

## Synopsis

```
npm start [-- <args>]
```

## Description

This runs a predefined command specified in the `"start"` property of a package's `"scripts"` object.

If the `"scripts"` object does not define a `"start"` property, npm will run `node server.js`.

Note that this is different from the default node behavior of running the file specified in a package's `"main"` attribute when evoking with `node .`

As of [npm@2.0.0](#), you can use custom arguments when executing scripts. Refer to [npm run-script](#) for more details.

## Example

```
{
  "scripts": {
    "start": "node foo.js"
  }
}
```

```
npm start

> npm@x.x.x start
> node foo.js

(foo.js output would be here)
```

## Configuration

### `ignore-scripts`

- Default: false
- Type: Boolean

If true, npm does not run scripts specified in package.json files.

Note that commands explicitly intended to run a particular script, such as `npm start`, `npm stop`, `npm restart`, `npm test`, and `npm run-script` will still run their intended script if `ignore-scripts` is set, but they will *not* run any pre- or post-scripts.

### `script-shell`

- Default: `/bin/sh` on POSIX systems, `cmd.exe` on Windows
- Type: null or String

The shell to use for scripts run with the `npm exec`, `npm run` and `npm init <pkg>` commands.

## See Also

- [npm run-script](#)
- [npm scripts](#)
- [npm test](#)
- [npm restart](#)
- [npm stop](#)