The following steps show how you can use NPM to download a package, save it into the project dependencies, and then require it in a Node application.

**Note:** Here we show the instructions to fetch and install the *Express* package. Later on we'll show how this package, and others, are already specified for us using the *Express Application Generator*. This section is provided because it is useful to understand how NPM works and what is being created by the application generator.

1. First create a directory for your new application and navigate into it:
2. mkdir myapp
3. cd myapp

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1. Use the npm init command to create a **package.json** file for your application. This command prompts you for a number of things, including the name and version of your application and the name of the initial entry point file (by default this is **index.js**). For now, just accept the defaults:
2. npm init

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If you display the **package.json** file (cat package.json), you will see the defaults that you accepted, ending with the license.

{

"name": "myapp",

"version": "1.0.0",

"description": "",

"main": "index.js",

"scripts": {

"test": "echo \"Error: no test specified\" && exit 1"

},

"author": "",

"license": "ISC"

}

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1. Now install Express in the myapp directory and save it in the dependencies list of your **package.json** file
2. npm install express
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The dependencies section of your **package.json** will now appear at the end of the **package.json** file and will include *Express*.

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"express": "^4.17.1"

}

}