



This set of slides illustrate the steps for installing Node.js and Express on Windows. **Please don't print it in order to save paper!**

CSCI 4140 – Tutorial 6

Installing Node.js and Express on Windows

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Installing Node.js on Windows

Next, next, next, accept, install... FINISH

Step 1: Download the Windows installer

- Download the latest version of Node.js from <http://nodejs.org/download/>
- Most of you should be using 64-bit machine already 😊

Downloads

Download the Node.js source code or a pre-built installer for your platform, and start developing today.

Current version: v0.10.35



Windows Installer

node-v0.10.35-x86.msi



Macintosh Installer

node-v0.10.35.pkg



Source Code

node-v0.10.35.tar.gz

Windows Installer (.msi)

Windows Binary (.exe)

Mac OS X Installer (.pkg)

Mac OS X Binaries (.tar.gz)

Linux Binaries (.tar.gz)

SunOS Binaries (.tar.gz)

Source Code

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64-bit

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Universal

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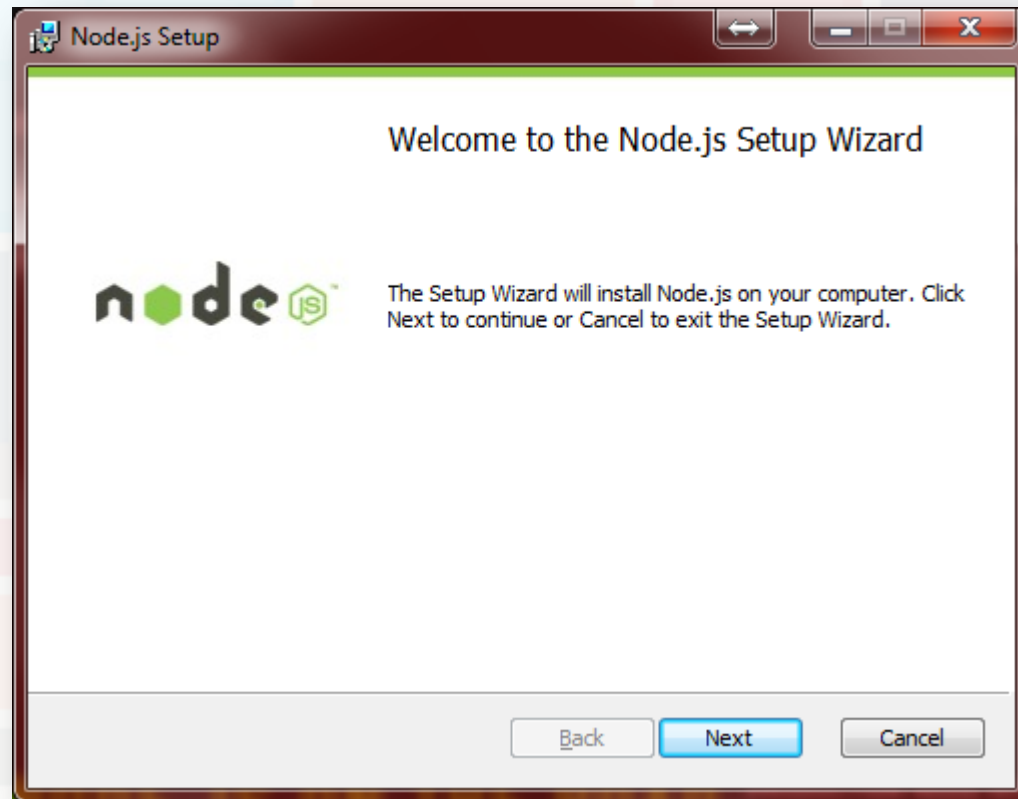
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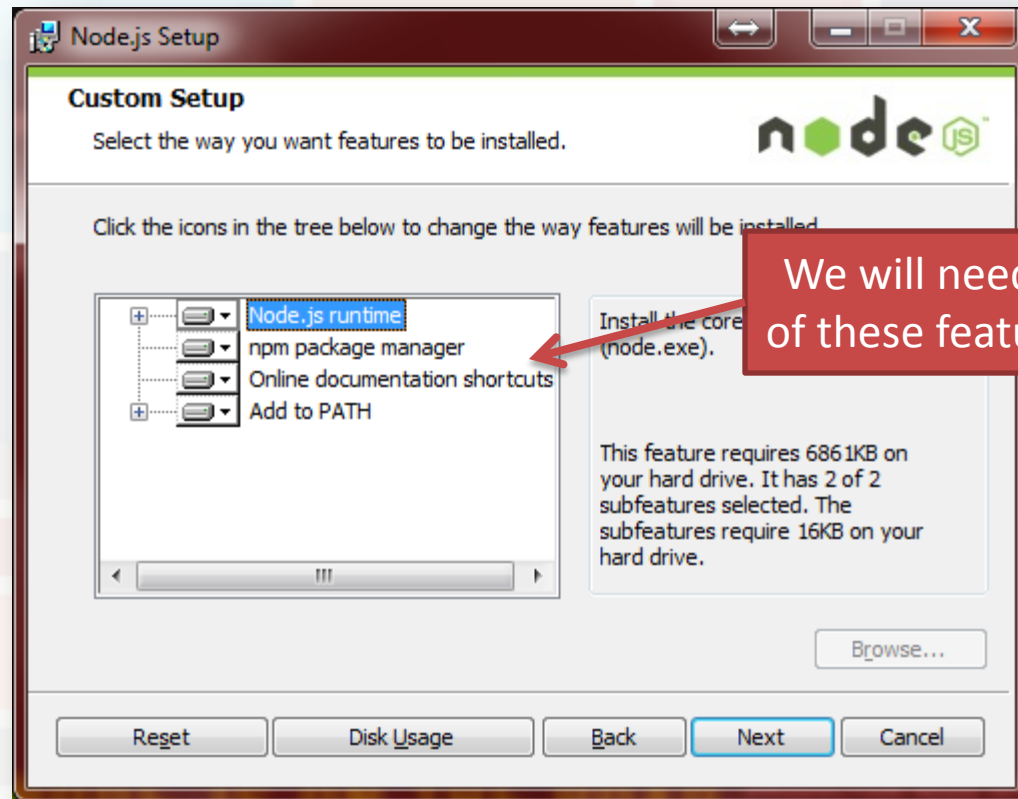
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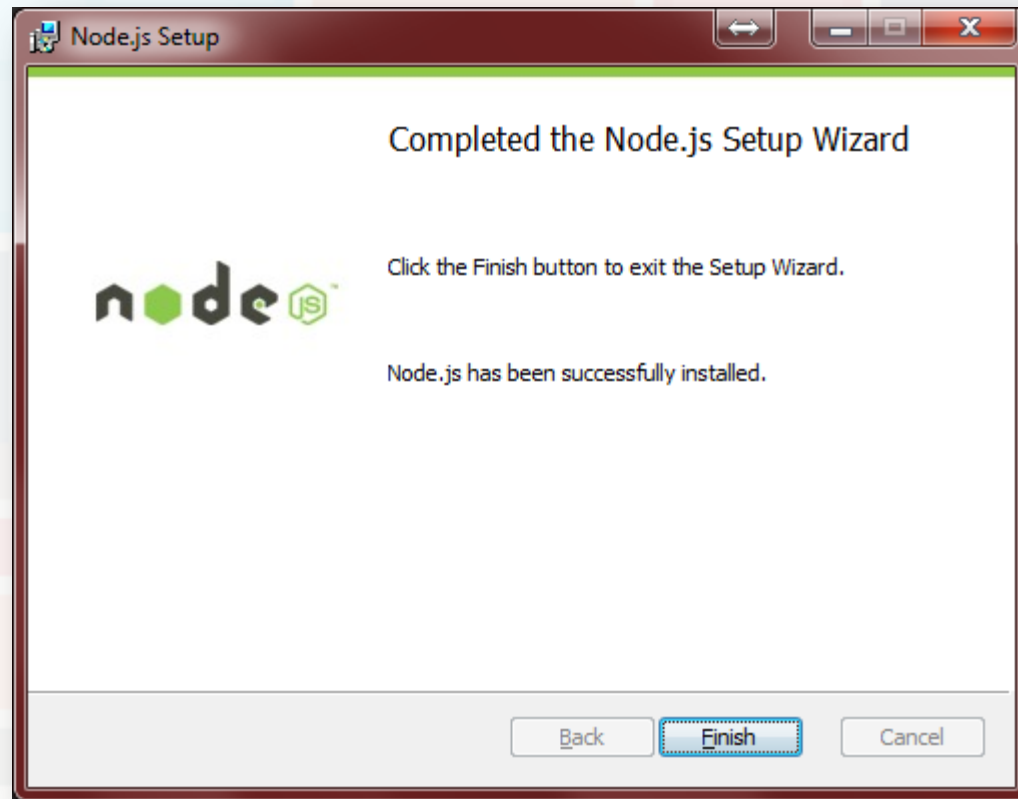
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We will need all of these features.

