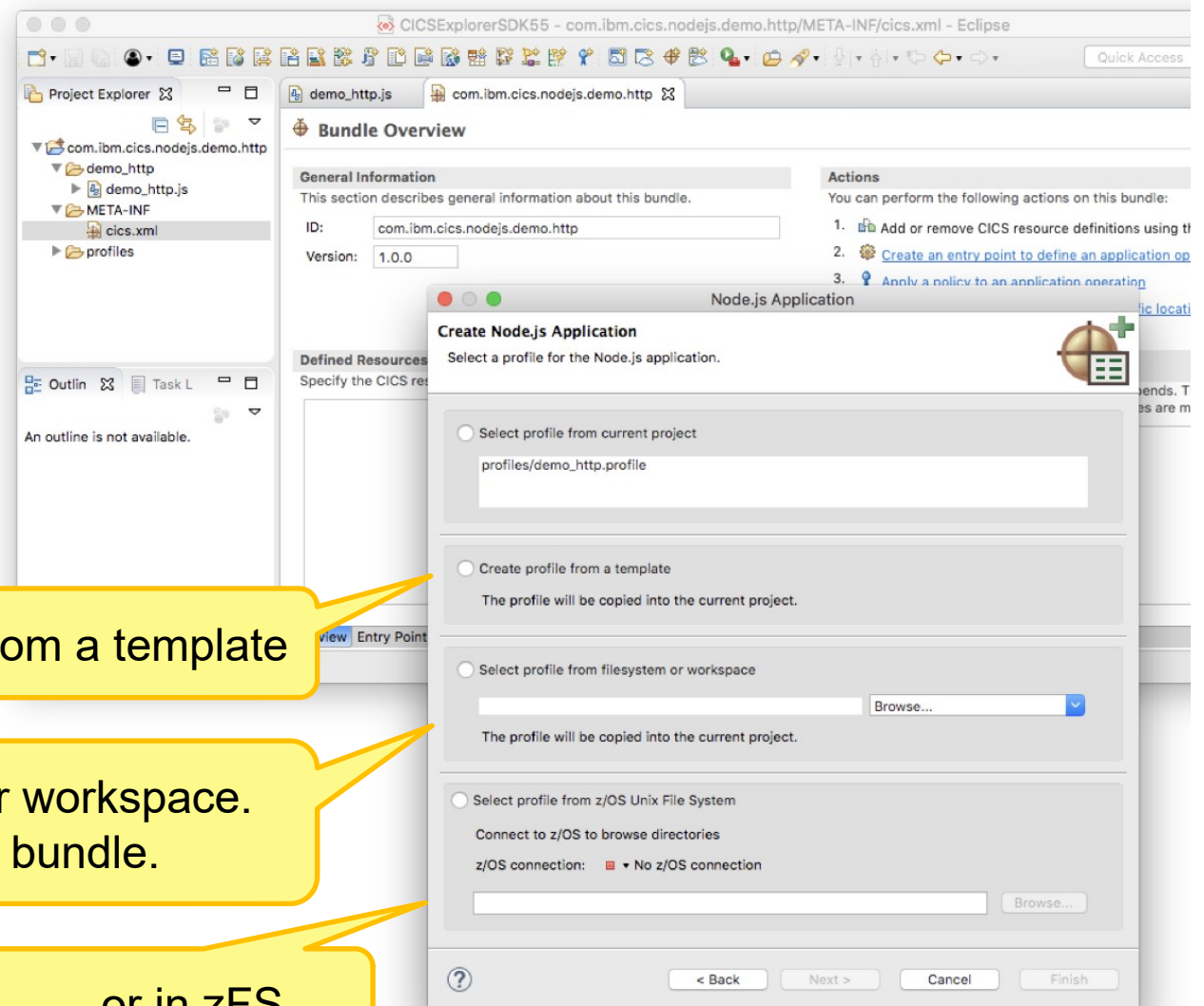
Node.js start script

**CICS Node.js profile**

... or create a new profile from a template

... or local filesystem or workspace.  
Will be copied into bundle.

