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

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Installing Node.js and Express on Windows

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Installing Node.js on Windows

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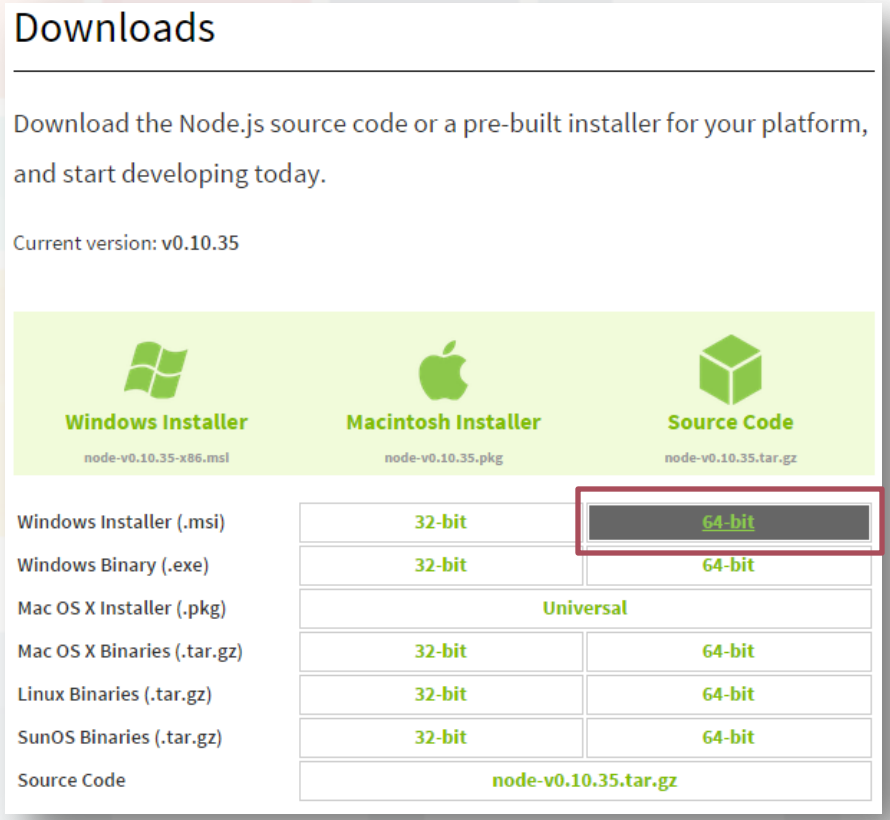
