How To Install Node.js 14 on Ubuntu 22.04|20.04|18.04

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Node.js is a server-side JavaScript language based on the V8 JavaScript engine from Google. Node.js allows you to write server-side JavaScript applications. It provides an I/O model based on events and non-blocking operations that enables you to write efficient applications. Node.js is known for its large modular ecosystem through npm. This guide will take you through the steps of installing Node.js 14 on Ubuntu 22.04 | 20.04 | 18.04.

Node.js 14 was released on 2020-04-21 and is expected to enter active LTS state on 2020-10-20. The maintenance window will start on 2021-10-19 and is expected to reach End-of-life on 2023-04-30.

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We will use the Node.js Binary Distributions installer script to setup Node.js 14 on Ubuntu 22.04 | 20.04 | 18.04 Linux system.

Step 1: Update APT index

Run the apt update command on your Ubuntu Linux to update package repository contents database.

sudo apt update

Step 2: Install Node.js 14 on Ubuntu 22.04|20.04|18.04

After system update, install Node.js 14 on Ubuntu 22.04 | 20.04 | 18.04 by first installing the required repository.

```
curl -sL https://deb.nodesource.com/setup_14.x | sudo bash -
```

The script above will create apt sources list file for the NodeSource Node.js 14.x repo:

```
# Ubuntu 20.04 example
$ cat /etc/apt/sources.list.d/nodesource.list
deb https://deb.nodesource.com/node_14.x focal main
deb-src https://deb.nodesource.com/node 14.x focal main
```

Once the repository is added, you can begin the installation of Node.js 14 on Ubuntu Linux:

```
sudo apt -y install nodejs
```

Verify the version of Node.js installed.

```
$ node -v
v14.21.1
```

Step 3: Install Node.js Dev Tools

If you need Node Development tools, install them with the command:

```
sudo apt -y install gcc g++ make
```

To install the Yarn package manager, run:

```
curl -sL https://dl.yarnpkg.com/debian/pubkey.gpg | sudo apt-key add -
echo "deb https://dl.yarnpkg.com/debian/ stable main" | sudo tee
/etc/apt/sources.list.d/yarn.list
sudo apt update && sudo apt install yarn
```

Checking Yarn version:

```
$ yarn -V
yarn install v1.22.19
info No lockfile found.
[1/4] Resolving packages...
[2/4] Fetching packages...
[3/4] Linking dependencies...
[4/4] Building fresh packages...
success Saved lockfile.
Done in 0.10s.
```

You have covered the simple steps required to install Node.js 14 on Ubuntu 22.04 | 20.04 | 18.04. Have fun with your backend software development.

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