

npm-start

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**