Step 1: Download the Windows installer

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



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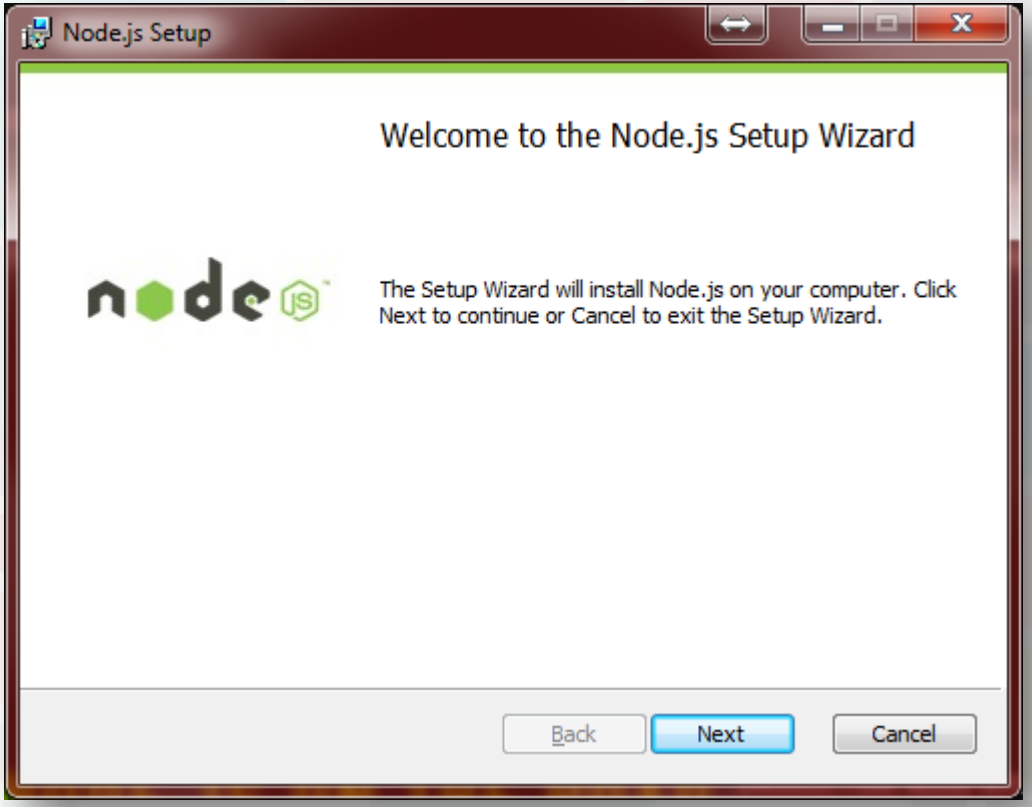

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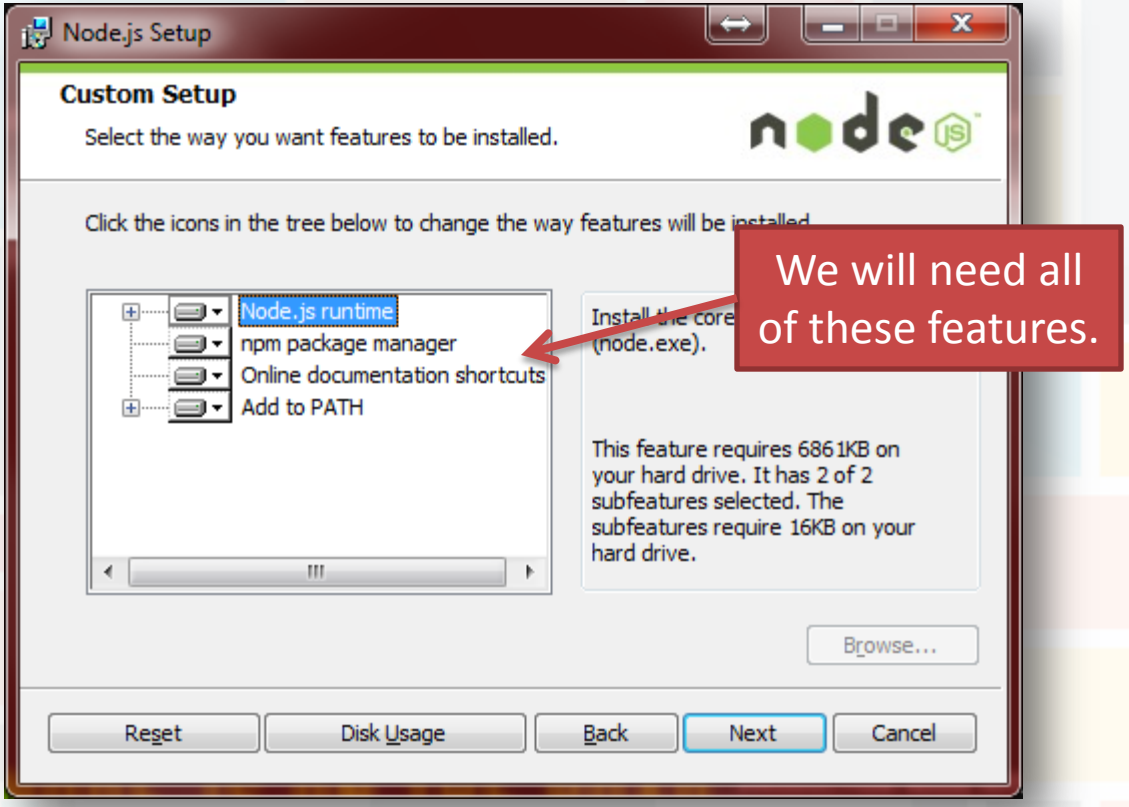