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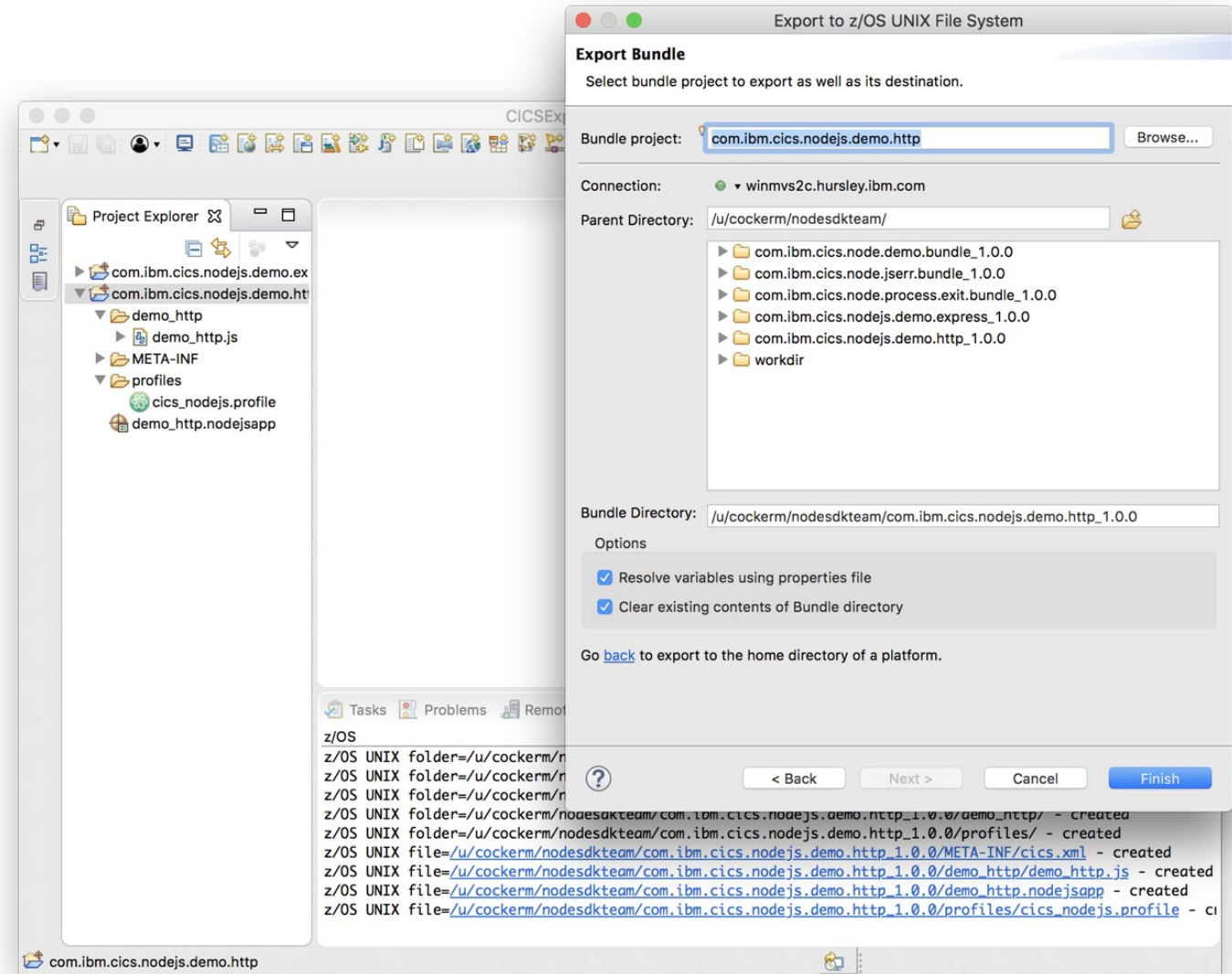
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## Export to zFS