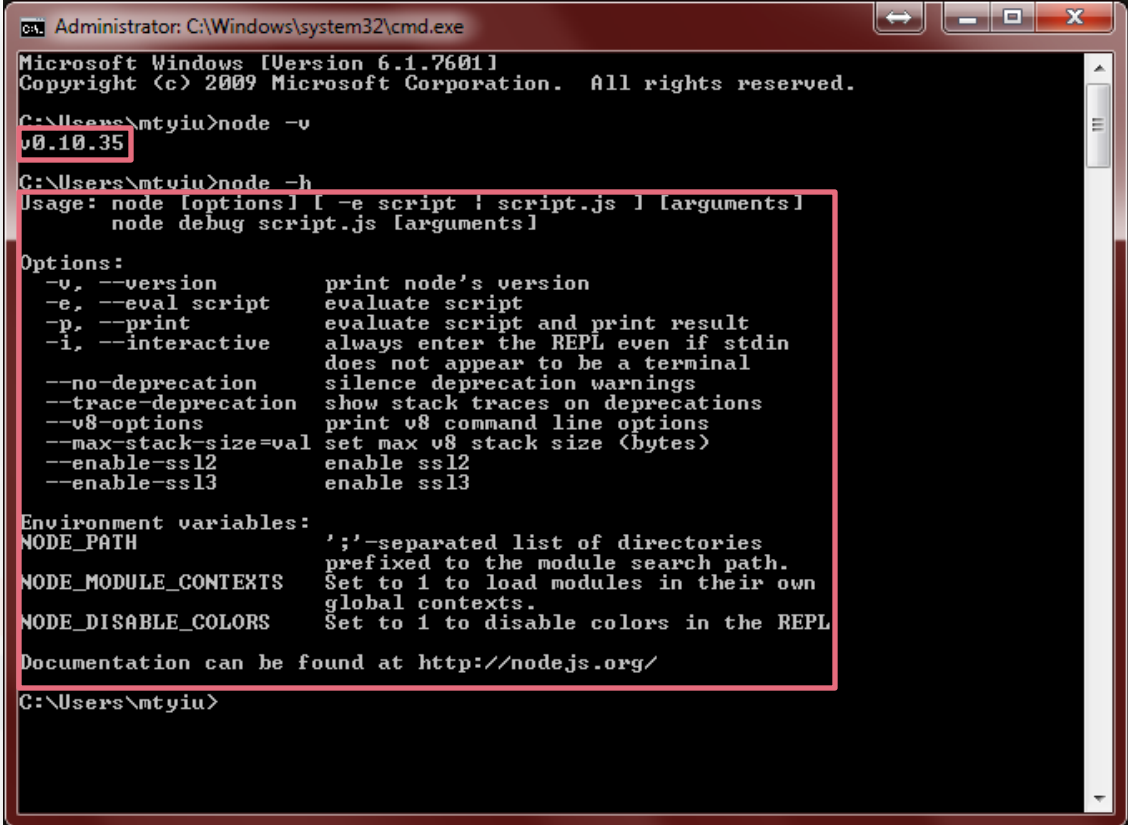
Step 2: Install Node.js

- Finish!



