



Node.JS

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*Node's goal is to provide an easy way
to build scalable network programs*

Install Node.js
From
<http://nodejs.org>

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v6.11.3 LTS
Recommended For Most Users

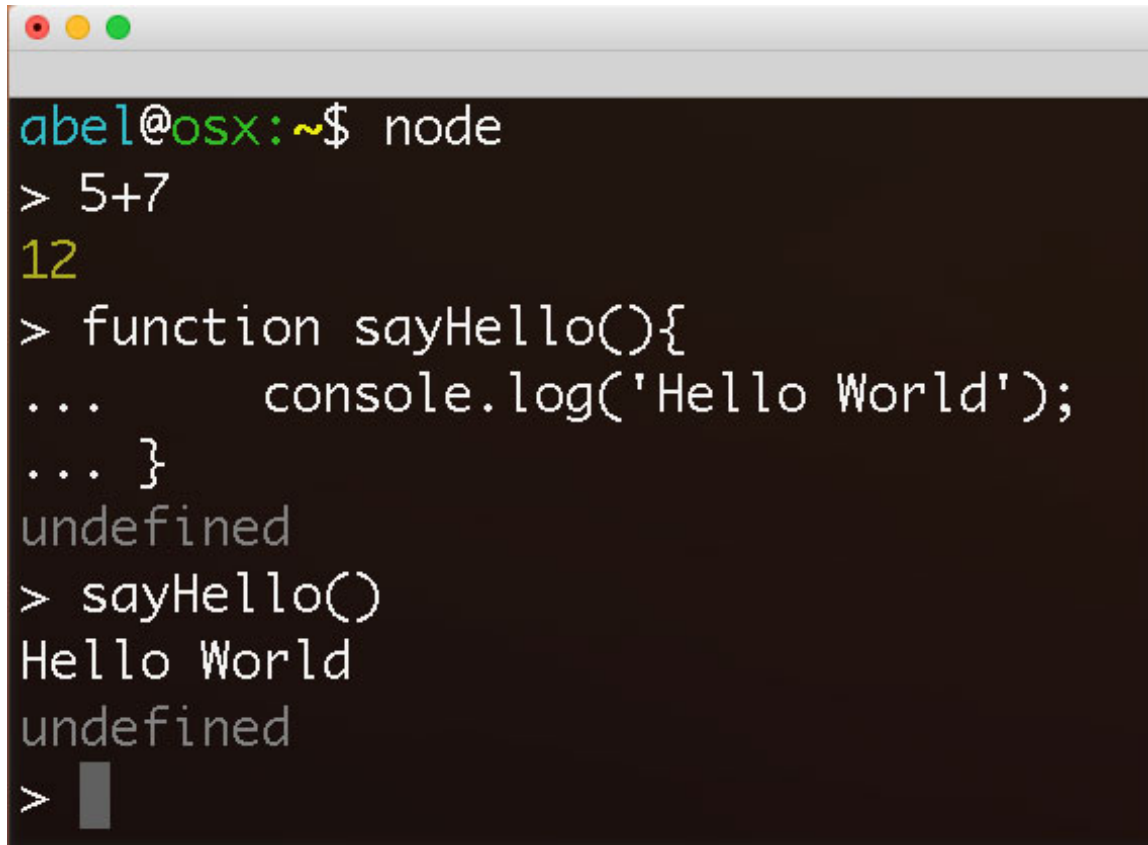
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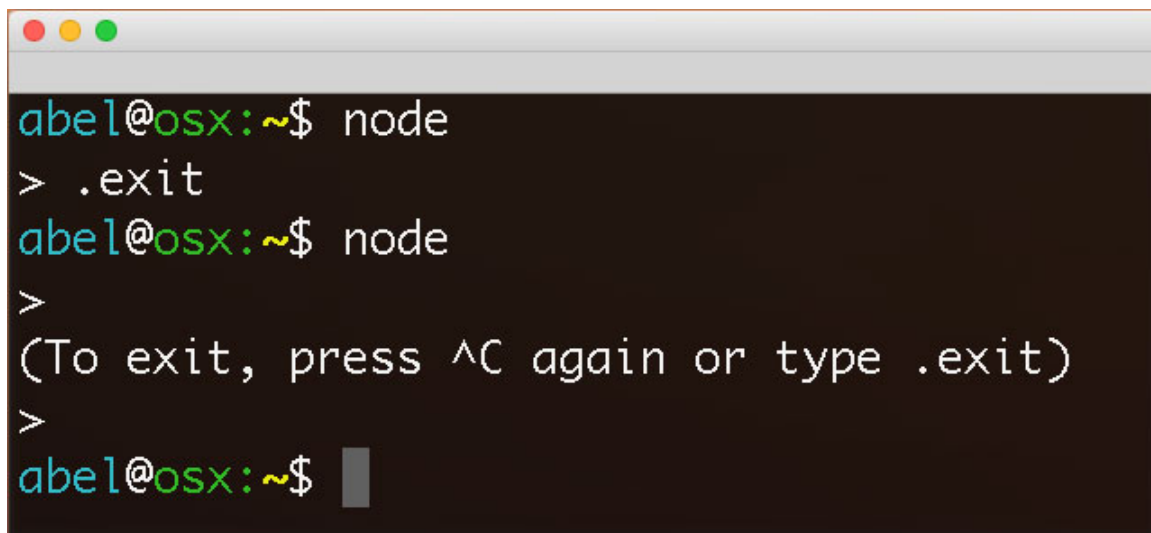
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Console Use

