There are many Enterprise level companies that maintain an internal clone of the npm registry for security purposes. If you work for such a company, you may find that you are able to successfully run <code>npm install -g gatsby-cli</code> but cannot run the <code>gatsby new <project-source></code> as the <code>gatsby new command clones</code> a repo from a public GitHub repository. Many companies block public GitHub, which will cause the <code>gatsby new command</code> to fail. Not to worry, though, you can set up a new Gatsby site without the <code>gatsby new command</code> with a few quick steps.

## **Preparing your environment**

To get started with Gatsby, you'll need to make sure you have the following software tools installed:

- 1. Node.js
- 2. Gatsby CLI

For step-by-step installation instructions and detailed explanations of the required software, head on over to the <u>Gatsby tutorial</u>.

After your developer environment is set up, you'll want to set up a new project folder.

```
mkdir my-new-gatsby-site
cd my-new-gatsby-site
```

Next, you'll need to set up npm within your project.

```
npm init
```

Fill out the prompts for the package.json file that is generated. If you'd like to skip that, you can run npm init -y and a pre-filled package.json will be generated for you.

Now, you'll need to install the necessary packages that Gatsby relies on to work its magic.

```
npm install gatsby react react-dom
```

Next, you'll add a src directory and a pages directory inside your project.

```
mkdir src
cd src
mkdir pages
```

Inside the pages directory, you'll make an index.js file that exports a React component.

```
cd pages
touch index.js
```

Now, add some React code to your index.js file as a starting point for your project.

```
import React from "react"
export default function Home() {
```

```
return <h1>Hello Gatsby!</h1>
}
```

Finally, go back to the root of your project and run the <code>gatsby develop</code> command to start a development server and begin coding.

```
cd ../../
gatsby develop
```

And that's it! You should now have your initial page running on http://localhost:8000 with a GraphiQL IDE running on  $http://localhost:8000/\__graphql$ . From here, you can follow the rest of the <u>Gatsby tutorial</u> starting with setting up a code editor to get the full experience of what Gatsby can offer.