Step 3: Test your Node.js installation

- Open your command prompt:
 - Windows Key + R → Type “cmd”
- Enter “**node -v**” to display the version number of your Node.js installation
- Enter “**node -h**” to display the help message of Node.js



```
Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7601]
Copyright (c) 2009 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\mtgiu>node -v
v0.10.35

C:\Users\mtgiu>node -h
Usage: node [options] [ -e script | script.js ] [arguments]
       node debug script.js [arguments]

Options:
  -v, --version          print node's version
  -e, --eval script      evaluate script
  -p, --print            evaluate script and print result
  -i, --interactive      always enter the REPL even if stdin
                        does not appear to be a terminal
  --no-deprecation       silence deprecation warnings
  --trace-deprecation     show stack traces on deprecations
  --v8-options           print v8 command line options
  --max-stack-size=val   set max v8 stack size (bytes)
  --enable-ssl2          enable ssl2
  --enable-ssl3          enable ssl3

Environment variables:
NODE_PATH                ';' separated list of directories
                        prefixed to the module search path.
NODE_MODULE_CONTEXTS     Set to 1 to load modules in their own
                        global contexts.
NODE_DISABLE_COLORS      Set to 1 to disable colors in the REPL

Documentation can be found at http://nodejs.org/

C:\Users\mtgiu>
```

Step 4: “Hello World”!

- Time to write our first Node.js program!

```
var http = require( 'http' );
http.createServer( function( request, response ) {
  response.writeHead( 200, { 'Content-Type' : 'text/plain' } );
  response.end( 'Hello World!\n' );
} ).listen( 4140, '127.0.0.1' );

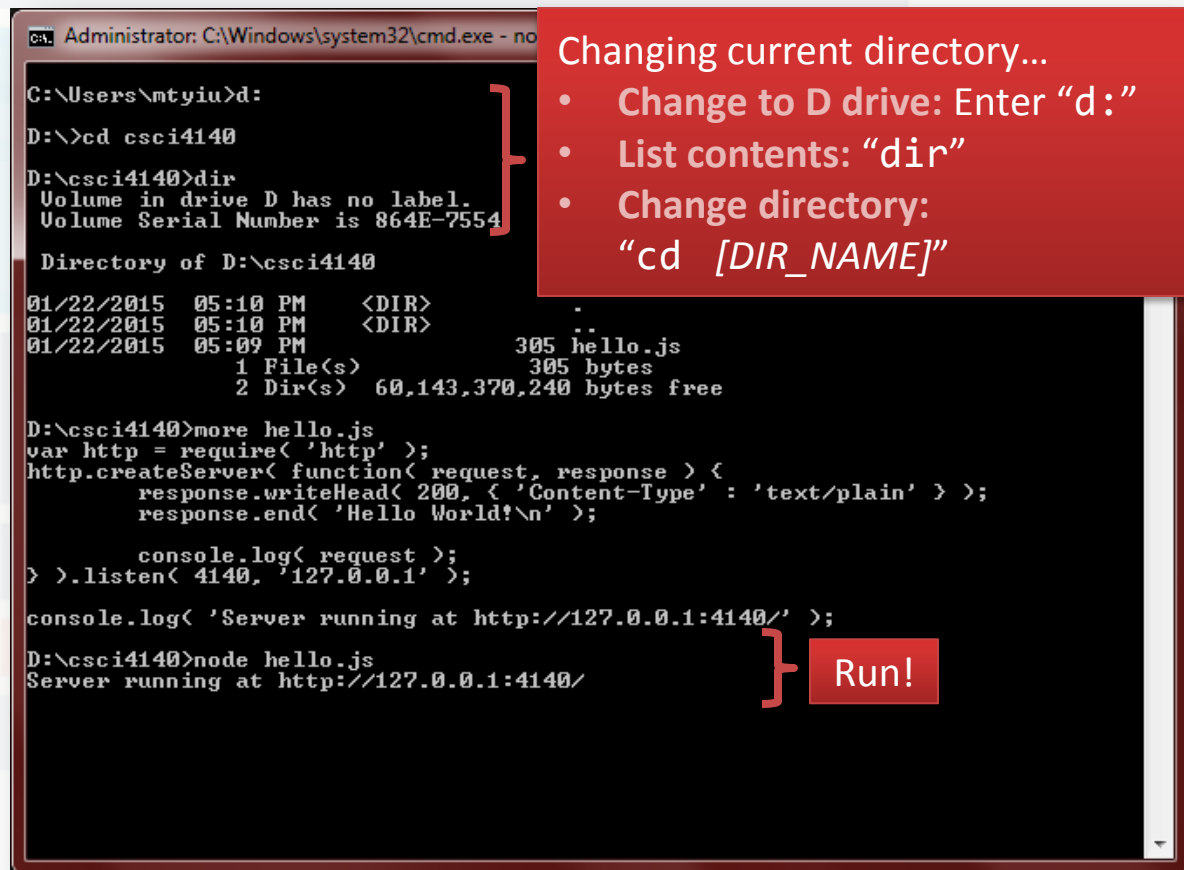
console.log( 'Server running at http://127.0.0.1:4140/' );
```

hello.js

- Save the program anywhere you like
 - In this example, the file is saved under “D:\csci4140”

Step 5: Say “Hello World” to the World!

- Get back to your command prompt again...
- Change the current directory to where `hello.js` is saved
- Execute **“node hello.js”** (simple enough?)



The screenshot shows a Windows command prompt window titled "Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe - no". The user is at the C:\Users\ntyiu> prompt. They enter `d:\>cd csci4140` to change to the D drive and then to the csci4140 directory. They then enter `D:\csci4140>dir`, which shows a directory listing including `hello.js` (305 bytes). Next, they enter `D:\csci4140>more hello.js`, which displays the contents of the file: a simple HTTP server using the `http` module. Finally, they enter `D:\csci4140>node hello.js`, which outputs `Server running at http://127.0.0.1:4140/`. A red box on the right side of the command prompt contains the text "Changing current directory..." and a list of steps: "Change to D drive: Enter 'd:'", "List contents: 'dir'", and "Change directory: 'cd [DIR_NAME]'". A red box at the bottom right of the command prompt contains the text "Run!".

```
C:\Users\ntyiu>d:
D:\>cd csci4140
D:\csci4140>dir
Volume in drive D has no label.
Volume Serial Number is 864E-7554

Directory of D:\csci4140

01/22/2015  05:10 PM    <DIR>          .
01/22/2015  05:10 PM    <DIR>          ..
01/22/2015  05:09 PM                305 hello.js
               1 File(s)                305 bytes
               2 Dir(s)  60,143,370,240 bytes free

D:\csci4140>more hello.js
var http = require( 'http' );
http.createServer( function( request, response ) {
    response.writeHead( 200, { 'Content-Type' : 'text/plain' } );
    response.end( 'Hello World!\n' );

    console.log( request );
} ).listen( 4140, '127.0.0.1' );

console.log( 'Server running at http://127.0.0.1:4140/' );

D:\csci4140>node hello.js
Server running at http://127.0.0.1:4140/
```

