

Step 1: Install Node.js (which includes npm)

1. Download Node.js:

- Visit <https://nodejs.org>
- Download the **LTS version** (Long-Term Support) for your operating system.

2. Install Node.js:

- Run the installer.
- Keep default settings (next, next, finish).
- This will install **both Node.js and npm (Node Package Manager)** globally.

3. Verify installation:

- Open **Visual Studio Code (VS Code)**.
- Open the integrated terminal (Ctrl + ~ or go to **View > Terminal**).
- Type the following commands:

```
node -v
```

```
npm -v
```

- You should see version numbers for both.

Step 2: Install json-server Globally

Installing globally means it will be available in any project without reinstalling.

1. In the VS Code terminal, type:

```
npm install -g json-server
```

2. Verify installation:

```
json-server --version
```

Step 3: Using json-server Across Projects

Now that json-server is globally installed, follow these steps to use it in **any project**:

Step A: Create a db.json file in your project

In your project folder:

1. Create a new file named db.json
2. Add some sample data like:

```
{  
  "posts": [  
    { "id": 1, "title": "Hello World" }  
  ],  
  "users": [  
    { "id": 1, "name": "John Doe" }  
  ]  
}
```

```
{ "id": 1, "name": "Rohit" }  
]  
}
```

Step B: Run json-server in any project

From your project directory in the terminal:

```
json-server --watch db.json --port 3000
```

- `--watch db.json` tells it to use your data file.
- `--port 3000` is optional (default is 3000), but you can change it if needed.

Now visit <http://localhost:3000/posts> or [/users](http://localhost:3000/users) in your browser.