



ELECTRON

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The Electron framework lets you write cross-platform desktop applications using JavaScript, HTML and CSS. It is based on [Node.js](#) and [Chromium](#) and is used by the [Atom editor](#) and many other [apps](#).

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Installation

To install prebuilt Electron binaries, use `npm`. The preferred method is to install Electron as a development dependency in your app:

```
npm install electron --save-dev --save-exact
```

The `--save-exact` flag is recommended as Electron does not follow semantic versioning. For info on how to manage Electron versions in your apps, see [Electron versioning](#).

For more installation options and troubleshooting tips, see [installation](#).

Quick start

Clone and run the [electron/electron-quick-start](#) repository to see a minimal Electron app in action:

```
git clone https://github.com/electron/electron-quick-start
cd electron-quick-start
npm install
npm start
```

Resources for learning Electron

- electronjs.org/docs - all of Electron's documentation
- [electron/electron-quick-start](#) - a very basic starter Electron app
- electronjs.org/community#boilerplates - sample starter apps created by the community
- [electron/simple-samples](#) - small applications with ideas for taking them further
- [electron/electron-api-demos](#) - an Electron app that teaches you how to use Electron
- [hokein/electron-sample-apps](#) - small demo apps for the various Electron APIs

Programmatic usage

Most people use Electron from the command line, but if you require `electron` inside your **Node app** (not your Electron app) it will return the file path to the binary. Use this to spawn Electron from Node scripts:

```
const electron = require('electron')
const proc = require('child_process')

// will print something similar to /Users/maf/.../Electron
console.log(electron)

// spawn Electron
const child = proc.spawn(electron)
```

Mirrors

- [China](#)

Documentation Translations

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Community

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- [electron](#) category on the Atom forums
- [#atom-shell](#) channel on Freenode
- [Atom](#) channel on Slack
- [electron-ru](#) (*Russian*)
- [electron-br](#) (*Brazilian Portuguese*)
- [electron-kr](#) (*Korean*)
- [electron-jp](#) (*Japanese*)
- [electron-tr](#) (*Turkish*)
- [electron-id](#) (*Indonesia*)
- [electron-pl](#) (*Poland*)

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