**How to use Party Guru website app**

**How to start from the command line on Windows:**

* You need npm to install these things. Here’s the link for it:
  + <https://nodejs.org/en/>
* Using command line (cmd) you can navigate to the file that contains the project (the file that contains partyguru\_singlepage, backend). On Windows, you can use “cd directoryname” to go forward (without quotes and directory represents the name of the directory (usually folders). Normally, the command line will open in C:\users\username. If your file is in your Desktop, use cd Desktop and it will get you there. “dir” on Windows will show you all the files in the directory you’re in (e.g., all files saved on your desktop). You can go back to the previous directory with “cd ..”.
* When you are in the folder where the project is (namely, the directory that contains backend, partyguru\_singlepage and other files), you have to install some dependencies. Here’s how:
  + write “npm install” in the command line that is in this directory and run it. It will take some time and install the necessary dependencies.
  + Then, go to the backend folder. Do the “npm install” command in there as well.
  + Then, go back to the main folder (go back one file with “cd ..”).
  + Then, go to the partyguru\_singlepage folder.
  + Then, do the “npm install” command in there as well.
  + Now you should have every dependency installed!
* Don’t close the command line! You will need another command line to run the backend server so it might be wise to input “start cmd.exe” now to open another command line. Doing so will save you from having to navigate to the directory with the second command line as the command will open the cmd in the directory you are in. In partyguru\_singlepage, use the command “npm start”. This will start the server at <http://localhost:3000/> and the server is run by the command line you wrote the command in so don’t close it. The browser will open automatically. Since the backend server is not started yet, the website looks pretty barebones.
* Open a new command line and navigate to the backend folder. Then do the “npm start” command inside that folder. Refresh the localhost page and voila, you’ll see the fruits of our labor!

**TO-DO:** write instructions how to actually host the server (e.g., how to host it so people can write “partyguru.com” and get there – or something similar)

* Start backend first?
* How to get project from Git?