

# Getting Started

webpack is used to compile JavaScript modules. Once [installed](#), you can interface with webpack either from its [CLI](#) or [API](#). If you're still new to webpack, please read through the [core concepts](#) and [this comparison](#) to learn why you might use it over the other tools that are out in the community.

*Since webpack v5.0.0-beta.1 the minimum Node.js version to run webpack is 10.13.0 (LTS)*

## Basic Setup

First let's create a directory, initialize npm, [install webpack locally](#), and install the webpack-cli (the tool used to run webpack on the command line):

```
mkdir webpack-demo
cd webpack-demo
npm init -y
npm install webpack webpack-cli --save-dev
```

*Throughout the Guides we will use `diff` blocks to show you what changes we're making to directories, files, and code.*

Now we'll create the following directory structure, files and their contents:

### project

```
webpack-demo
├─ package.json
+ ─ index.html
+ ─ /src
+   ─ index.js
```