A terminal window with a dark background and light-colored text. The window has a title bar with three colored buttons (red, yellow, green) on the left. The text inside the terminal shows a Node.js REPL session. The prompt is 'abel@osx:~\$'. The user enters 'node'. The prompt changes to '>'. The user enters '5+7'. The output is '12'. The user enters a function definition: 'function sayHello(){ ... console.log('Hello World'); ... }'. The output is 'undefined'. The user enters 'sayHello()'. The output is 'Hello World'. The user enters 'undefined'. The output is 'undefined'. The prompt is '>' with a cursor.

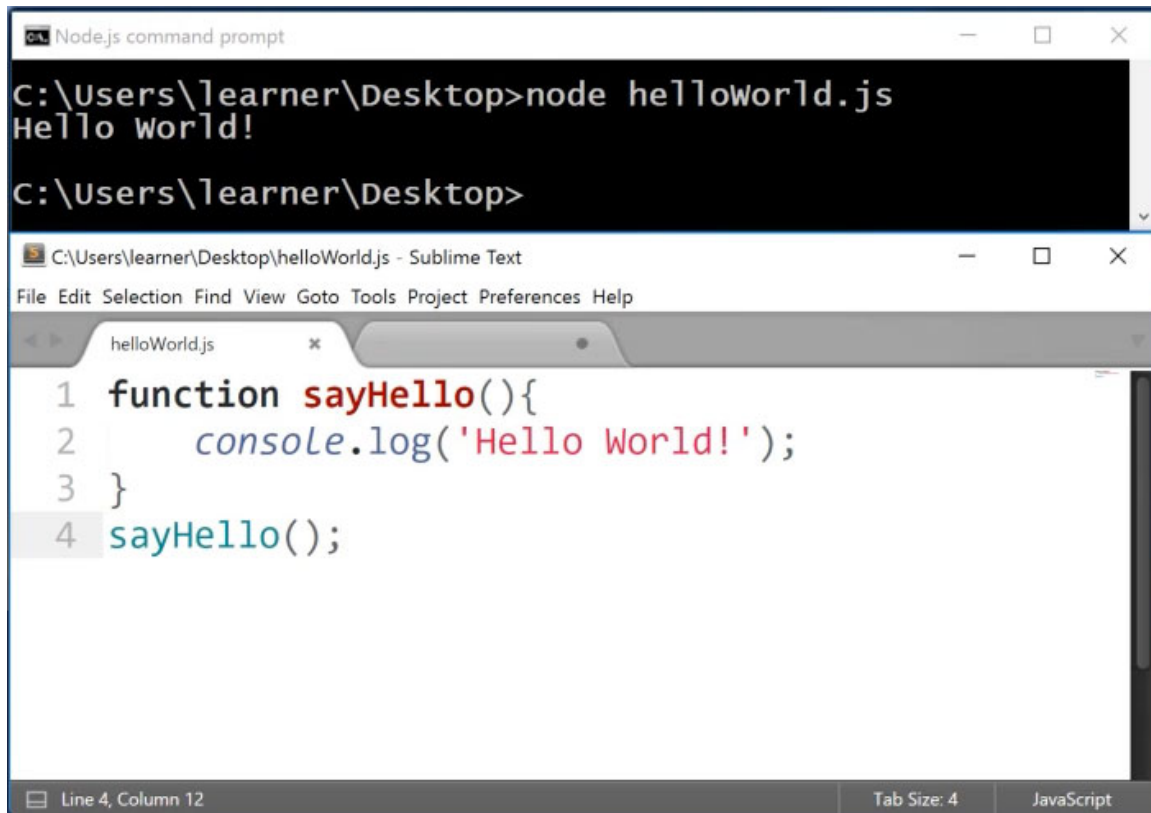
```
abel@osx:~$ node
> 5+7
12
> function sayHello(){
...     console.log('Hello World');
... }
undefined
> sayHello()
Hello World
undefined
>
```

