

Synopsis

```
npm prefix [-g]
```

Note: This command is unaware of workspaces.

Description

Print the local prefix to standard output. This is the closest parent directory to contain a `package.json` file or `node_modules` directory, unless `-g` is also specified.

If `-g` is specified, this will be the value of the global prefix. See [npm config](#) for more detail.

Example

```
npm prefix
/usr/local/projects/foo
```

```
npm prefix -g
/usr/local
```

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 root](#)
- [npm bin](#)
- [npm folders](#)
- [npm config](#)
- [npmrc](#)