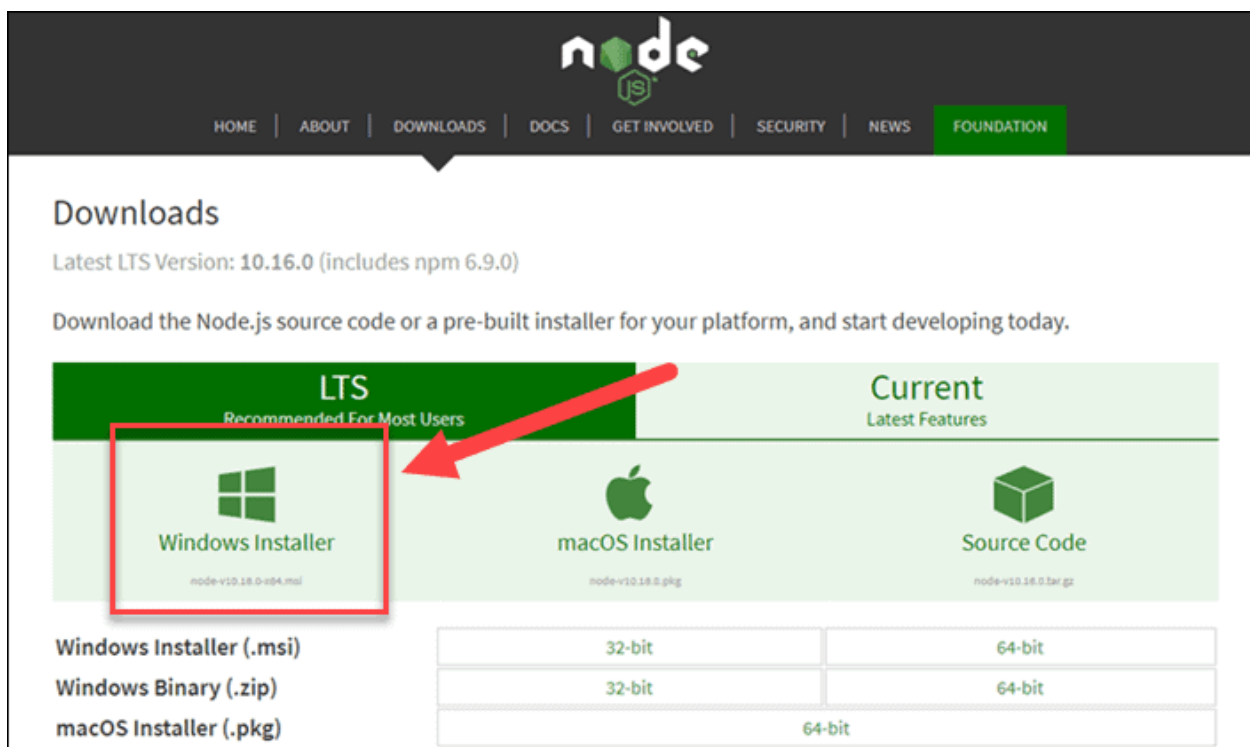# How to Install Node.js and NPM on Windows

Step 1: Download Node.js Installer

In a web browser, navigate to https://nodejs.org/en/download/. Click the **Windows Installer** button to download the latest default version. At the time this article was written, version 10.16.0-x64 was the latest version. The Node.js installer includes the NPM package manager.

Note: There are other versions available. If you have an older system, you may need the 32-bit version. You can also use the top link to switch from the stable LTS version to the current version. If you are new to Node.js or don't need a specific version, choose LTS.

Step 2: Install Node.js and NPM from Browser

1. Once the installer finishes downloading, launch it. Open the **downloads** link in your browser and click the file. Or, browse to the location where you have saved the file and double-click it to launch.

2. The system will ask if you want to run the software – click **Run**.

3. You will be welcomed to the Node.js Setup Wizard – click **Next**.

4. On the next screen, review the license agreement. Click **Next** if you agree to the terms and install the software.

5. The installer will prompt you for the installation location. Leave the default location, unless you have a specific need to install it somewhere else – then click **Next**.

6. The wizard will let you select components to include or remove from the installation. Again, unless you have a specific need, accept the defaults by clicking **Next**.

7. Finally, click the **Install** button to run the installer. When it finishes, click **Finish**.
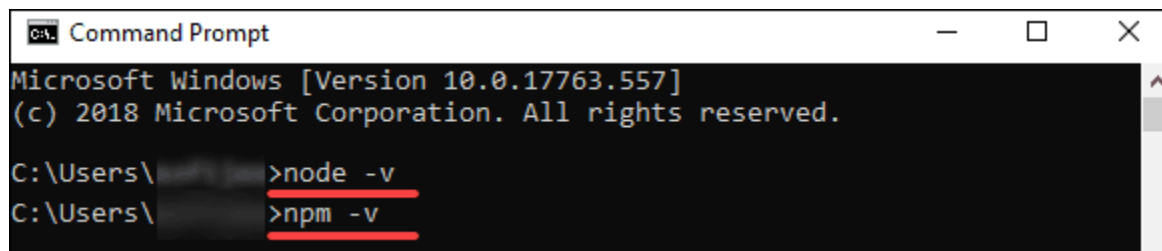
Step 3: Verify Installation

Open a command prompt (or PowerShell), and enter the following:

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node -v
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The system should display the Node.js version installed on your system. You can do the same for NPM:

```
npm -v
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