Installing Strapi Using NPX

Strapi is a powerful open-source **Headless CMS** that enables developers to create flexible and scalable content APIs quickly. This guide walks you through installing Strapi using npx, explains each setup prompt, and prepares the document for adding screenshots.

Prerequisites

Ensure you have the following installed:

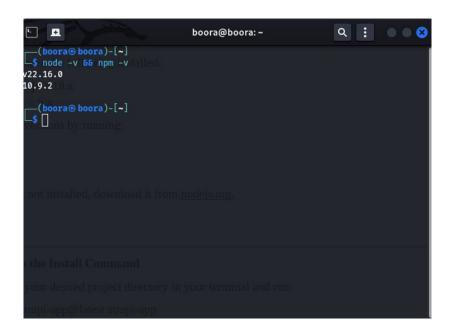
- Node.js $\geq 18.x$
- $npm \ge 6.x$

Verify your versions by running:

node -v

npm -v

If Node.js is not installed, download it from <u>nodejs.org</u>.



Step 1: Run the Install Command

Navigate to your desired project directory in your terminal and run:

npx create-strapi-app@latest strapi-app

This command:

- Creates a new folder named strapi-app.
- Initiates Strapi's interactive setup process.

Step 2: Interactive CLI Prompts

Strapi's setup process will prompt you with several questions. Below are the prompts, their meanings, and recommended responses:

1. Login or Sign Up

? Please log in or sign up.

> Skip

• **Skip**: Recommended for local development. Signing up provides access to premium features like SSO and Content History for 30 days.

2. Default Database Selection

? Do you want to use the default database (sqlite)?

> Yes

- **Yes**: Uses SQLite, perfect for quick setup and development.
- No: Allows connection to PostgreSQL, MySQL, or MongoDB later.

3. Starter Template Option

? Start with an example structure & data?

> No

- **No**: Start with a blank project to design your own content types.
- **Yes**: Includes pre-filled content for testing and exploration.

4. Use TypeScript?

? Start with TypeScript?

> Yes

- **Yes**: Recommended for TypeScript users or production-grade applications.
- **No**: Uses plain JavaScript for simpler setups.

5. Install Dependencies

? Install dependencies with npm?

> Yes

- **Yes**: Automatically installs required dependencies.
- No: Choose this if you prefer manual installation later.

6. Initialize Git Repository

? Initialize a git repository?

> No

- **Skip** if you plan to initialize Git manually or integrate later.
- **Yes**: Automatically sets up a Git repository.

Step 3: Installation Completion

Once the setup process is complete, Strapi will display a confirmation message in the terminal, indicating that your application has been created and listing the available commands to manage your project.

The terminal output will look like this:

Dependencies installed

Your application was created!

To get started:

cd /home/boora/Desktop/PIPELINE-MASTERS-Strapi/strapi-app

npm run develop

This message confirms that the installation was successful and provides the next steps to start working with Strapi.

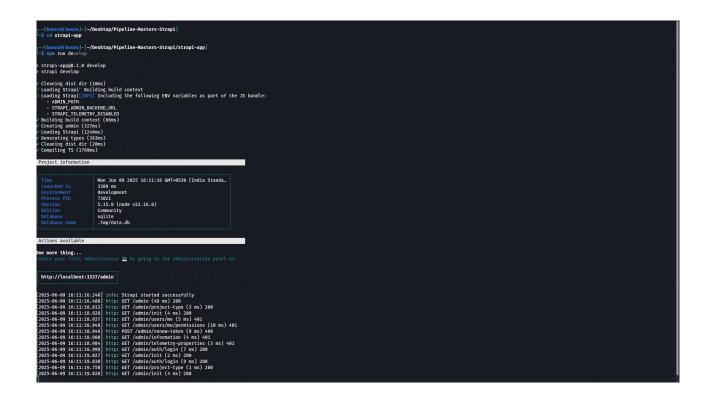
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Strapi
        Your application was created!
        Available commands in your project:
        Start Strapi in watch mode. (Changes in Strapi project files will trigger a server restart
        npm run develop
        Start Strapi without watch mode.
        npm run start
        Build Strapi admin panel.
        npm run build
        Deploy Strapi project.
        npm run deploy
        Display all available commands.
        npm run strapi
        To get started run
        cd /home/boora/Desktop/Pipeline-Masters-Strapi/strapi-app
        npm run develop
 -(boora®boora)-[~/Desktop/Pipeline-Masters-Strapi]
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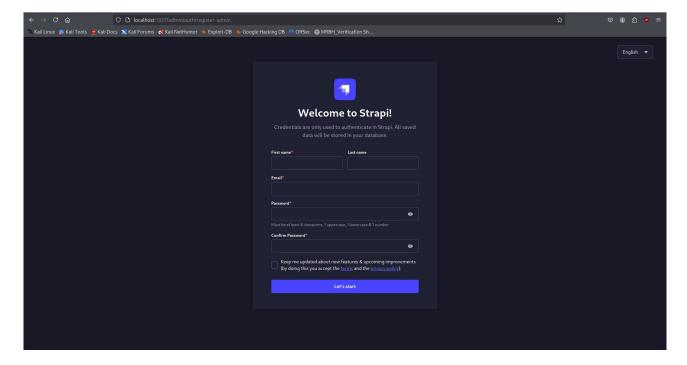
Step 4: Open the Admin Panel

After installation, Strapi starts in development mode and opens your browser to:

http://localhost:1337/admin

This is where you'll register your first admin user.



