**Node.**

Node.js is an open-source, cross-platform runtime environment that allows you to run JavaScript code on the server side. It uses the V8 JavaScript engine and is designed for building scalable, high-performance, event-driven, and non-blocking applications, such as web servers and APIs.

**Npm init.**

npm init is a command used in Node.js to create a new **package.json** file, which serves as a metadata file for your project. This file contains important details like the project name, version, description, main file, dependencies, and scripts.

**Usage:**

* Run npm init in your terminal.
* It will prompt you to input various details about your project.
* You can skip prompts with defaults using npm init -y.

The package.json file is crucial for managing dependencies and scripts in a Node.js project.