Exit Console

A screenshot of a macOS terminal window with a dark background. The window has a title bar with three colored window control buttons (red, yellow, green) on the left. The terminal shows a Node.js REPL session. The prompt is 'abel@osx:~\$' in cyan and green. The user enters 'node' in white. The prompt changes to '>' in white. The user enters '.exit' in white. The prompt returns to 'abel@osx:~\$' in cyan and green. The user enters 'node' in white. The prompt changes to '>' in white. A message '(To exit, press ^C again or type .exit)' is displayed in white. The prompt changes back to '>' in white. The user enters a blank line, and the prompt returns to 'abel@osx:~\$' in cyan and green, followed by a grey cursor bar.

```
abel@osx:~$ node
> .exit
abel@osx:~$ node
>
(To exit, press ^C again or type .exit)
>
abel@osx:~$ █
```

Run File

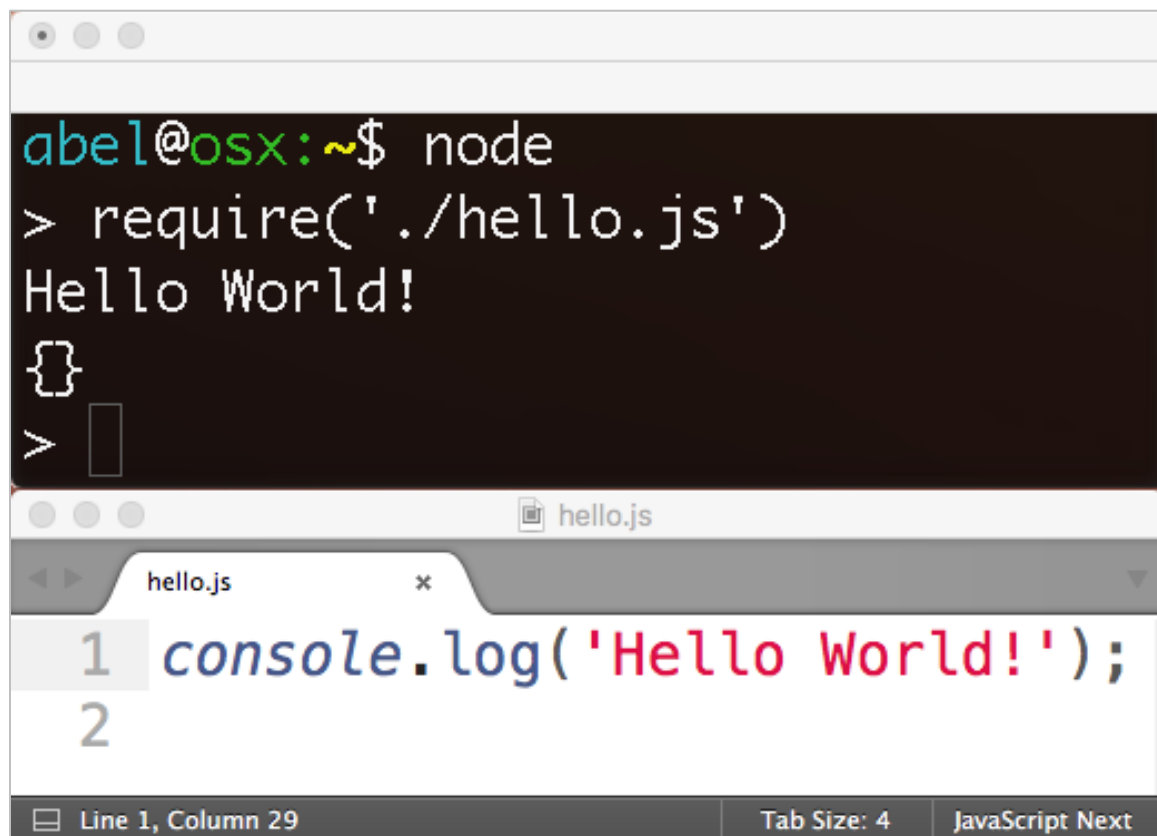


