# **How to Setup and Run A Medusa Server Locally**

[Medusa](https://medusajs.com/) is a NodeJS-based headless e-commerce platform marketed as an open-source and viable alternative to Shopify.

## **Requirements**

### **Install NodeJS**

Medusa is built on NodeJS so it is required to run. NodeJS - Medusa currently supports Node versions 14 and 16. You can check which version you have by running node -v in the terminal.

**Install the Medusa CLI**

Install the Medusa CLI globally using NPM

npm install @medusajs/medusa-cli --global

### **Create a Medusa Server Project**

medusa new my-medusa-store

### **Start the Medusa Server**

Navigate to our medusa server project directory and start the server

cd watch-store-medusa-server



medusa develop