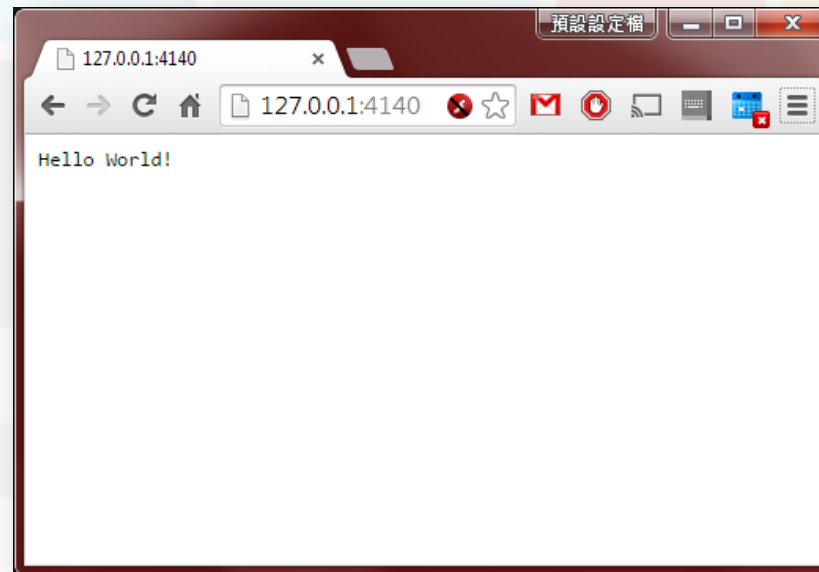
Changing current directory...

- Change to D drive: Enter “d:”
- List contents: “dir”
- Change directory: “cd [DIR_NAME]”

Run!

Step 5: Say “Hello World” to the World!

- Your first Node.js program is ready to test! Now use your browser to visit: <http://127.0.0.1:4140/>
- Can you see the result?



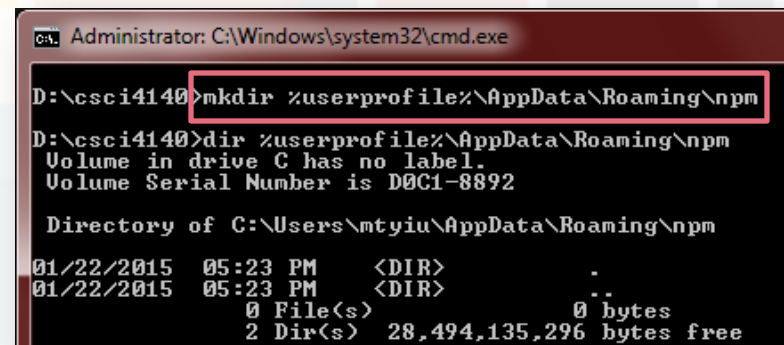


Installing Express on Windows

We will use npm package manager to install the Node.js framework.

Step 1. Initialize npm

- Don't ask me why...the Node.js installer does not create a folder for npm...
 - If you execute “npm” in the command prompt, you may get this error:
Error: ENOENT, stat 'C:\Users\[Username]\AppData\Roaming\npm'
- To solve this problem, create the directory at the displayed path in command prompt:
“**mkdir %userprofile%\AppData\Roaming\npm**”
 - You may need to run the command prompt as an administrator



```
C:\> Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe

D:\csci4140> mkdir %userprofile%\AppData\Roaming\npm

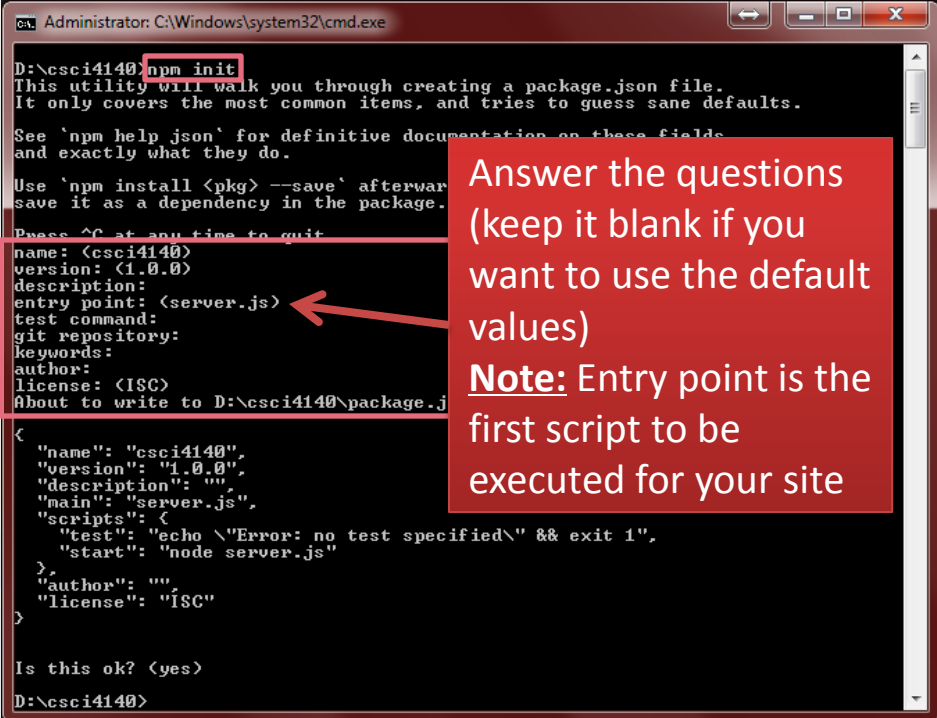
D:\csci4140> dir %userprofile%\AppData\Roaming\npm
Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is D0C1-8892

Directory of C:\Users\ntyiu\AppData\Roaming\npm

01/22/2015  05:23 PM    <DIR>          .
01/22/2015  05:23 PM    <DIR>          ..
               0 File(s)                0 bytes
               2 Dir(s)  28,494,135,296 bytes free
```

