Node.js/npm/Loopback Installation on Win 8
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Useful Links:

Loopback website:
https://loopback.io/
YouTube video:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bm6u1f2PUag
Corresponding detailed github page:
https://github.com/IBM/loopback-in-five

Roughly following this link's instruction:
https://loopback.io/doc/en/lb3/Installing-on-Windows.html

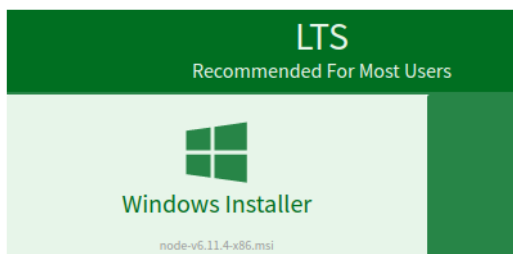**Steps:**

Install Node before installing Loopback

   Download Node.js Windows Installer (v6.11.4) (npm is co-installed by default)

   https://nodejs.org/en/download/

   Mine is installed in C:\Program Files\nodejs\ (doesn't matter the path)

Restart the PC

Try node -v in cmd to check the Node version
Try npm -v in cmd to check the npm version

Terminal: npm install -g npm (to install the latest version of npm, can be skipped)
Terminal: npm install -g loopback-cli (to install loopback)
(there is some error, but 760 packages added)

Go to an empty folder to create an API

Example 1: hello-world and people done
Simply follow the instructions within the link:
http://loopback.io/getting-started/

Example 2: in the video
Follow the following link:
https://github.com/IBM/loopback-in-five

Terminal: lb (to set up a loopback server)
Terminal: cd the created folder, mine is hello-world (or just click Enter to make the current folder to be project folder)
Terminal: lb datasource

String:
mongodb://animalsUsername:loopbackRocks123@aws-us-east-1-portal.26.dblayer.com:17243/animalsDemo?ssl=true