

```
npm install express --save
```

or [Yarn](#):

```
yarn add express
```

Both commands will also work in an empty directory, to start up your project from scratch, although `npm` does not create a `package.json` file at all, and Yarn creates a basic one.

Just run `npm init` or `yarn init` if you're starting a new project from scratch.

## Hello World

We're ready to create our first Express Web Server.

Here is some code:

```
const express = require('express')
const app = express()

app.get('/', (req, res) => res.send('Hello World!'))
app.listen(3000, () => console.log('Server ready'))
```

Save this to an `index.js` file in your project root folder, and start the server using

```
node index.js
```

You can open the browser to port 3000 on localhost and you should see the `Hello World!` message.

## Learn the basics of Express by understanding the Hello World code

Those 4 lines of code do a lot behind the scenes.

First, we import the `express` package to the `express` value.

We instantiate an application by calling its `app()` method.

Once we have the application object, we tell it to listen for GET requests on the `/` path, using the `get()` method.