Optionally, tag Node.js application files

Optionally, run npm install



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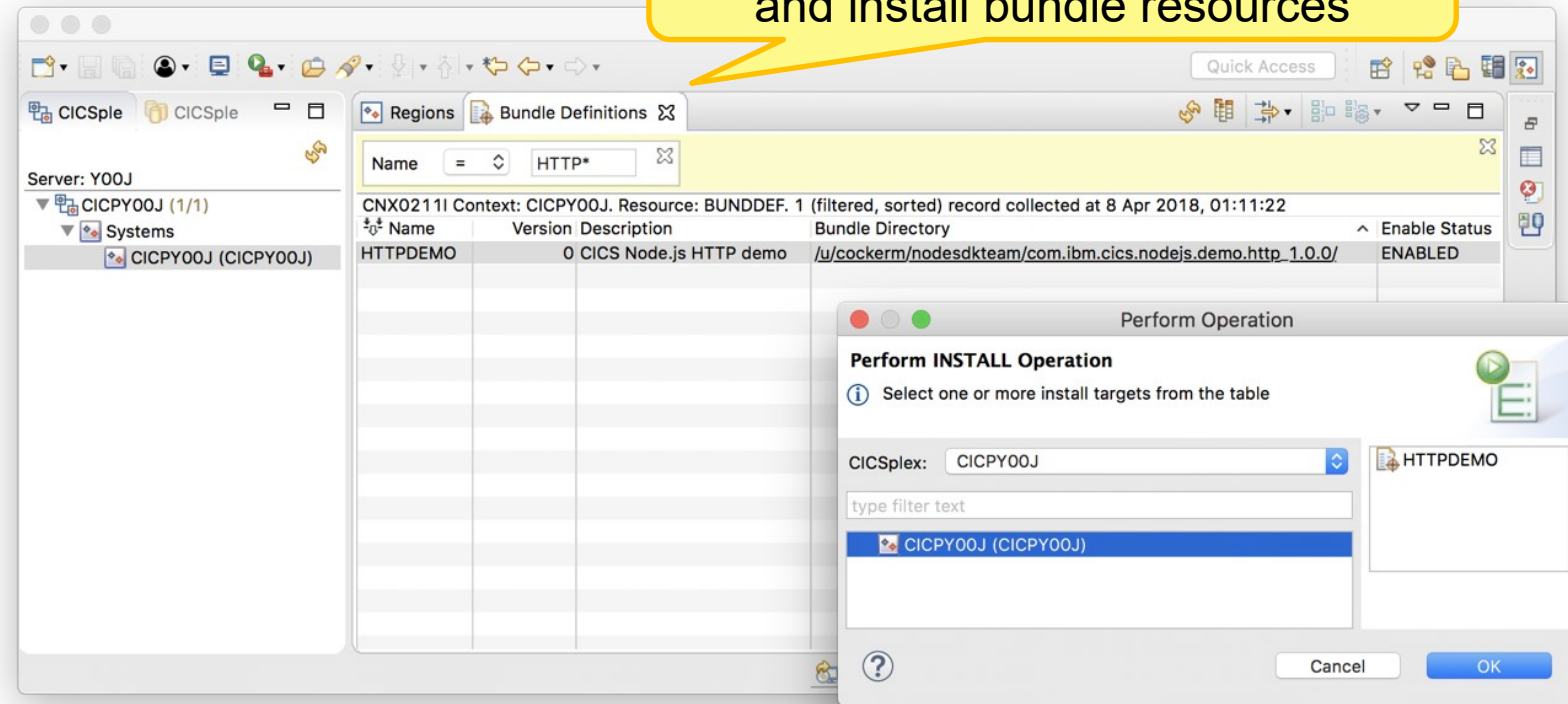
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**Define and install  
CICS bundle resource**