The image shows two overlapping windows. The top window is a 'Node.js command prompt' with a black background and white text. It shows the command `node helloWorld.js` being executed, resulting in the output `Hello world!`. The bottom window is a 'Sublime Text' editor with a white background and a menu bar (File, Edit, Selection, Find, View, Goto, Tools, Project, Preferences, Help). It shows a file named `helloWorld.js` with the following code:

```
1 function sayHello(){
2     console.log('Hello World!');
3 }
4 sayHello();
```

The status bar at the bottom of the Sublime Text window indicates 'Line 4, Column 12', 'Tab Size: 4', and 'JavaScript'.

Load File



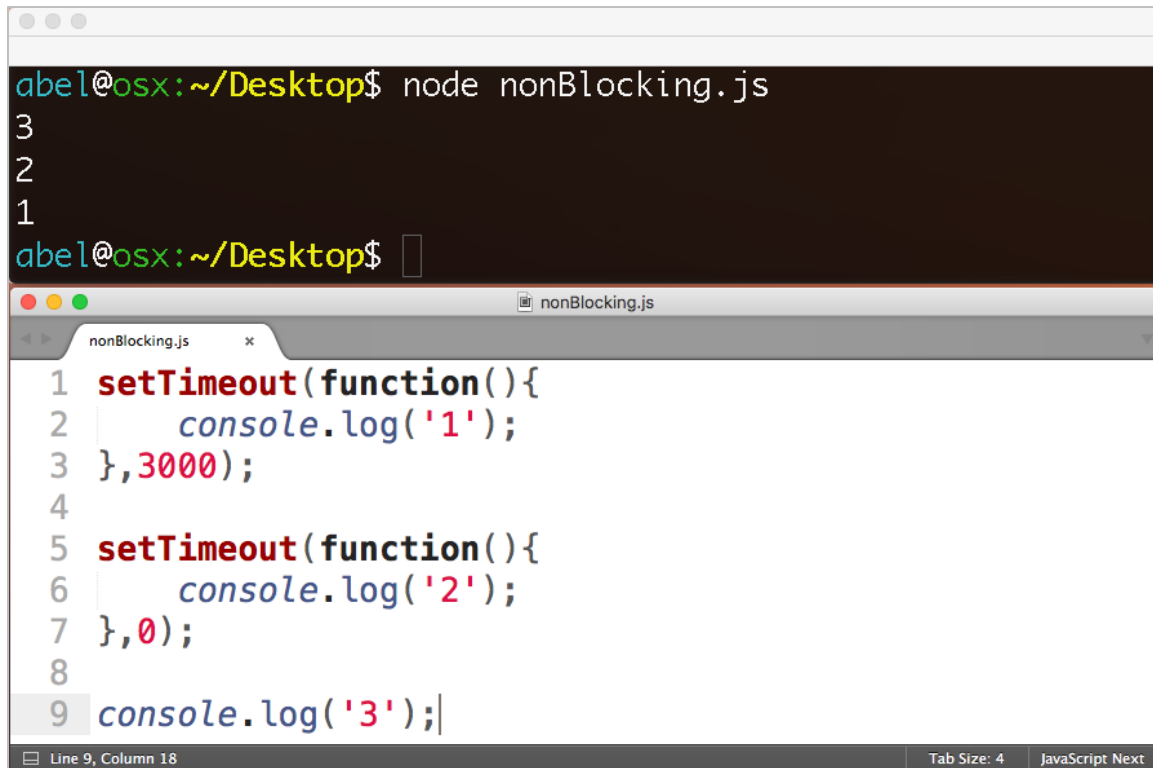
The image shows a terminal window and a code editor window. The terminal window displays the command `node` being run, followed by the command `require('./hello.js')`, which outputs `Hello World!`. The code editor window shows the contents of `hello.js`, which is a single line of code: `console.log('Hello World!');`.

```
abel@osx:~$ node
> require('./hello.js')
Hello World!
{}
>
```

```
hello.js
1 console.log('Hello World!');
2
```

