NAME
        npm-start – Start a package

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** *https://blog.npmjs.org/post/98131109725/npm−2−0−0*, you can use custom arguments when executing scripts. Refer to npm help **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

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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. <!−− automatically generated, do not edit manually −−> <!−− see lib/utils/config/definitions.js −−>

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. <!−− automatically generated, do not edit manually −−> <!−− see lib/utils/config/definitions.js −−>

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See Also

- npm help run−script
- npm help scripts
- npm help test
- npm help restart
- npm help stop