

# npm-root

## Synopsis

`npm root`

## Description

Print the effective `node_modules` folder to standard out.

Useful for using npm in shell scripts that do things with the `node_modules` folder. For example:

```
#!/bin/bash
global_node_modules="$(npm root --global)"
echo "Global packages installed in: ${global_node_modules}"
```

## Configuration

### `global`

- Default: false
- Type: Boolean

Operates in “global” mode, so that packages are installed into the `prefix` folder instead of the current working directory. See `folders` for more on the differences in behavior.

- packages are installed into the `{prefix}/lib/node_modules` folder, instead of the current working directory.
- bin files are linked to `{prefix}/bin`
- man pages are linked to `{prefix}/share/man`

## See Also

- `npm prefix`
- `npm bin`
- `npm folders`
- `npm config`
- `npmrc`