Bundle Definitions view to define and install bundle resources



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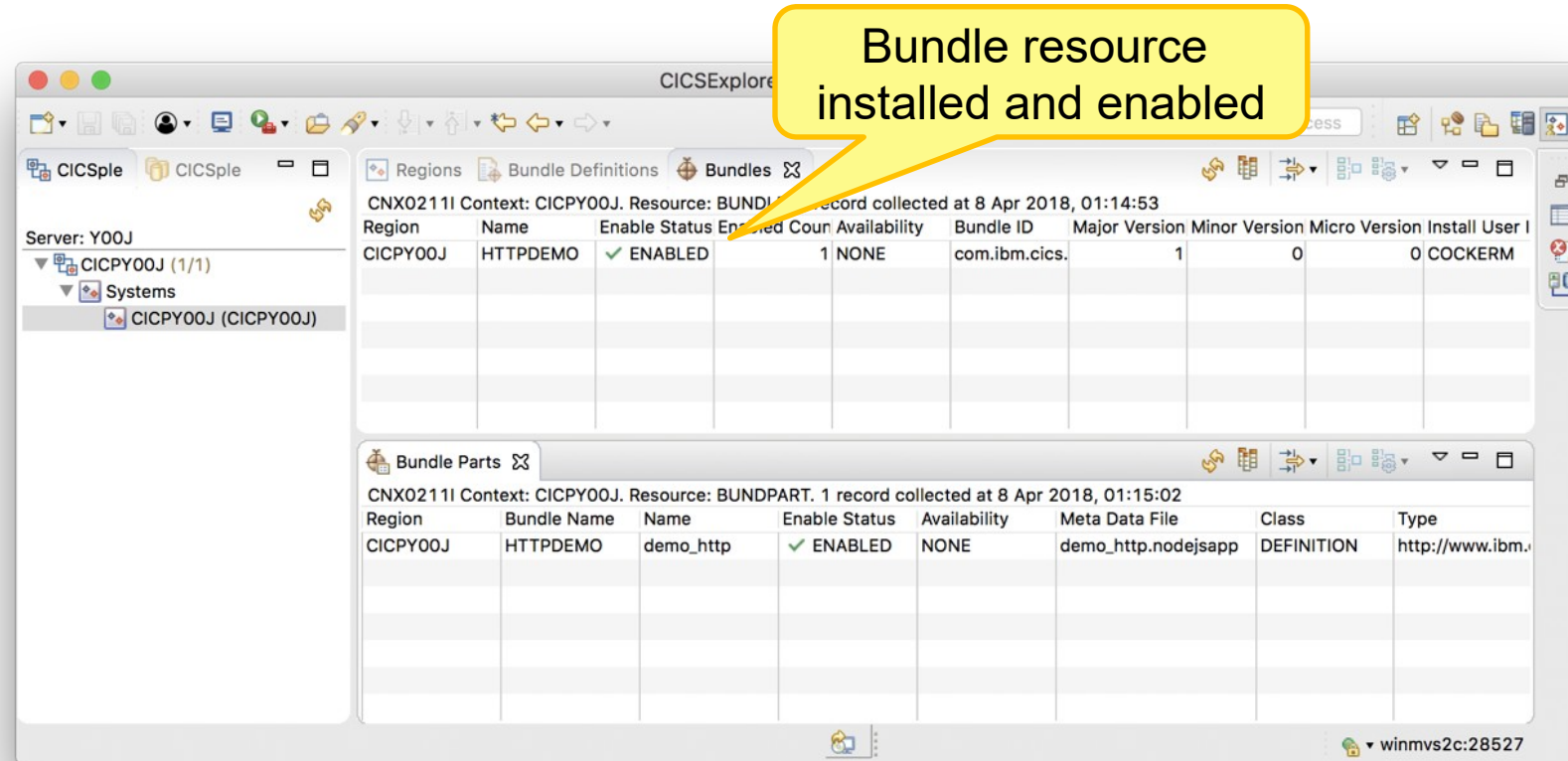
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**Verify install successful**



The screenshot shows the CICS Explorer interface. On the left, the 'CICSple' tree view shows the 'Systems' folder expanded, with 'CICPY00J (CICPY00J)' selected. The main pane displays the 'Bundles' tab, showing a table of bundle resources. A yellow callout bubble points to the 'ENABLED' status of the 'HTTPDEMO' bundle.