Step 2. Create a package.json file

- Go to your project folder.
We are going to create package.json for our new project with npm
 - package.json holds various **metadata** relevant to the project
 - It allows npm (Node.js package manager) to **identify the project** as well as handle the **project's dependencies**
- Execute “**npm init**”



```
Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
D:\csci4140>npm init
This utility will walk you through creating a package.json file.
It only covers the most common items, and tries to guess sane defaults.

See `npm help json` for definitive documentation on these fields
and exactly what they do.

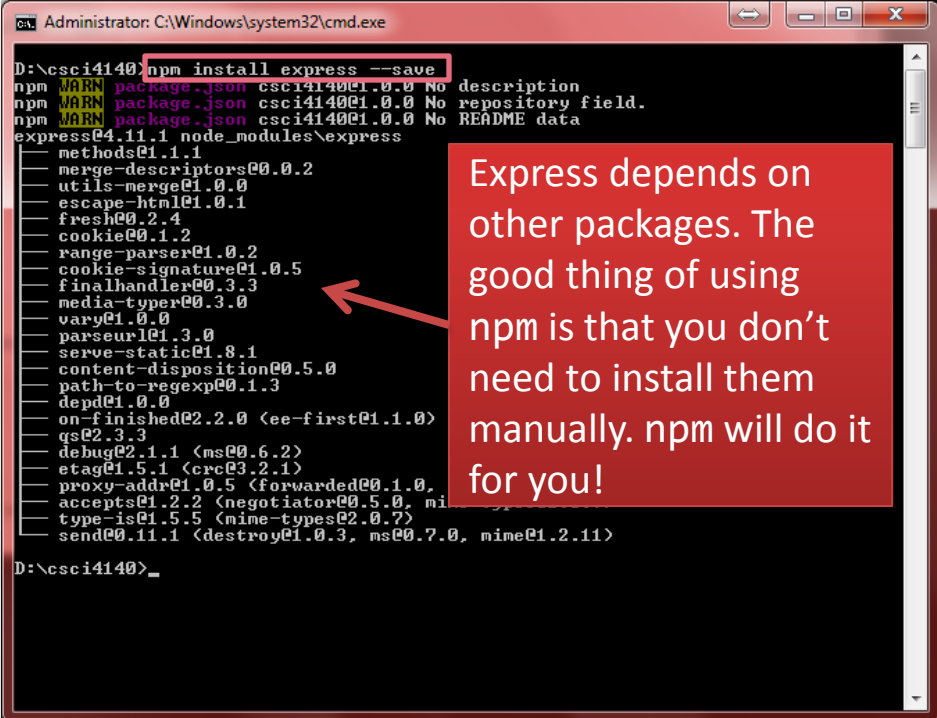
Use `npm install <pkg> --save` afterwards
save it as a dependency in the package.

Press ^C at any time to quit.
name: <csci4140>
version: <1.0.0>
description:
entry point: <server.js>
test command:
git repository:
keywords:
author:
license: <ISC>
About to write to D:\csci4140\package.json
{
  "name": "csci4140",
  "version": "1.0.0",
  "description": "",
  "main": "server.js",
  "scripts": {
    "test": "echo \"Error: no test specified\" && exit 1",
    "start": "node server.js"
  },
  "author": "",
  "license": "ISC"
}
Is this ok? <yes>
D:\csci4140>
```

Answer the questions
(keep it blank if you
want to use the default
values)
Note: Entry point is the
first script to be
executed for your site

Step 3. Install Express

- We are ready to install Express now
 - Express is a “*Fast, unopinionated, minimalist web framework for Node.js*”
 - It is useful for building web applications
- Execute “**npm install express --save**”
 - This installs Express in the app directory and save it in the dependencies list

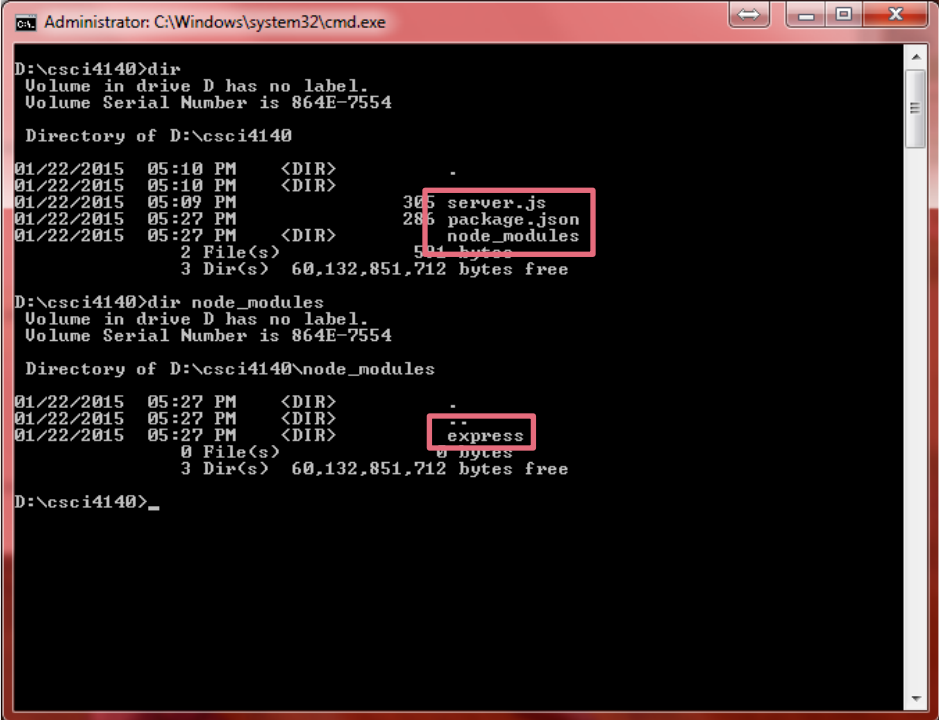


```
Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
D:\csci4140>npm install express --save
npm WARN package.json csci4140@1.0.0 No description
npm WARN package.json csci4140@1.0.0 No repository field.
npm WARN package.json csci4140@1.0.0 No README data
express@4.11.1 node_modules\express
  methods@1.1.1
  merge-descriptors@0.0.2
  utils-merge@1.0.0
  escape-html@1.0.1
  fresh@0.2.4
  cookie@0.1.2
  range-parser@1.0.2
  cookie-signature@1.0.5
  finalhandler@0.3.3
  media-typer@0.3.0
  vary@1.0.0
  parseurl@1.3.0
  serve-static@1.8.1
  content-disposition@0.5.0
  path-to-regexp@0.1.3
  depd@1.0.0
  on-finished@2.2.0 <ee-first@1.1.0>
  qs@2.3.3
  debug@2.1.1 <ms@0.6.2>
  etag@1.5.1 <crc@3.2.1>
  proxy-addr@1.0.5 <forwarded@0.1.0,
  accepts@1.2.2 <negotiator@0.5.0, mi
  type-is@1.5.5 <mime-types@2.0.7>
  send@0.11.1 <destroy@1.0.3, ms@0.7.0, mime@1.2.11>
D:\csci4140>
```

