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Installing Express as a local dependency

The general rule of Node is that if you plan to use an npm module with `require()`, then you need to install it locally (i.e., in `node_modules`). Thus, for a new project, create a folder and a `package.json` file:

```
mkdir express-hello-world
cd express-hello-world
npm init -y
```

Then, you can install express as a dependency locally:

```
npm install express
```

Or with an exact version:

```
npm install express@4.13.3
```

Installing Scaffolding

There's another module called Express Generator which is a scaffolding. Developers use the generator to jump start their Express development because the generator will create files and folders for different template engines and CSS libraries

Install Express.js command-line generator:

```
npm install -g express-generator
```

Using the Generator

Now we can use the CLI to spawn new Express.js apps.

```
express todo-list-app  
cd todo-list-app  
npm install  
npm start
```

The Express.js Generator Command-Line Interface offers support for CSS libraries and template engines. For example, to create an app with Stylus support, type the following:

```
express -c styl express-styl
```

Then, as the instructions in the terminal tells us (Figure 2-5), type:

```
cd express-styl && npm install  
DEBUG=my-application ./bin/www
```

Open the browser of your choice at <http://localhost:3000> to view the result.