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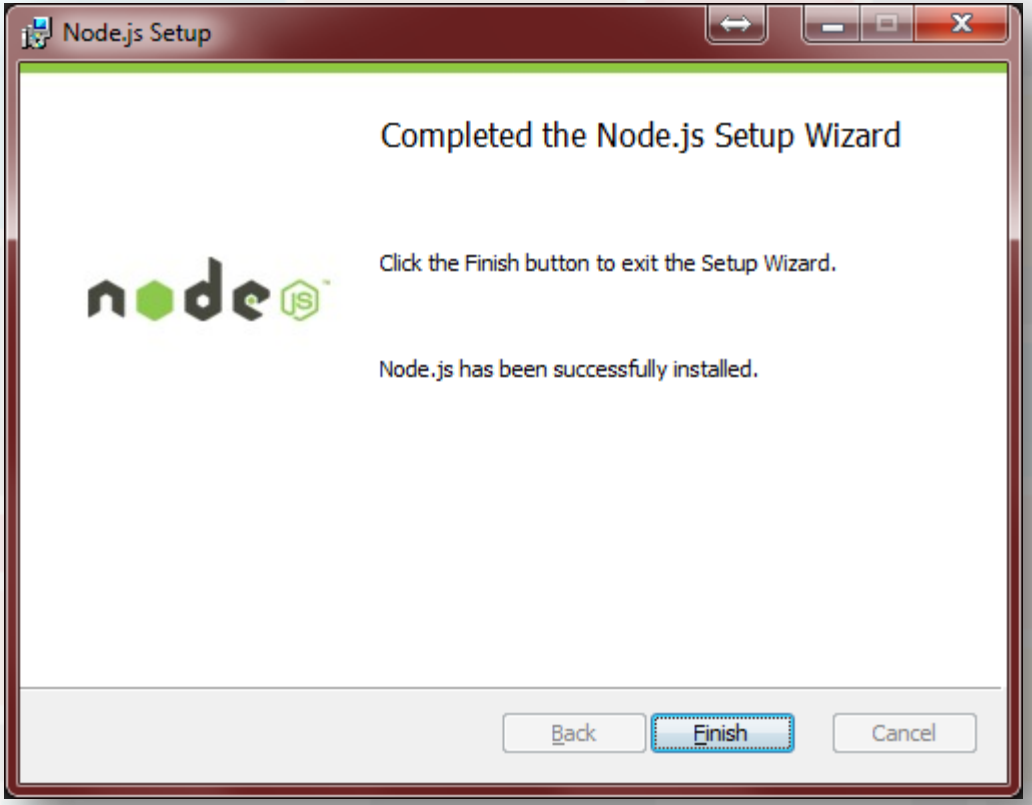
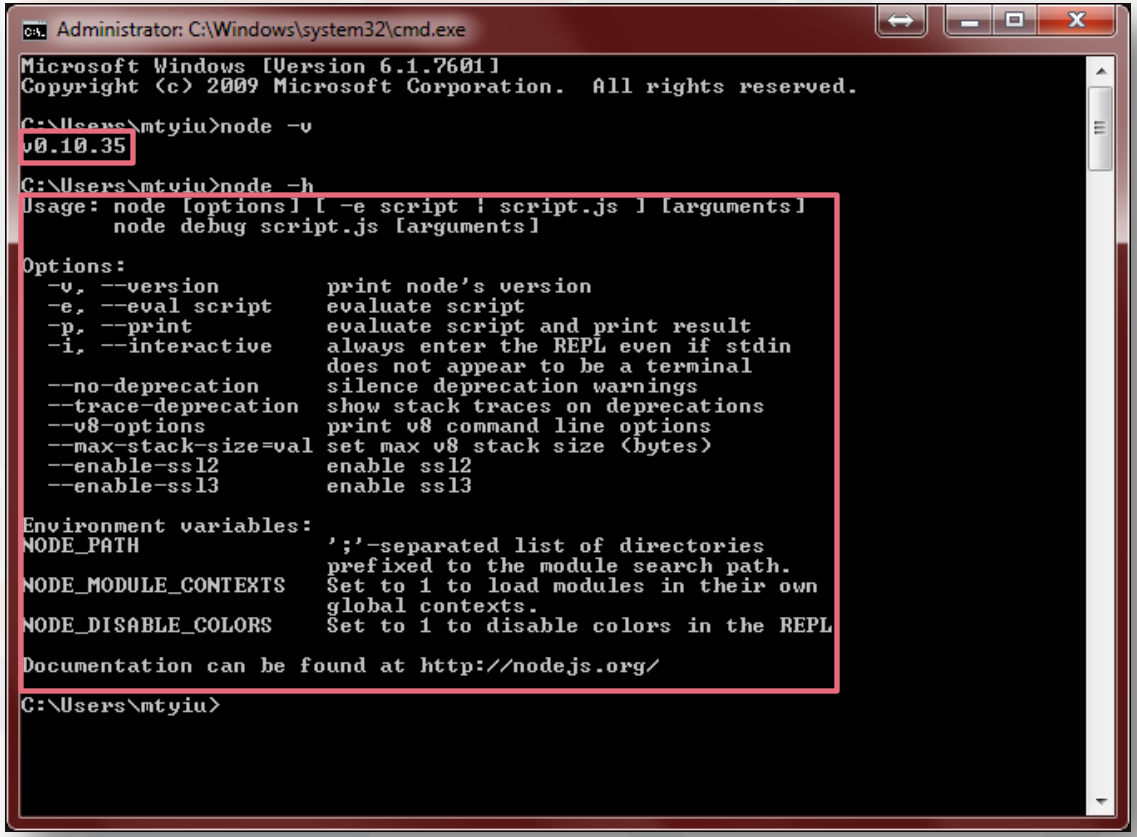


Step 3: Test your Node.js installation

- 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



Step 4: "Hello World"!

- Time to write our first Node.js program!