Express depends on other packages. The good thing of using npm is that you don't need to install them manually. npm will do it for you!

Step 3. Install Express

- Check your installation.
There should be a new directory called “node_modules”
- Inside “node_modules”, a directory called “express” is created



```
Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe

D:\csci4140>dir
Volume in drive D has no label.
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Directory of D:\csci4140

01/22/2015  05:10 PM  <DIR>          .
01/22/2015  05:10 PM  <DIR>          ..
01/22/2015  05:09 PM             305 server.js
01/22/2015  05:27 PM             285 package.json
01/22/2015  05:27 PM  <DIR>          node_modules
                                504 bytes
                2 File(s)
                3 Dir(s)  60,132,851,712 bytes free

D:\csci4140>dir node_modules
Volume in drive D has no label.
Volume Serial Number is 864E-7554

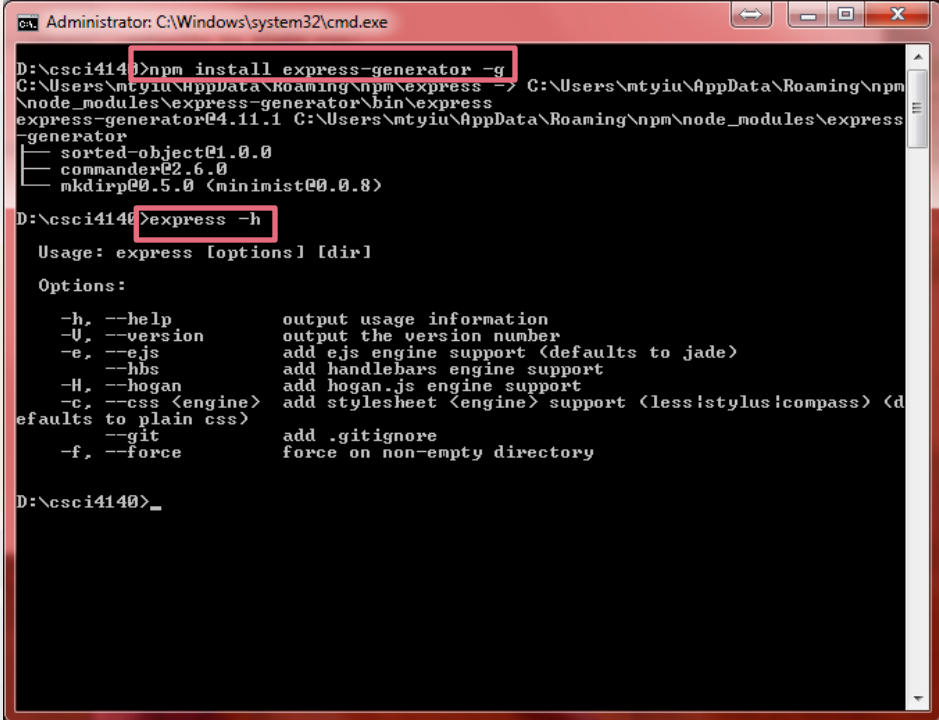
Directory of D:\csci4140\node_modules

01/22/2015  05:27 PM  <DIR>          .
01/22/2015  05:27 PM  <DIR>          ..
01/22/2015  05:27 PM  <DIR>          express
                                0 bytes
                0 File(s)
                3 Dir(s)  60,132,851,712 bytes free

D:\csci4140>_
```