**Bundle resource installed and enabled**

Region	Name	Enable Status	Enabled Count	Availability	Bundle ID	Major Version	Minor Version	Micro Version	Install User
CICPY00J	HTTPDEMO	✓ ENABLED	1	NONE	com.ibm.cics.	1	0	0	COCKERM

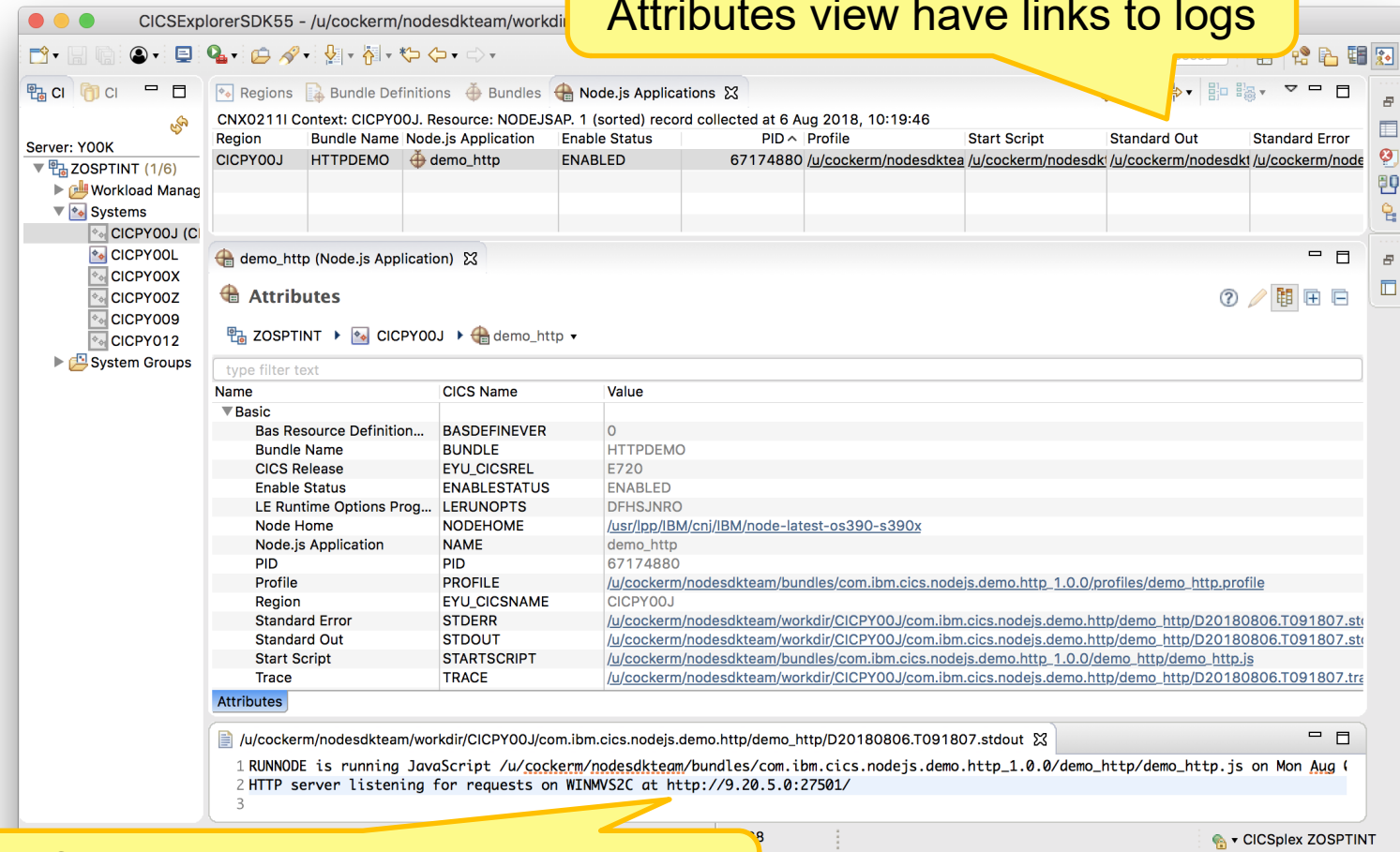
Below the 'Bundles' tab, the 'Bundle Parts' tab is visible, showing a table of bundle parts.

