

Discussion: New “ESM by default” mode #49432



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Building off of [#49295 \(comment\)](#), we’re considering a new mode where all of the current places where Node defaults to CommonJS would instead default to ESM. I think this should be enabled by flag, and once it ships we can potentially ship a [separate binary](#) where it’s enabled by default; and/or we can someday make the new mode Node’s default in a semver-major change.

The use cases solved by such a mode are (and I’ll edit this comment to update this list as people think of more):

<https://github.com/nodejs/node/issues/49432>



Plus - useful tips!