Guide to Setting Up NPM and Running a React Build

This comprehensive guide is intended for you who have no prior experience in setting up npm or running a React build. Follow these steps to get started.

1. Installing Node.js and npm

Node.js is a runtime environment that allows you to run JavaScript on the server side, and npm is its package manager.

Steps:

- 1. **Download Node.js**: Go to the <u>Node.js Official Website</u> and download the installer for your operating system (Windows, macOS, Linux).
- 2. **Install Node.js and npm**: Run the downloaded installer, following the on-screen instructions to install both Node.js and npm.
- 3. **Verify Installation**: To ensure Node.js and npm are installed correctly, open a terminal or command prompt and type:

```
node -v
npm -v
```

This will display the installed versions of Node.js and npm, respectively.

2. Run the Build

1. **Serve the Application**: Install the serve package to serve your static site:

```
sudo npm install -g serve
```

2. **Start the Server**: Run the following command to start a static server: In the submission directory, where exists the build files.

```
serve -s build
```

- -s flag signifies serving static files. This command serves your React app from the build folder.
 - 3. **Access the App**: Open your web browser and go to the URL shown in the terminal (commonly http://localhost:3000) to view your React app.

```
O (base) weitao@Taomac rent_visualization % serve -s build

Serving!
- Local: http://localhost:3000
- Network: http://10.68.43.47:3000
Copied local address to clipboard!
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