

What we need as pre-requisites?

1. Node Package Manager npm to manage all the required javascript packages.
2. **nodejs** to implement our development server. npm will get install when you install nodejs.

[Download Node.js](#)

Once you have Node

Yes, thats what we all need along with working internet connection to get your project start and go with following steps.

npm init

Create your project folder and init the npm to create **package.json** file. This file will have the details of your project that you enter while init and further dependency packages that you will install.

```
$ npm init
This utility will walk you through creating a package.json file.
It only covers the most common items, and tries to guess sensible defaults.

See `npm help json` for definitive documentation on these fields
and exactly what they do.

Use `npm install <pkg>` afterwards to install a package and
save it as a dependency in the package.json file.

Press ^C at any time to quit.
package name: (react-basic-setup)
version: (1.0.0)
description: A basic react project setup to start with. If you are looking for
one, clone it and use it.
entry point: (index.js)
test command:
git repository:
keywords:
author: maaraa
license: (ISC) MIT
About to write to ~/react-basic-setup/package.json:

{
  "name": "react-basic-setup",
  "version": "1.0.0",
  "description": "A basic react project setup to start with. If you are looking
for one, fork it and start with it.",
  "main": "index.js",
  "scripts": {
    "test": "echo \"Error: no test specified\" && exit 1"
  },
  "author": "maaraa",
  "license": "MIT"
}
```

Is this ok? (yes) yes

Production Dependencies

react core library

You need to have react package that you can install using npm. We need it as a production dependency for this project to work after deployment as well during development.

```
$ npm install --save react
npm WARN react-basic-setup@1.0.0 No repository field.

+ react@16.2.0
added 17 packages in 2.741s
```

react-dom library

You need **react-dom** as a production dependency which takes care of co-ordination with DOM elements and virtual DOM.

```
$ npm install --save react-dom
npm WARN react-basic-setup@1.0.0 No repository field.

+ react-dom@16.2.0
added 1 package in 0.897s
```

Development Dependencies

webpack

Webpack for bundling your code. We will bundle all the files into single file using this. Also, you will load the different loaders for code compilation and transpilation (eg. babel-loader, json-loader, css-loader, etc.,)

```
$ npm install --save-dev webpack
npm WARN react-basic-setup@1.0.0 No repository field.

+ webpack@4.1.0
updated 1 package in 8.459s
```

webpack-cli

The CLI of webpack has been moved to a separate package **webpack-cli** and hence that needs to be installed in addition to **webpack**

```
$ npm install --save-dev webpack-cli
npm WARN deprecated nomnom@1.8.1: Package no longer supported. Contact
support@npmjs.com for more info.

> spawn-sync@1.0.15 postinstall ~/react-basic-setup/node_modules/spawn-sync
> node postinstall

npm WARN react-basic-setup@1.0.0 No repository field.

+ webpack-cli@2.0.10
added 294 packages in 18.177s
```

webpack-dev-server

Webpack have this package to use it as your development web server.

```
$ npm install --save-dev webpack-dev-server
npm WARN react-basic-setup@1.0.0 No repository field.

+ webpack-dev-server@3.1.0
added 262 packages in 10.203s
```

babel-core

This is to transpile your ES6 code to ES5 since most of the browsers supports ES5 mostly.

```
$ npm install --save-dev babel-core
npm WARN react-basic-setup@1.0.0 No repository field.

+ babel-core@6.26.0
added 32 packages in 5.235s
```

babel-loader

This loader will be configured in webpack and webpack will use this.

```
$ npm install --save-dev babel-loader
npm WARN react-basic-setup@1.0.0 No repository field.

+ babel-loader@7.1.4
updated 1 package in 4.452s
```

Babel Presets

This to tell babel which logics that transpiler needs. We need below presets

Preset	Description
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<code>babel-preset-es2015</code>	this is to tell babel to use es6 to es5 logic
<code>babel-preset-react</code>	this is to tell babel that this code is based on react library which it needs to transpile
<code>babel-preset-stage-2</code>	this is for having some extra features. More information on stages

```
$ npm install --save-dev babel-preset-es2015 babel-preset-react babel-preset-stage-2
npm WARN deprecated babel-preset-es2015@6.24.1:      Thanks for using Babel: we recommend using babel-preset-env now: please read babeljs.io/env to update!
npm WARN react-basic-setup@1.0.0 No repository field.

+ babel-preset-stage-2@6.24.1
+ babel-preset-react@6.24.1
+ babel-preset-es2015@6.24.1
added 71 packages in 7.143s
```

Application Creation

1. We will have a `src` folder which will hold all of source files
2. `app` folder inside it that holds our reactjs app.
3. `src/index.html` that is our root file & entry point of our application webpage.
4. `webpack.config.js` to configure webpack to do the bundling.

