

# Setting up the Cordova development environment

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## Overview

To get started with Cordova (PhoneGap) development (<https://cordova.apache.org/>) the very basic required step is to install the Cordova CLI. The Cordova CLI is the tool enabling you to create Cordova applications. These applications can be further enhanced by using various 3rd party frameworks and tools such as Ionic, AngularJS, jQuery Mobile and many more. With Cordova applications you can use your preferred code editor, such as Atom.io, Visual Studio Code, Eclipse, IntelliJ and others for implementing your applications and adapters.

**Prerequisite:** As you setup your Cordova development environment, make sure to also read the Setting up the MobileFirst development environment ([../setting-up-your-development-environment/mobilefirst-development-environment/](#)) tutorial.

## Installing the Cordova CLI

MobileFirst Foundation supports Apache Cordova CLI 6.x (<https://www.npmjs.com/package/cordova>). To install:

1. Download and install NodeJS (<https://nodejs.org/en/>).
2. From a **Command-line** window, run the command: `npm install -g cordova`.

## Next steps

To continue with MobileFirst development in Cordova applications, the MobileFirst Cordova SDK/plugin-ins need to be added to the Cordova application.

- Learn how to add the MobileFirst SDK to Cordova applications ([../adding-the-mfpf-sdk/cordova/](#)).
- For applications development, refer to the Using the MobileFirst Foundation SDK ([../using-the-mfpf-sdk/](#)) tutorials.
- For adapters development, refer to the Adapters ([../adapters/](#)) category.