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i want away to start the server when the computer start

To start a server automatically when your computer starts, you can use different methods depending on your operating system. Here are instructions for the most common ones:

Windows:

- Create a shortcut for your server application.
- Press 'Win + R' to open the Run dialog box.
- Type 'shell:startup' and press Enter. This will open the Startup folder.
- Move the shortcut of your server application into the Startup folder.

macOS:

- Open System Preferences by clicking on the Apple menu and selecting "System Preferences."
- Click on "Users & Groups" (or "Users & Accounts").
- Select your user account from the list on the left and click on the "Login Items" tab.
- Click the "+" button below the list of items.
- Navigate to your server application and click "Add."

Linux (Ubuntu):

- Open the Terminal.
- Type `sudo nano /etc/rc.local` and press Enter. This will open the rc.local file for editing.
- Add the command to start your server before the 'exit 0' line in the file. For example: `/path/to/your/server/application &`
- Press 'Ctrl + X' to exit, then press 'Y' to save the changes and press Enter.

These methods will ensure that your server application starts automatically when your computer boots up. Remember to replace "/path/to/your/server/application" with the actual path to your server application.

its a back end local server with nodejs

To start a Node.js server automatically when your computer starts, you can follow these steps:

- Open a text editor and create a new file.
- Add the following code to the file:

```
bash
#!/bin/bash
cd /path/to/your/server/directory
node server.js
```

Replace "/path/to/your/server/directory" with the actual path to your Node.js server directory and "server.js" with the entry file of your server.

- Save the file with a '.sh' extension, for example, '**start_server.sh**'.
- Make the script executable by running the following command in the terminal:

```
bash
chmod +x start_server.sh
```

- Depending on your operating system:
 - Windows:** Create a shortcut for the script ('**start_server.sh**'). Follow the Windows instructions mentioned earlier in this conversation to place the shortcut in the Startup folder.
 - macOS:** Follow the macOS instructions mentioned earlier in this conversation to add the script ('**start_server.sh**') to the Login Items.
 - Linux:** Follow the Linux (Ubuntu) instructions mentioned earlier in this conversation to add the script ('**start_server.sh**') to the '**rc.local**' file.

Now, when your computer starts, it will execute the script, navigate to your server directory, and start the Node.js server automatically. Remember to replace "/path/to/your/server/directory" with the actual path to your Node.js server directory and "server.js" with the correct entry file of your server.

will it start when the cmd is closed?



No, the method I described will start the server when your computer boots up, but it will not keep the server running if the command prompt or terminal window is closed. If you want the server to continue running even after the command prompt or terminal is closed, you have a few options:

1. Use a process manager: You can use a process manager like PM2 (<https://pm2.keymetrics.io/>) or Forever (<https://github.com/foreverjs/forever>) to manage your Node.js server process. These tools provide features to start, monitor, and restart your server automatically. They also keep the server running even if the command prompt or terminal is closed.
2. Create a service: You can create a service for your Node.js server, which will run in the background as a system service. The process will start automatically on boot and continue running independent of any terminal session. The method for creating a service depends on your operating system. For example, on Linux, you can use Systemd (<https://www.freedesktop.org/wiki/Software/systemd/>), while on Windows, you can create a service using NSSM (<https://nssm.cc/>).

Using a process manager or creating a service ensures that your Node.js server continues to run even if the command prompt or terminal is closed or if your computer restarts.



ok i want to use nssm



To use NSSM (Non-Sucking Service Manager) to create a Windows service for your Node.js server, follow these steps:

1. Download NSSM from the official website: <https://nssm.cc/download>
Choose the appropriate version (32-bit or 64-bit) based on your operating system.
2. Extract the downloaded NSSM ZIP file to a convenient location on your computer.
3. Open a command prompt with administrator privileges by right-clicking on the Command Prompt shortcut and selecting "Run as administrator".
4. Navigate to the directory where you extracted NSSM in the command prompt using the 'cd' command. For example:

```
bash Copy code
cd C:\path\to\nssm-<version>\
```

5. Install the NSSM service by running the following command:

```
bash Copy code
nssm install YourServiceName
```

Replace "YourServiceName" with the desired name for your service.