Step 4. Install Express application generator

- Next, we will install Express application generator
 - It is used to quickly create a Express application skeleton
 - This saves your work from defining the structure yourself!
- Execute “**npm install express-generator -g**”
- After installation, execute “**express -h**” to check your installation



```
Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
D:\csci4140>npm install express-generator -g
C:\Users\mt9iu\AppData\Roaming\npm\express -> C:\Users\mt9iu\AppData\Roaming\npm\node_modules\express-generator\bin\express-generator@4.11.1 C:\Users\mt9iu\AppData\Roaming\npm\node_modules\express-generator
├─ sorted-object@1.0.0
├─ commander@2.6.0
└─ mkdirp@0.5.0 <minimist@0.0.8>

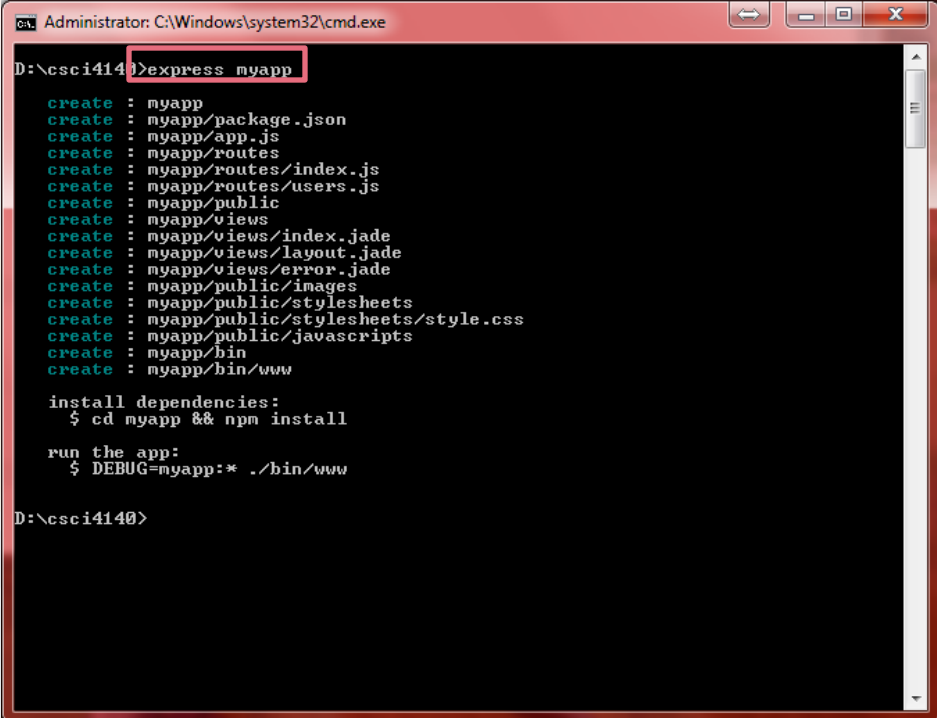
D:\csci4140>express -h
Usage: express [options] [dir]

Options:
  -h, --help            output usage information
  -V, --version          output the version number
  -e, --ejs              add ejs engine support (defaults to jade)
      --hbs              add handlebars engine support
  -H, --hogan            add hogan.js engine support
  -c, --css <engine>    add stylesheet <engine> support (less|stylus|compass) (defaults to plain css)
      --git              add .gitignore
  -f, --force            force on non-empty directory

D:\csci4140>_
```


Step 5. Create an Express app

- Use the generator to create our first Express app (let's call it myapp)
- Execute “**express myapp**”
 - Files are created under the directory “myapp”



```
Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
D:\csci4140>express myapp

create : myapp
create : myapp/package.json
create : myapp/app.js
create : myapp/routes
create : myapp/routes/index.js
create : myapp/routes/users.js
create : myapp/public
create : myapp/views
create : myapp/views/index.jade
create : myapp/views/layout.jade
create : myapp/views/error.jade
create : myapp/public/images
create : myapp/public/stylesheets
create : myapp/public/stylesheets/style.css
create : myapp/public/javascripts
create : myapp/bin
create : myapp/bin/www

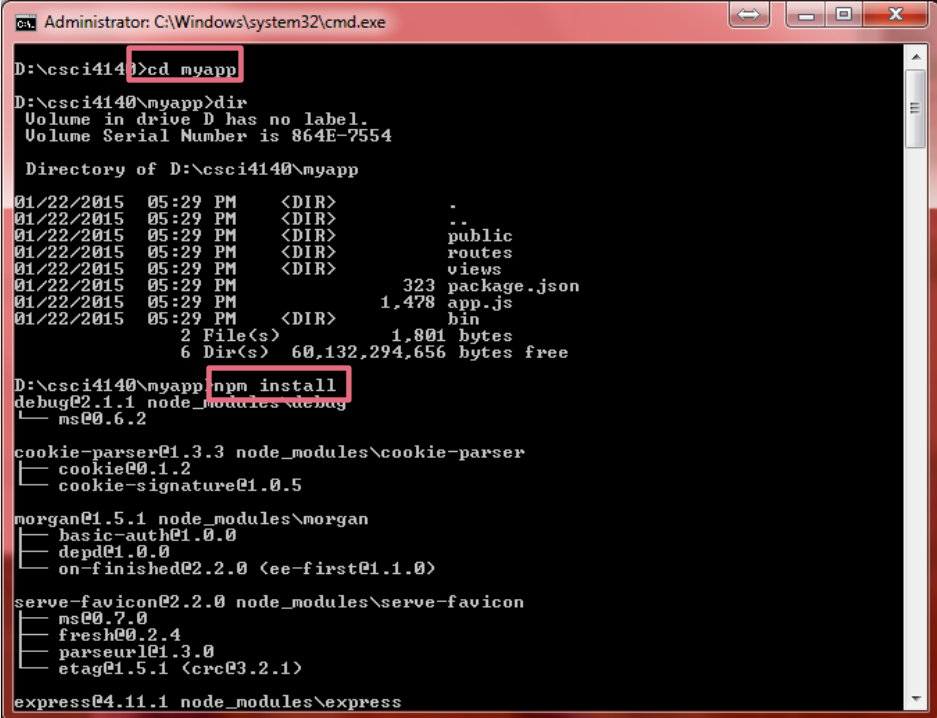
install dependencies:
$ cd myapp && npm install

run the app:
$ DEBUG=myapp:* ./bin/www

D:\csci4140>
```