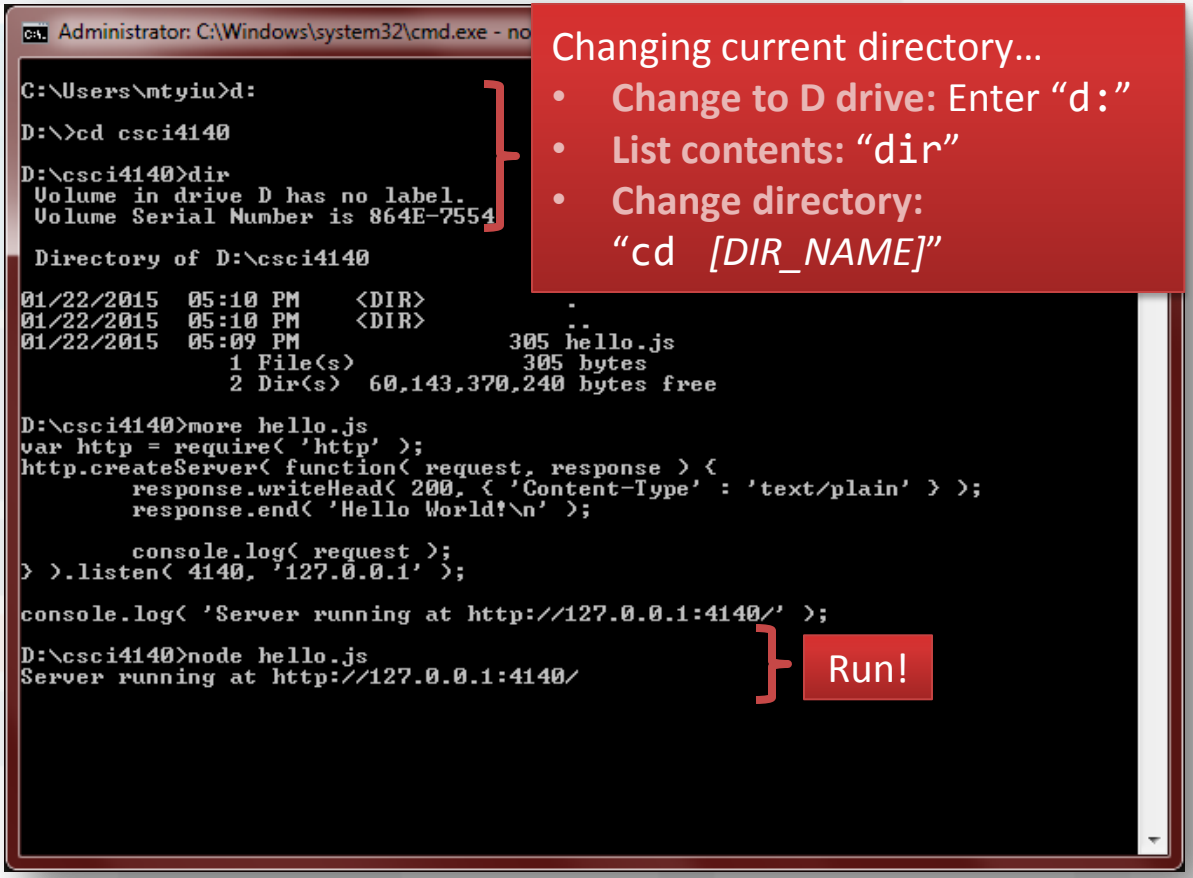
```
var http = require( 'http' );
http.createServer( function( request, response ) {
    response.writeHead( 200, { 'Content-Type' : 'text/plain' } );
    response.end( 'Hello World!\n' );
} ).listen( 4140, '127.0.0.1' );

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`"

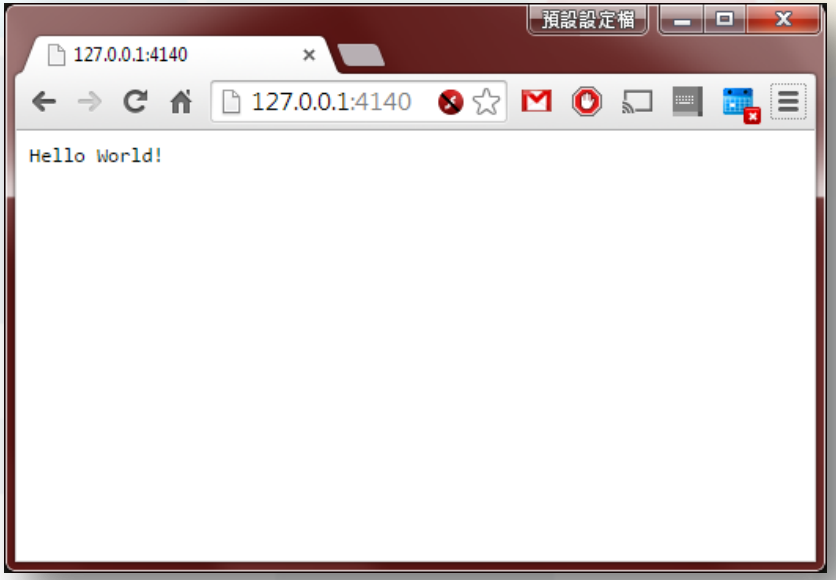
Step 5: Say "Hello World" to the World!

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



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

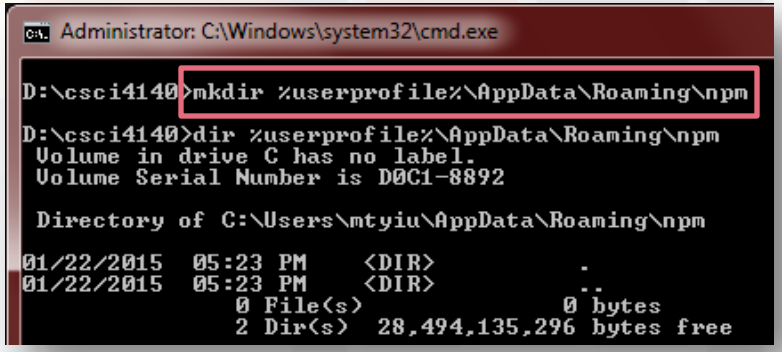
We will use npm package manager to install the Node.js framework.

