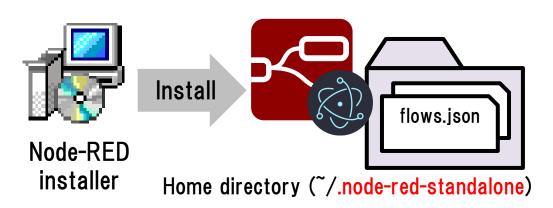
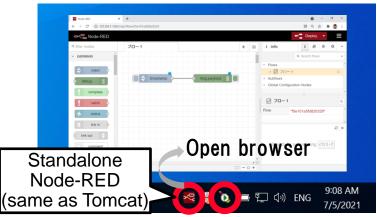
## Behaviors of Standalone Node-RED



The node-RED installer sets up the Node-RED server environment to PC.

- Home directory: ~/.node-red-standalone
  - To avoid conflict with the existing directory (~/.node-red), another directory is used.
- How to start: Execute Node-RED from the start menu on Windows
  - After starting the standalone Node-RED, the tray icon will be emerged to identify the server process (same as the tray icon of Apache Tomcat).
  - Users can open the Node-RED flow editor using their browser from the tray icon or localhost URL directly.

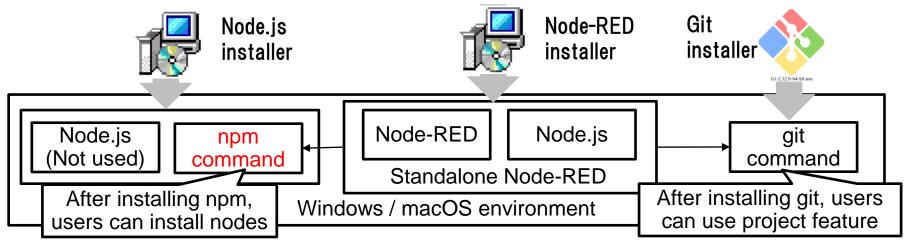




## Node (connector) installation



- The Node.js in electron is used in the standalone Node-RED.
  - The electron uses the higher version LTS Node.js (Electron v13 uses Node.js v14.6).
  - Original building process is required if there is binary (like SQLite and serial nodes)
- npm command to install nodes
  - npm modules can be added as a dependency in package.json but it seems to be difficult to use API due to no documentation about the API.
  - To solve the situation, it uses the npm command installed by the Node.js installer.

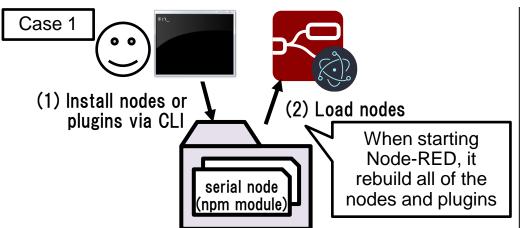


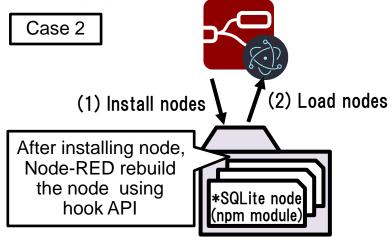
## Rebuilding nodes



There are two cases that need to rebuild nodes using the electron-rebuild module.

- Case 1: After manual installation on the home directory using CLI
  When starting standalone Node-RED, it rebuilds all of the nodes.
- Case 2: After installing node on Node-RED flow editor
   When hook API hooked the installation process,
   the standalone Node-RED rebuild the installed node.





## **Next step**



- Updating design note and implementation
- Replacement of Travis Cl with GitHub Actions for building environment