6. A GUI window will open for NSSM. In the "Application" tab, provide the following information:
 - Path: Enter the path to the 'node.exe' executable. For example: 'C:\Program Files\nodejs\node.exe' (replace with your actual path).
 - Startup directory: Enter the directory where your Node.js server file ('server.js') is located.
 - Arguments: Enter the path to your server file ('server.js'). For example: 'C:\path\to\your\server\server.js' (replace with your actual path).
7. In the "Details" tab, provide a description and set the startup type to "Automatic" or "Automatic (Delayed Start)" based on your preference.
8. Click the "Install service" button to create the service.
9. Close the NSSM GUI.
10. Open the "Services" window by pressing 'Win + R', typing 'services.msc', and pressing Enter.
11. Locate your newly created service in the list (by the name you provided in Step 5), right-click on it, and select "Properties".
12. In the "Properties" window, set the "Startup type" to "Automatic" or "Automatic (Delayed Start)".
13. Start the service by clicking the "Start" button or right-clicking on the service and selecting "Start".

Now, your Node.js server will be started automatically as a Windows service when your computer boots up. It will continue running even if the command prompt or terminal is closed.



'nssm' is not recognized as an internal or external command,

operable program or batch file.



If you are receiving the error message "nssm" is not recognized as an internal or external command, operable program or batch file," it means that the NSSM executable is not added to the system's PATH variable.



To resolve this issue and make NSSM accessible from anywhere in the command prompt, follow these steps:

1. Locate the directory where you extracted NSSM.
2. Copy the full path of the NSSM executable file (e.g., `C:\path\to\nssm-<version>\nssm.exe`).
3. Press **Win + X** and select "System" from the context menu to open the System Properties window.
4. Click on the "Advanced system settings" link on the left side.
5. In the System Properties window, click the "Environment Variables" button.
6. In the "System Variables" section, scroll down and find the "Path" variable. Select it and click the "Edit" button.
7. In the "Edit Environment Variable" window, click the "New" button to add a new entry.
8. Paste the full path of the NSSM executable (copied in step 2) into the input field.
9. Click "OK" to save the changes.
10. Close all the windows by clicking "OK" or "Apply" until you're back to the desktop.

Now, you should be able to use the `nssm` command from any command prompt or PowerShell window without encountering the "nssm is not recognized" error.



how the server start if i didn't provide the script



Apologies for the confusion. If you didn't provide the script to start the server, NSSM alone won't be sufficient to start your Node.js server as a Windows service. You need to create a script or specify the command to start your server.



To create a script to start your Node.js server, follow these steps:

1. Open a text editor.
2. Add the following code to the file:

```
bash
Copy code
@echo off
cd /path/to/your/server/directory
node server.js
```

Replace "/path/to/your/server/directory" with the actual path to your Node.js server directory and "server.js" with the correct entry file of your server.

3. Save the file with a ".bat" extension, for example, **start_server.bat**.
4. In the NSSM GUI (after Step 6 mentioned earlier), in the "Application" tab, set the following:
 - Path: Enter the path to the `cmd.exe` executable. For example: `C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe`.
 - Startup directory: Enter the directory where your script file (**start_server.bat**) is located.
 - Arguments: Enter `/c start_server.bat` (replace with the actual filename if different).
5. Follow the remaining steps to install the service using NSSM as described earlier.

By creating the script (**start_server.bat**) and configuring NSSM with the correct paths and arguments, NSSM will execute the script to start your Node.js server as a Windows service.



in Startup directory the path or just the name



Apologies for the confusion. In the "Startup directory" field of the NSSM GUI, you should provide the directory path where your script file (**start_server.bat**) is located, not just the name of the directory.



For example, if your script file **start_server.bat** is located in the directory `C:\path\to\your\server\`, you should provide the full directory path `C:\path\to\your\server\` in the "Startup directory" field.

Make sure to replace `C:\path\to\your\server\` with the actual directory path where your **start_server.bat** file is located.

This ensures that NSSM correctly sets the working directory before executing the script to start your Node.js server.

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will it work if i sign out and sign back in?



Yes, if you have configured NSSM properly to start your Node.js server as a Windows service, it should continue running even if you sign out and sign back in to your user account.

When you create a Windows service using NSSM, the service is registered with the Windows Service Control Manager (SCM). The SCM is responsible for managing services and ensuring they start automatically on system boot, regardless of whether a user is logged in or not.

Once the service is registered and set to start automatically, it will continue running in the background even if you sign out or restart your computer. The service will be initiated during the system startup process, allowing your Node.js server to start without requiring an active user session.

Therefore, your Node.js server should persist and remain running as long as the Windows service is running, regardless of user login sessions.

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