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:

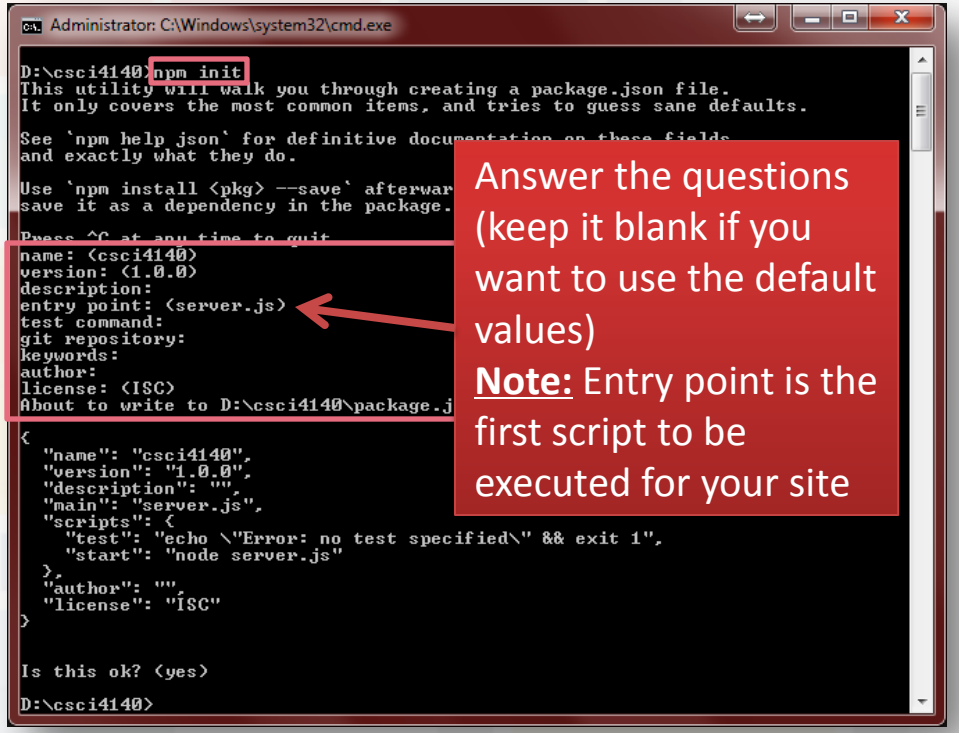
```
Error: ENOENT, stat 'C:\Users\[Username]\AppData\Roaming\npm'
```

- 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



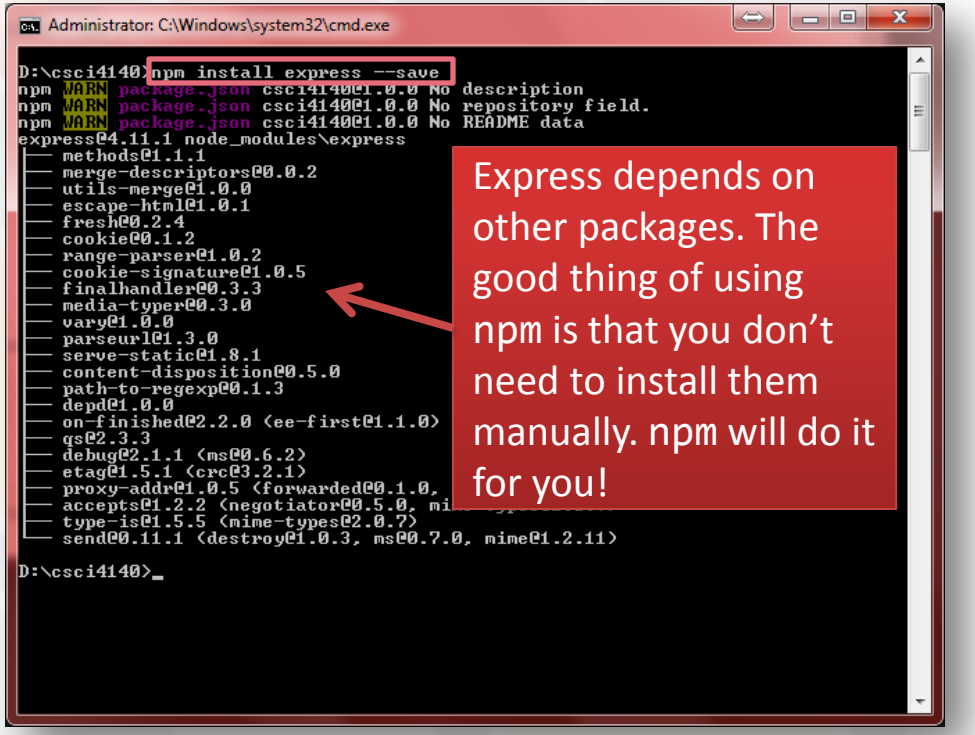
Step 2. Create a package.json file

