

# a Node.js and Express

Backend: implementing functionality on the server side of the stack.

16.13.2 of Node.js. You can check the version by running `node -v` in the command line. Our goal is to implement a backend that will work with the *notes application* from [part 2](#). [npm](#): a tool used for managing JavaScript packages. In fact, npm originates from the Node ecosystem.

Let's navigate to an appropriate directory, and create a new template for our application with the `npm init` command. We will answer the questions presented by the utility, and the result will be an automatically generated *package.json* file at the root of the project that contains information about the project.

```
"name": "backend"
"version": "0.0.1"
"description": ""
"main": "index.js"
"scripts":
  "test": "echo \"Error: no test specified\" && exit 1"

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