Step 6. Install dependencies

- Change the current directory to myapp with “**cd myapp**”
- Install dependencies with “**npm install**”



```
Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
D:\csci4140>cd myapp
D:\csci4140\myapp>dir
Volume in drive D has no label.
Volume Serial Number is 864E-7554

Directory of D:\csci4140\myapp

01/22/2015  05:29 PM  <DIR>          ..
01/22/2015  05:29 PM  <DIR>          .
01/22/2015  05:29 PM  <DIR>          public
01/22/2015  05:29 PM  <DIR>          routes
01/22/2015  05:29 PM  <DIR>          views
01/22/2015  05:29 PM                323 package.json
01/22/2015  05:29 PM                1,478 app.js
01/22/2015  05:29 PM  <DIR>          bin
01/22/2015  05:29 PM                2 File(s)      1,801 bytes
01/22/2015  05:29 PM                6 Dir(s)      60,132,294,656 bytes free

D:\csci4140\myapp>npm install
debug@2.1.1 node_modules\debug
├─ ms@0.6.2

cookie-parser@1.3.3 node_modules\cookie-parser
├─ cookie@0.1.2
├─ cookie-signature@1.0.5

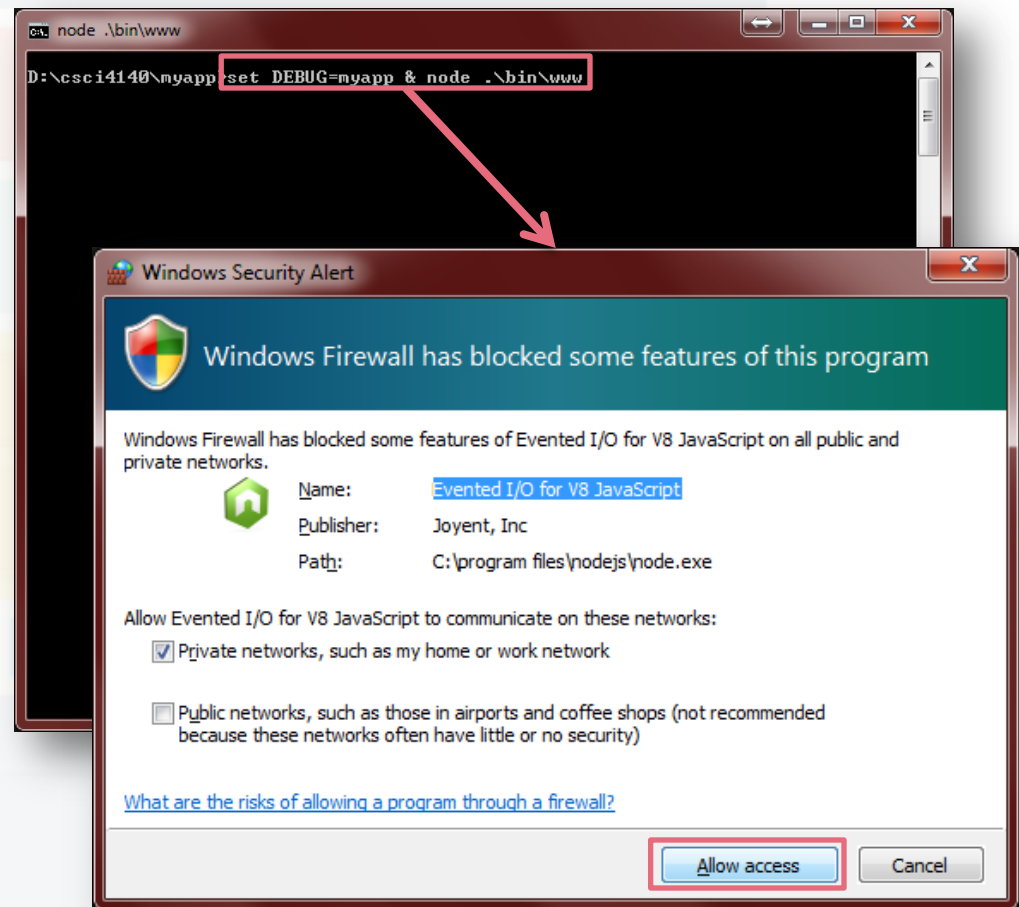
morgan@1.5.1 node_modules\morgan
├─ basic-auth@1.0.0
├─ depd@1.0.0
├─ on-finished@2.2.0 <ee-first@1.1.0>

serve-favicon@2.2.0 node_modules\serve-favicon
├─ ms@0.7.0
├─ fresh@0.2.4
├─ parseurl@1.3.0
├─ etag@1.5.1 <crc@3.2.1>

express@4.11.1 node_modules\express
```

Step 7. Run the app

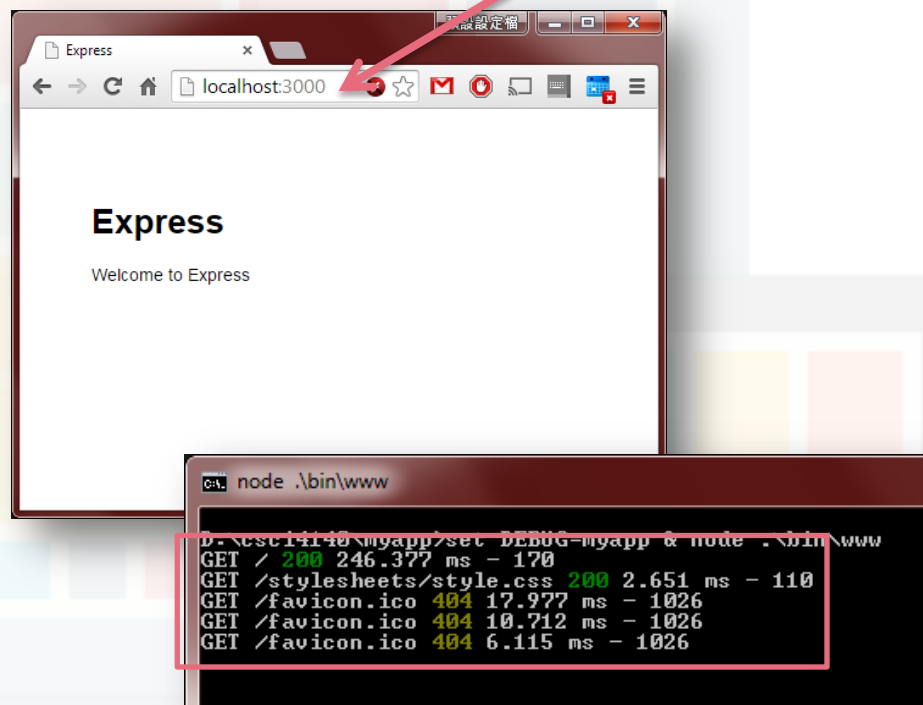
- Let's run the app to see what has been created
- Execute **“set DEBUG=myapp & node .\bin\www”**
- If you encounter a Windows Security Alert, press **“Allow access”**



Step 7. Run the app

- Use your browser to visit <http://127.0.0.1:3000/>
 - The port number used by default is 3000
 - Of course, it is possible to change it
- At the same time, the command prompt will show some debug messages

Note: localhost is equivalent to 127.0.0.1



Congratulations!

- You installed a development environment for Node.js on your Windows machine
- Please refer to the notes for deploying your Node.js applications to Heroku

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