- 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**"



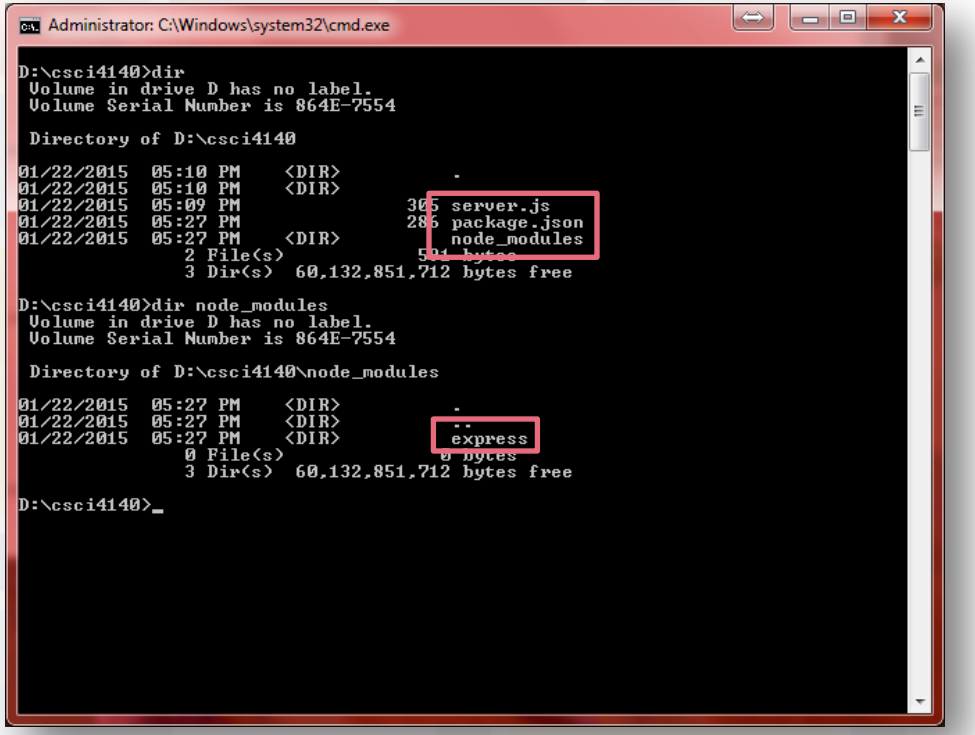
Step 3. Install Express

- 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



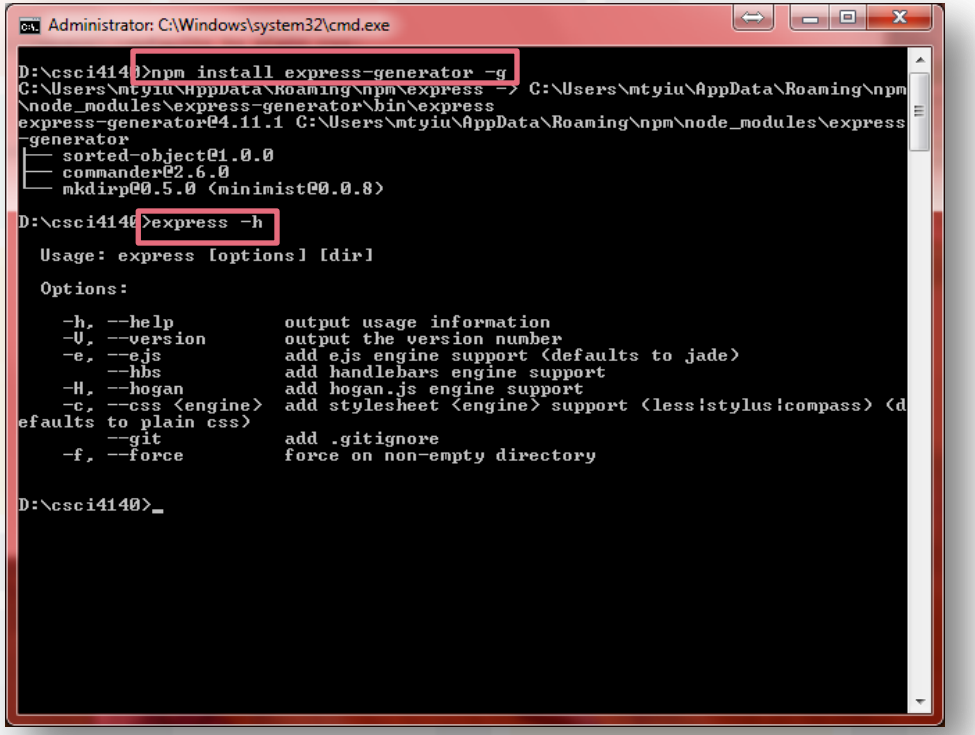
Step 3. Install Express

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



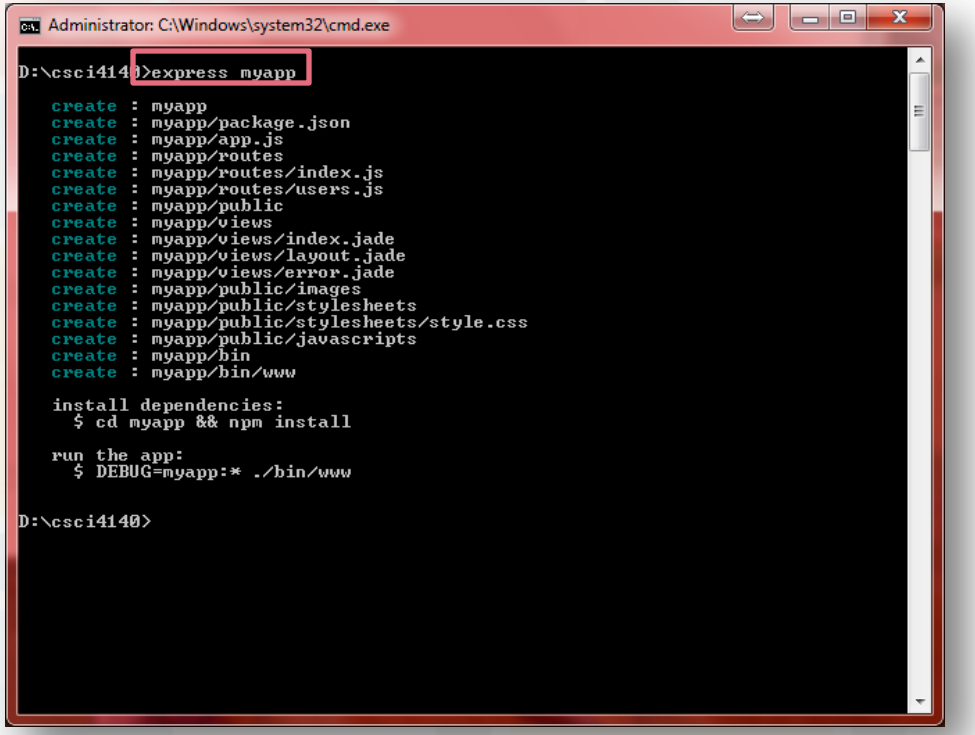