Region	Bundle Name	Name	Enable Status	Availability	Meta Data File	Class	Type
CICPY00J	HTTPDEMO	demo_http	✓ ENABLED	NONE	demo_http.nodejsapp	DEFINITION	http://www.ibm.

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- Verify install successful
- Verify log messages**

Node.js Applications view and Attributes view have links to logs



The screenshot shows the CICS Explorer interface. On the left, a tree view shows the project structure under 'Server: Y00K', including 'ZOSPTINT (1/6)', 'Workload Manag', 'Systems', and 'CICPY00J (C)'. The main pane displays the 'Node.js Applications' view for the 'demo\_http' application. Below this, the 'Attributes' view is shown, listing various attributes and their values. A yellow callout points to the 'Standard Out' and 'Standard Error' links in the attributes table, which lead to log files. At the bottom, a yellow callout points to the 'Standard Out' log content, which shows the application starting and listening on a specific port.

Name	CICS Name	Value
Bas Resource Definition...	BASDEFINEVER	0
Bundle Name	BUNDLE	HTTPDEMO
CICS Release	EYU_CICSREL	E720
Enable Status	ENABLESTATUS	ENABLED
LE Runtime Options Prog...	LERUNOPTS	DFHJSNRO
Node Home	NODEHOME	<a href="#">/usr/lpp/IBM/cni/IBM/node-latest-os390-s390x</a>
Node.js Application	NAME	demo_http
PID	PID	67174880
Profile	PROFILE	<a href="#">/u/cockerm/nodesdkteam/bundles/com.ibm.cics.nodejs.demo.http.1.0.0/profiles/demo_http.profile</a>
Region	EYU_CICSNAME	CICPY00J
Standard Error	STDERR	<a href="#">/u/cockerm/nodesdkteam/workdir/CICPY00J/com.ibm.cics.nodejs.demo.http.demo_http/D20180806.T091807.st</a>
Standard Out	STDOUT	<a href="#">/u/cockerm/nodesdkteam/workdir/CICPY00J/com.ibm.cics.nodejs.demo.http.demo_http/D20180806.T091807.st</a>
Start Script	STARTSCRIPT	<a href="#">/u/cockerm/nodesdkteam/bundles/com.ibm.cics.nodejs.demo.http.1.0.0/demo_http/demo_http.js</a>
Trace	TRACE	<a href="#">/u/cockerm/nodesdkteam/workdir/CICPY00J/com.ibm.cics.nodejs.demo.http.demo_http/D20180806.T091807.tr</a>

Standard Out shows application is listening for work using port from CICS Node.js profile

```

1 RUNNODE is running JavaScript /u/cockerm/nodesdkteam/bundles/com.ibm.cics.nodejs.demo.http.1.0.0/demo_http/demo_http.js on Mon Aug 6
2 HTTP server listening for requests on WINMVS2C at http://9.20.5.0:27501/
3