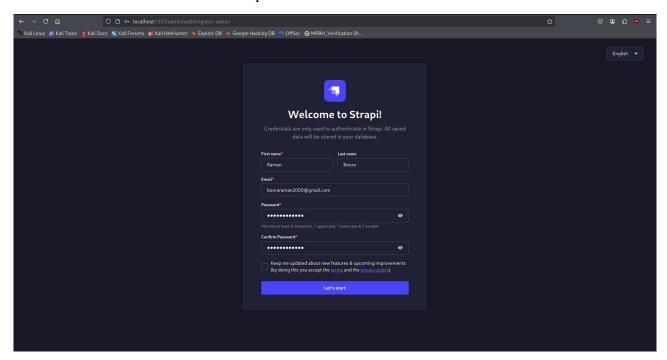


Step 5: Register Admin User

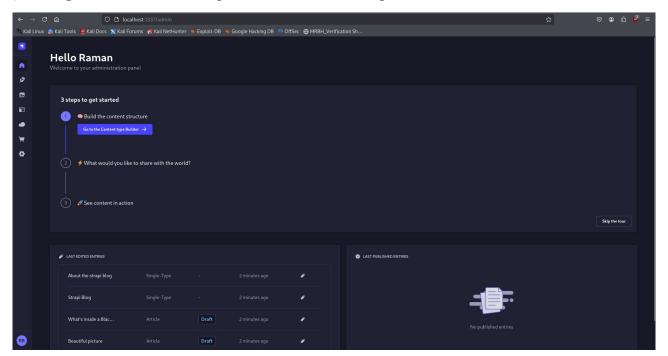
Complete the admin registration form:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Email
- Password

Click "Let's Start" to access the Strapi dashboard.



Congratulations! Your Strapi instance is now running!



Project Folder Structure

Your project directory will look like this:

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-(boora®boora)-[~/Desktop/Pipeline-Masters-Strapi/strapi-app]
 -$ ls −l
total 740
drwxrwxr-x
            2 boora boora
                           4096 Jun 9 16:10 config
drwxrwxr-x 3 boora boora
                           4096 Jun 9 16:10 data
drwxrwxr-x 3 boora boora
                           4096 Jun 9 16:10 database
drwxrwxr-x 4 boora boora 4096 Jun 9 16:11 dist
-rw-rw-r-- 1 boora boora
                           497 Jun 9 16:10 favicon.png
drwxrwxr-x 862 boora boora 32768 Jun 9 16:11 node_modules
-rw-rw-r--    1 boora boora    1199 Jun  9 16:10 package.json
-rw-rw-r--    1 boora boora 670845 Jun  9 16:10 package-lock.json
drwxrwxr-x 3 boora boora 4096 Jun 9 16:10 public
-rw-rw-r-- 1 boora boora
                           2167 Jun 9 16:10 README.md
drwxrwxr-x 2 boora boora 4096 Jun 9 16:10 scripts
drwxrwxr-x 6 boora boora
                           4096 Jun 9 16:10 src
-rw-rw-r--    1 boora boora    942 Jun  9 16:10 tsconfig.json
drwxrwxr-x 3 boora boora
                           4096 Jun 9 16:11 types
   (boora⊕boora)-[~/Desktop/Pipeline-Masters-Strapi/strapi-app]
```

Start/Stop Commands

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Manage your Strapi project with these commands:
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cd strapi-app

npm run develop # Start in development mode with hot-reload

npm run build # Build for production
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(boora® boora)-[~/Desktop/Pipeline-Masters-Strapi/strapi-app]
 -$ npm run develop
> strapi-app@0.1.0 develop
> strapi develop
✓ Cleaning dist dir (10ms)
: Loading Strapi Building build context
∴ Loading Strapi[INFO] Including the following ENV variables as part of the JS bu
   - ADMIN_PATH
   - STRAPI_ADMIN_BACKEND_URL
    - STRAPI_TELEMETRY_DISABLED
✓ Building build context (66ms)
✓ Creating admin (327ms)
✓ Loading Strapi (1246ms)
Generating types (363ms)
Cleaning dist dir (20ms)
✓ Compiling TS (1769ms)
Project information
 Time
                       Mon Jun 09 2025 16:11:16 GMT+0530 (India Standa...
 Launched in
                       3389 ms
  Environment
                       development
                       73021
 Process PID
                       5.15.0 (node v22.16.0)
 Version
  Edition
                       Community
 Database
                       sqlite
  Database name
                       .tmp/data.db
Actions available
One more thing...
Create your first administrator 💻 by going to the administration panel at:
 http://localhost:1337/admin
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