Step 4. Install Express application generator

- 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



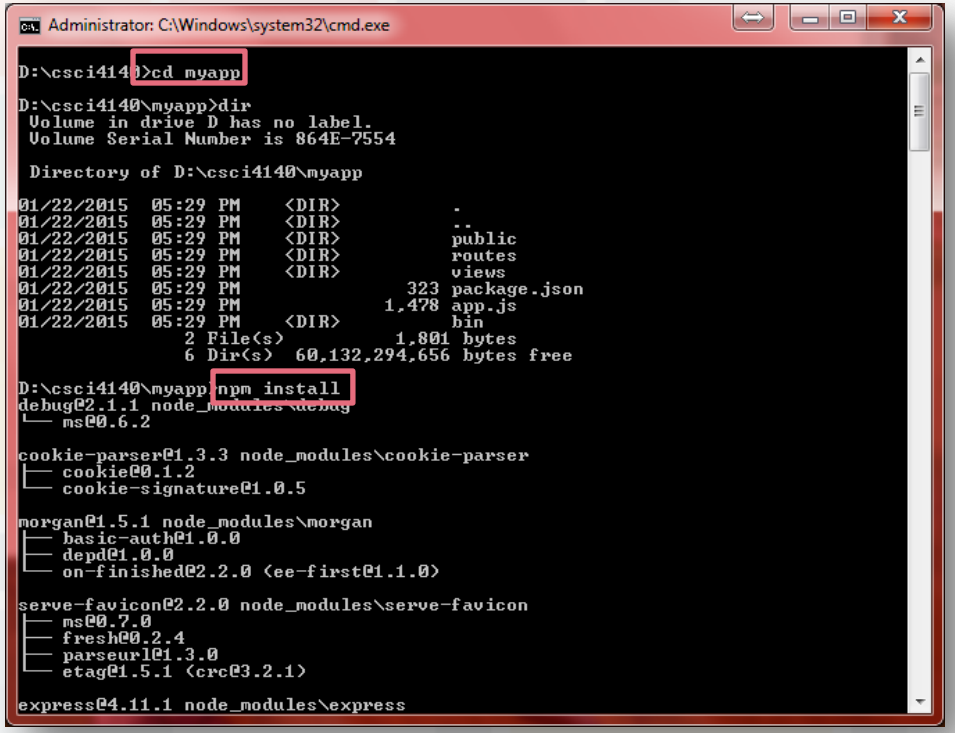
Step 5. Create an Express app

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



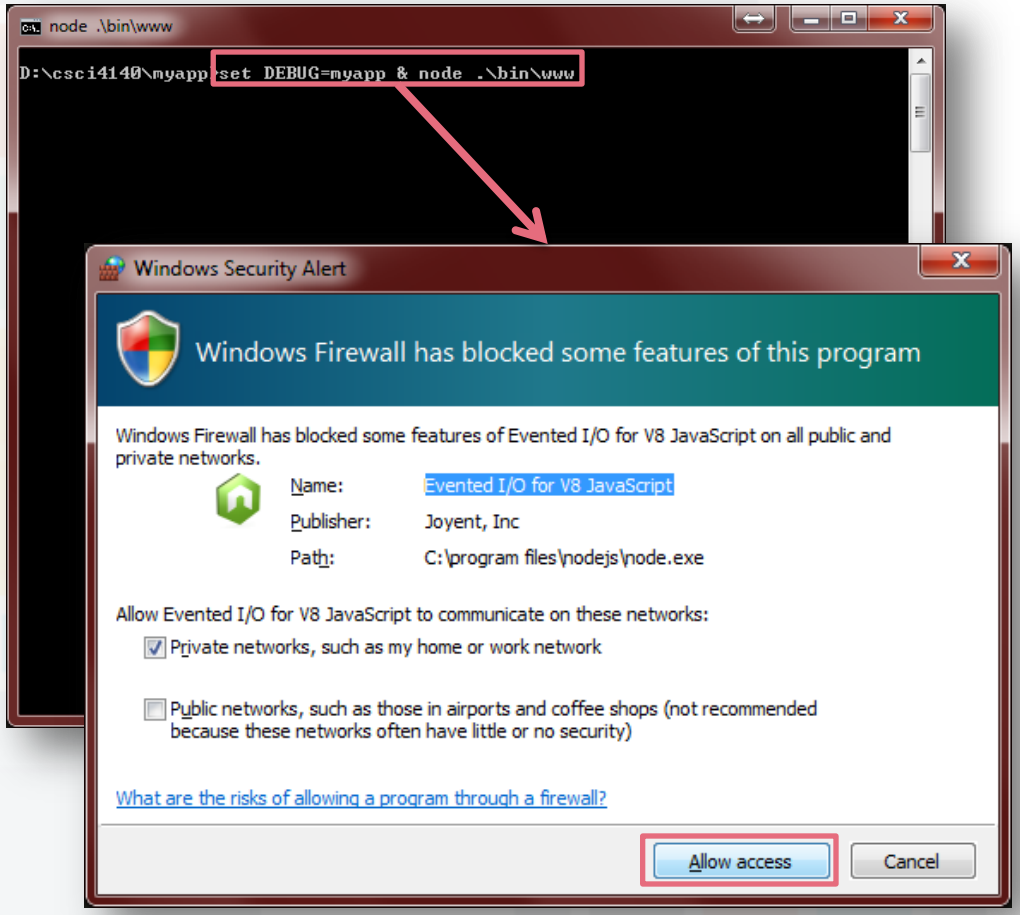
Step 6. Install dependencies