```



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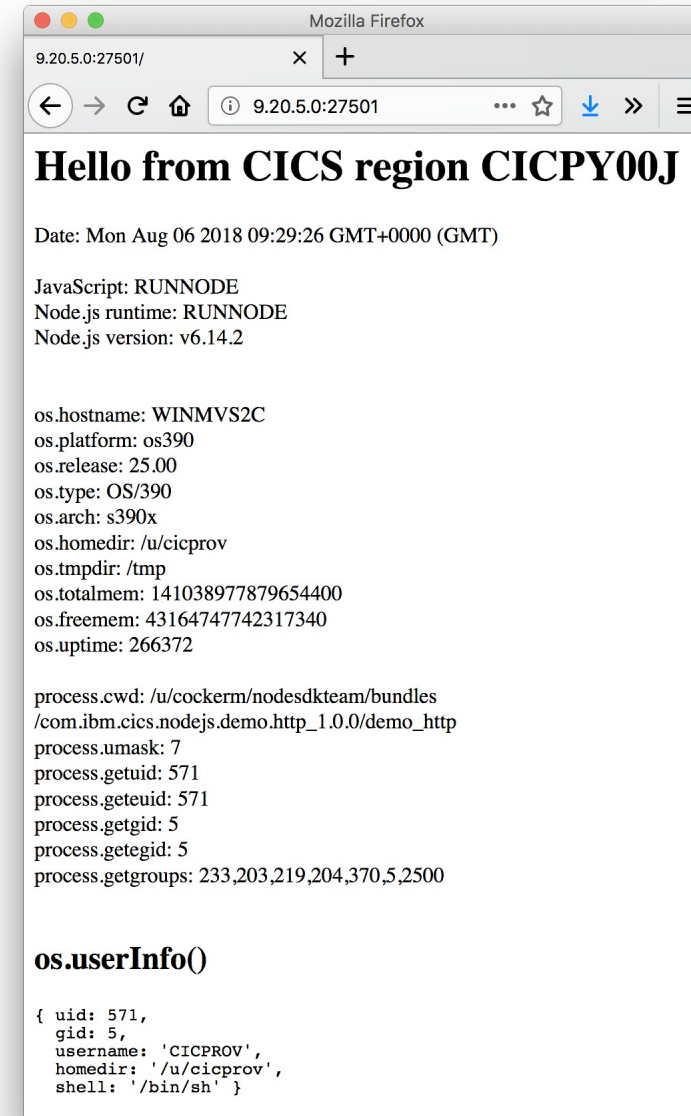
Export to zFS

Define and install  
CICS bundle resource

Verify install successful

Verify log messages

**Run Node.js application**



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying '9.20.5.0:27501/'. The page content is as follows:

```

Hello from CICS region CICPY00J

Date: Mon Aug 06 2018 09:29:26 GMT+0000 (GMT)

JavaScript: RUNNODE
Node.js runtime: RUNNODE
Node.js version: v6.14.2

os.hostname: WINMVS2C
os.platform: os390
os.release: 25.00
os.type: OS/390
os.arch: s390x
os.homedir: /u/cicprov
os.tmpdir: /tmp
os.totalmem: 141038977879654400
os.freemem: 43164747742317340
os.uptime: 266372

process.cwd: /u/cockerm/nodesdkteam/bundles
/com.ibm.cics.nodejs.demo.http_1.0.0/demo_http
process.umask: 7
process.getuid: 571
process.geteuid: 571
process.getgid: 5
process.getegid: 5
process.getgroups: 233,203,219,204,370,5,2500

os.userInfo()

{ uid: 571,
  gid: 5,
  username: 'CICPROV',
  homedir: '/u/cicprov',
  shell: '/bin/sh' }
```



# SUMMARY & NEXT STEPS

## Try it for yourself

[CICS Developer Center](#) for Q&A

[CICS and Node.js](#) topic in the CICS TS V5.5 open beta documentation for introduction

### Try it on your IBM Z system

- Install CICS TS and CICS Explorer V5.5 open betas
- Install IBM SDK for Node.js - z/OS and its software requirements

### Try it on an IBM Z hosted environment

CICS and Node.js are setup and ready with exercises for you to try

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