[Node.js](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nodejs) – in simple words – is **server-side JavaScript**. It has been getting a lot of buzz these days. If you’ve heard of it or you’re interested in learning and getting some hands on it – this post is for you.

So what exactly is the need of using JavaScript in the server? To make the concept of Node.js clear I would like to compare it with the ordinary server-side languages such as PHP. Node.js uses an **event-based server execution procedure** rather than the multithreaded execution in PHP.

To explain it further, we’ll be talking about the idea of **what Node.js is** along with some **hosting provider suggestions and installation tips**. Intermediate level knowledge of JavaScript, jQuery and Ajax are required, but we’ll also provide examples for you to understand the entire thing easier and even work on it, so let’s get to know more about Node.js!