- Change the current directory to `myapp` with "`cd myapp`"
- Install dependencies with "`npm install`"



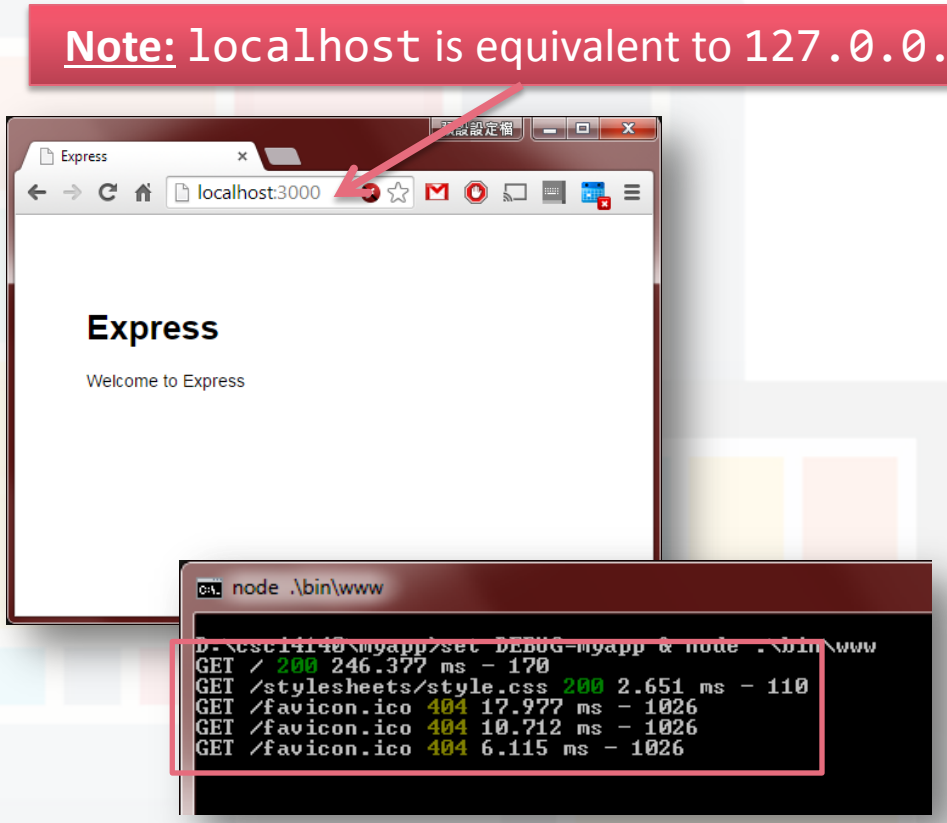
Step 7. Run the app

- 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



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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