Line 1, Column 29 Tab Size: 4 JavaScript Next

Non-Blocking

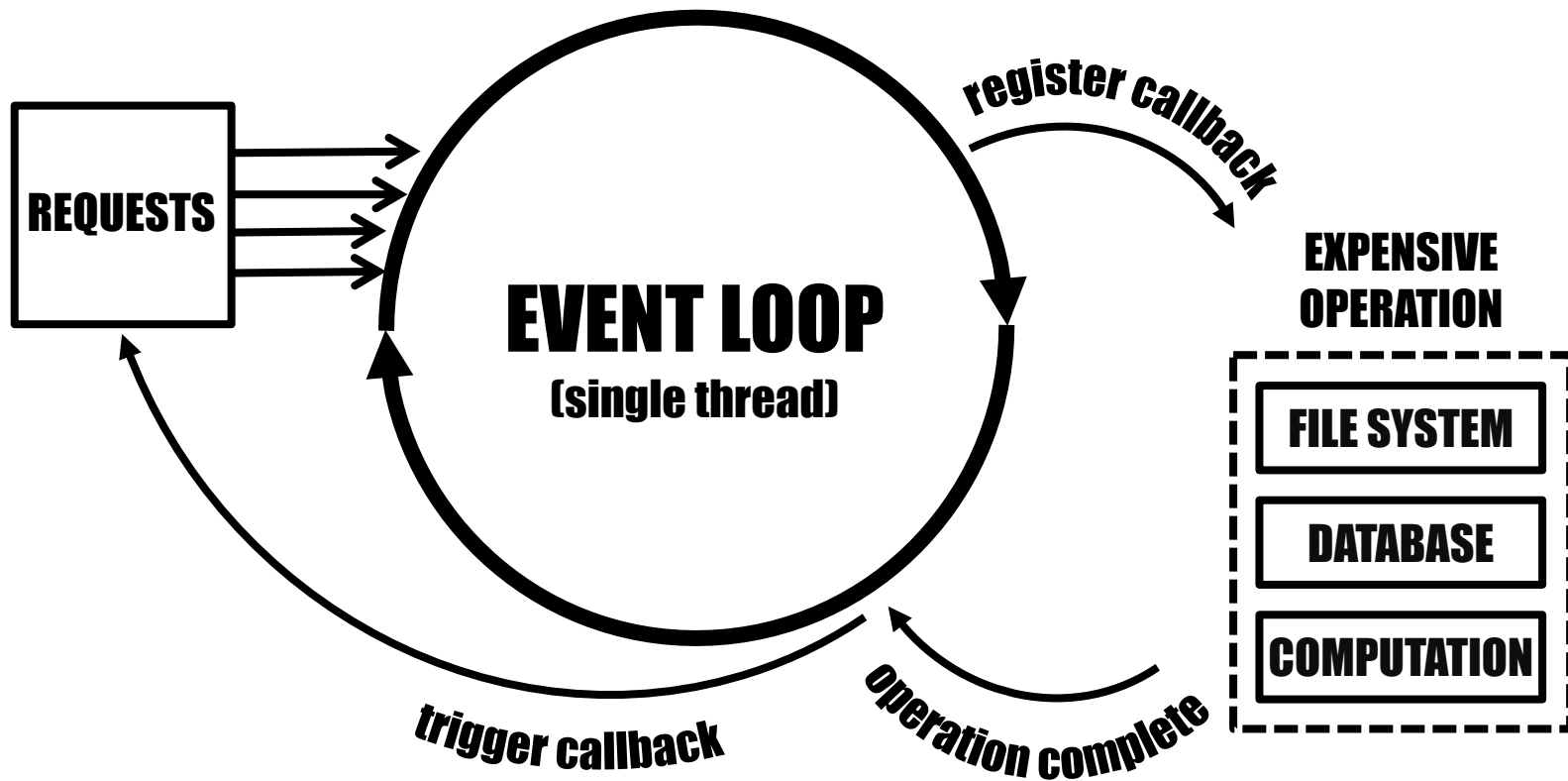


The image shows a terminal window and a code editor. The terminal window, titled 'nonBlocking.js', displays the command `node nonBlocking.js` and the output `3`, `2`, and `1` on separate lines. The code editor, also titled 'nonBlocking.js', shows the following JavaScript code:

```
1 setTimeout(function(){  
2   console.log('1');  
3 },3000);  
4  
5 setTimeout(function(){  
6   console.log('2');  
7 },0);  
8  
9 console.log('3');
```

The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Line 9, Column 18', 'Tab Size: 4', and 'JavaScript Next'.





