

This is not an npm problem.  
You are running the command from the wrong directory.

Right now your terminal location is:

```
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32>
```

So when you run:

```
npm run dev --prefix backend
```

npm tries to find:

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\backend\package.json
```

That folder does not exist. Hence:

```
ENOENT: no such file or directory, open 'C:\WINDOWS\system32\backend\package.json'
```

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### Now Run Properly

From inside:

```
D:\projects\aarogya-mitra> I cmd
```

Run:

### Backend

```
npm run dev --prefix backend
```

### Frontend

```
npm run dev --prefix frontend
```

### ML Service

```
python ml-service\app.py
```

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### Alternative (Cleaner Method)

Instead of using --prefix, you can go inside each folder:

#### Backend

```
cd backend
```

```
npm run dev
```

#### Frontend (open new terminal)

```
cd frontend
```

```
npm run dev
```

This is less error-prone.

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## Why This Happened

When you open PowerShell normally, it defaults to:

```
C:\Windows\System32
```

That folder has nothing to do with your project.

npm always looks for package.json in the current working directory.

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## MongoDB Status

You ran:

```
net start MongoDB
```

And it said:

The requested service has already been started.

That means MongoDB is running correctly.

So once you run backend from the correct folder, the database connection should succeed.

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If you run:

```
cd D:\projects\aarogya-mitra
```

and still get an error, paste the new output and I'll diagnose it precisely.