`webpack.config.js` configuration – a little overview

```
//It needs webpack
var webpack = require('webpack');
//Importing path – a global javascript library to resolve the application's absolute path
var path = require('path');
//The distribution directory to push the transpiled and bundled files. This is the directory from which you will server your app.
var DIST_DIR = path.resolve(__dirname, 'dist');
//The Source folder to intimate webpack where to find the original source codes
var SRC_DIR = path.resolve(__dirname, 'src');
//The webpack configuration which is actually an javascript object.
var config = {
  //The entry file where the webpack needs to start with and understand the dependencies
  entry: SRC_DIR + '/app/index.js',
  //The output configuration where to output the file
  output: {
    path: DIST_DIR + '/app',
    filename: 'bundle.js',
    publicPath: '/app/'
  },
}
```

```
//Define the modules that needs to be used during the webpack process of
bundling
module: {
  //loaders are renamed to rules in webpack v 4.1.0. rules are array of objects
  to use during webpack process (eg. babel-loader for transpiling es6 to es5)
  rules: [
    {
      //test tells webpack which files to look at
      test: /\.js?/,
      //include key to tell webpack which folders to be scanned the test files
      include: SRC_DIR,
      //which loader to use
      loader: 'babel-loader',
      //query key is a JS Object that tells presets to work
      query: {
        //presets are array
        presets: ['react', 'es2015', 'stage-2']
      }
    }
  ]
}
//export the config as module
module.exports = config;
```

5. `app/index.js` file which will act as an entry point on the webpack configuration

6. Include the bundled script file in `index.html` within body using

```
`<script src='/app/bundle.js'></script>`
```

7. Scripts to be excuted which will start the webpack build process or start the developement server. This needs to created in `package.json`

build script

```
"build": "webpack -d && cp src/index.html dist/index.html && webpack-dev-server --
content-base src/ --inline --hot"
```

`webpack -d` : to start the build process in development mode

`cp src/index.html dist/index.html` : to copy the index.html to dist folder

`webpack-dev-server --content-base src/ --inline --hot`

1. `webpack-dev-server` : to start the webpack-dev-server
2. `--content-base src/` : to set the base content folder during development mode
3. `--inline` : to start the server in inline mode
4. `--hot` : to do hot reload

build:prod script

```
"build:prod": "webpack -p && cp src/index.html dist/index.html"
```

webpack -d : to start the build process in production mode. It will do somethings like minifying **cp src/index.html dist/index.html** : to copy the index.html to dist folder

start script

```
"start": "npm run build"
```

npm run build will just run the build script

So finally the scripts looks like this,

```
{
  "scripts": {
    "start": "npm run build",
    "build": "webpack -d && cp src/index.html dist/index.html && webpack-dev-
server --content-base src/ --inline --hot",
    "build:prod": "webpack -p && cp src/index.html dist/index.html"
  }
}
```

Run **npm start** to initiate the development webserver

```
$ npm start

> react-basic-setup@1.0.0 start ~/react-basic-setup
> npm run build

> react-basic-setup@1.0.0 build ~/react-basic-setup
> webpack -d && cp src/index.html dist/index.html && webpack-dev-server --content-
base /src --inline --hot

Hash: e2f93d66a4bf18efa441
Version: webpack 4.1.0
Time: 358ms
Built at: 2018-3-7 16:31:54
    Asset      Size  Chunks             Chunk Names
bundle.js  3.22 KiB       0  [emitted]  main
Entrypoint main = bundle.js
[./src/app/index.js] 40 bytes {main} [built]
(node:4394) DeprecationWarning: Tapable.plugin is deprecated. Use new API on
`.hooks` instead
[wds]: Project is running at http://localhost:8080/
[wds]: webpack output is served from /app/
[wds]: Content not from webpack is served from /src
△ [wdm]: Hash: 7a8f40117756d593aa27
Version: webpack 4.1.0
Time: 11693ms
```

```
Built at: 2018-3-7 16:31:56
  Asset      Size  Chunks             Chunk Names
bundle.js  147 KiB       0  [emitted]  main
Entrypoint main = bundle.js
[0] (webpack)/hot/log.js 1.03 KiB {0} [built]
[1] (webpack)/hot/emitter.js 77 bytes {0} [built]
[4] ./src/app/index.js 40 bytes {0} [built]
[5] (webpack)/hot/log-apply-result.js 1.31 KiB {0} [built]
[6] (webpack)/hot/dev-server.js 1.66 KiB {0} [built]
[8] (webpack)/hot sync nonrecursive ^\.\/log$ 170 bytes {0} [built]
[12] ./node_modules/ansi-html/index.js 4.16 KiB {0} [built]
[13] (webpack)-dev-server/client/overlay.js 3.58 KiB {0} [built]
[14] ./node_modules/sockjs-client/dist/sockjs.js 176 KiB {0} [built]
[15] (webpack)-dev-server/client/socket.js 1.05 KiB {0} [built]
[16] ./node_modules/loglevel/lib/loglevel.js 7.68 KiB {0} [built]
[18] ./node_modules/strip-ansi/index.js 161 bytes {0} [built]
[25] ./node_modules/url/url.js 22.8 KiB {0} [built]
[26] (webpack)-dev-server/client?http://localhost:8080 7.75 KiB {0} [built]
[27] multi (webpack)-dev-server/client?http://localhost:8080 webpack/hot/dev-
server ./src/app/index.js 52 bytes {0} [built]
+ 13 hidden modules

WARNING in configuration
The 'mode' option has not been set. Set 'mode' option to 'development' or
'production' to enable defaults for this environment.
[wdm]: Compiled with warnings.
```

Working Screenshot