Architectural Shift

1.old) web server with application logic

1.new) app that can connect and collaborate

2.old) stateful

2.new) stateless

Architectural Shift

1.old) blocking

1.new) non-blocking

2.old) process per request

2.new) single process



MODULES

```
abel@osx:~/Desktop$ node consumeHello.js  
Hello World  
abel@osx:~/Desktop$
```

```
1 var hello = require('./hello.js');  
2  
3 hello();
```



Use module with
“require”

```
1 module.exports = function(){  
2   console.log('Hello World');  
3 };
```



Make module with
“module.exports”

What is npm?



Package manager. Installs, publishes and manages node programs

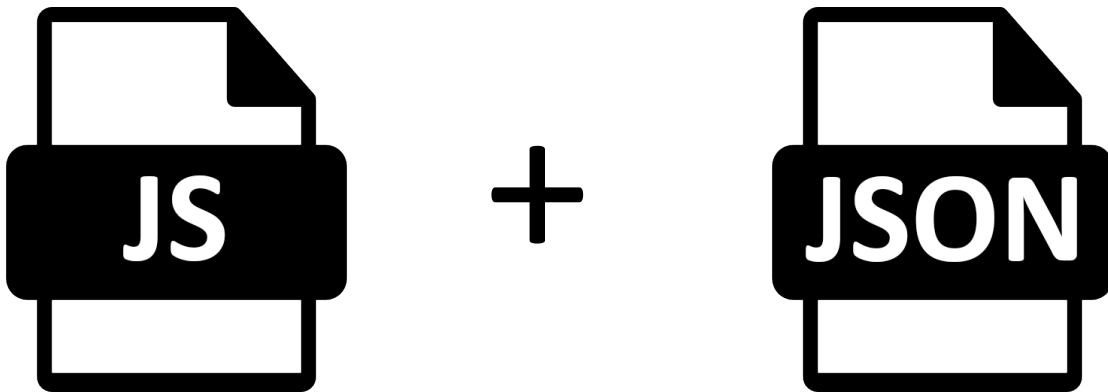
What is npm? Largest Ecosystem

475K Modules

2.7 Billion/Week

What is a Module?

A Module is some JavaScript
paired with a package.json file



Advantages

- Small pieces, loosely joined
- Leverage external packages
- Leverage internal packages
- Facilitate collaboration
- Packages are discoverable in npm



Creating node/npm apps

```
abel@osx:~/mywork$ npm init
Press ^C at any time to quit.
name: (mywork)
version: (1.0.0)
description: sample npm app
entry point: (index.js)
test command:
git repository:
keywords:
license: (ISC) MIT
About to write to /Users/abel/mywork/package.json:
```

```
{
  "name": "mywork",
  "version": "1.0.0",
  "description": "sample npm app",
  "main": "index.js",
  "scripts": {
    "test": "echo \"Error: no test specified\" &&
  },
  "author": "abelsan <abel@mit.edu>",
  "license": "MIT"
}
```

Is this ok? (yes) yes

```
abel@osx:~/mywork$
```


“npm init”
generates the
configuration file
package.json

```
abel@osx:~/mywork$ more package.json
{
  "name": "mywork",
  "version": "1.0.0",
  "description": "sample npm app",
  "main": "index.js",
  "scripts": {
    "test": "echo \"Error: no test specified\" && exit 1"
  },
  "author": "abelsan <abel@mit.edu>",
  "license": "MIT"
}
abel@osx:~/mywork$
```

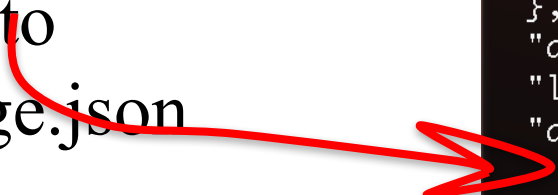


adding npm packages
to your application

```
abel@osx:~/mywork$ npm install request --save
```



Local installation
of request
package.
Dependency
added to
package.json



```
abel@osx:~/mywork$ more package.json
{
  "name": "mywork",
  "version": "1.0.0",
  "description": "sample npm app",
  "main": "index.js",
  "scripts": {
    "test": "echo \"Error: no test specified\" && exit 1"
  },
  "author": "abelsan <abel@mit.edu>",
  "license": "MIT",
  "dependencies": {
    "request": "^2.80.0"
  }
}
abel@osx:~/mywork$
```

Active Learning

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