

NAME**npm-prefix** – Display prefix**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 help **config** for more detail.

Example

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

npm prefix -g
/usr/local
```

Configuration

```
<!-- AUTOGENERATED CONFIG DESCRIPTIONS START --> <!-- automatically generated, do not
edit manually --> <!-- see lib/utils/config/definitions.js -->
```

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 npm help 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**

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See Also

- npm help root
- npm help bin
- npm help folders
- npm help config
- npm help npmrc