

# **Step by step procedure for setting up ReactJS development environment**

**Prerequisite**  
**NodeJS**

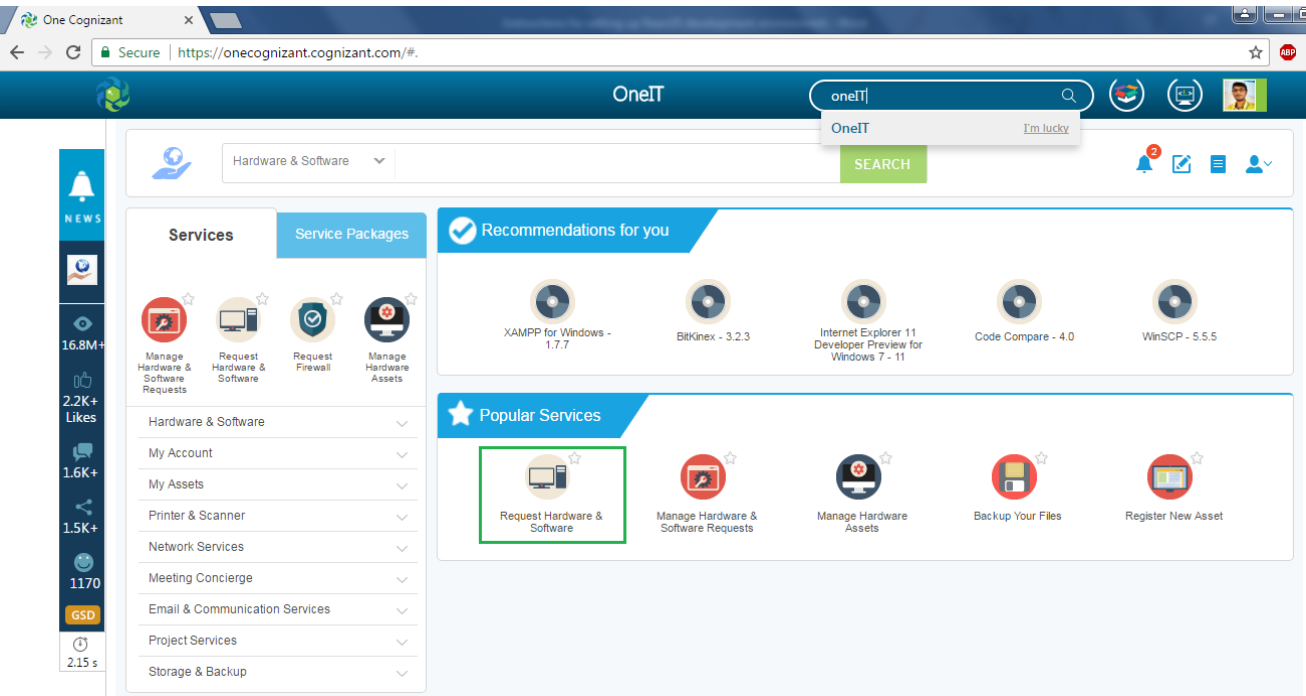
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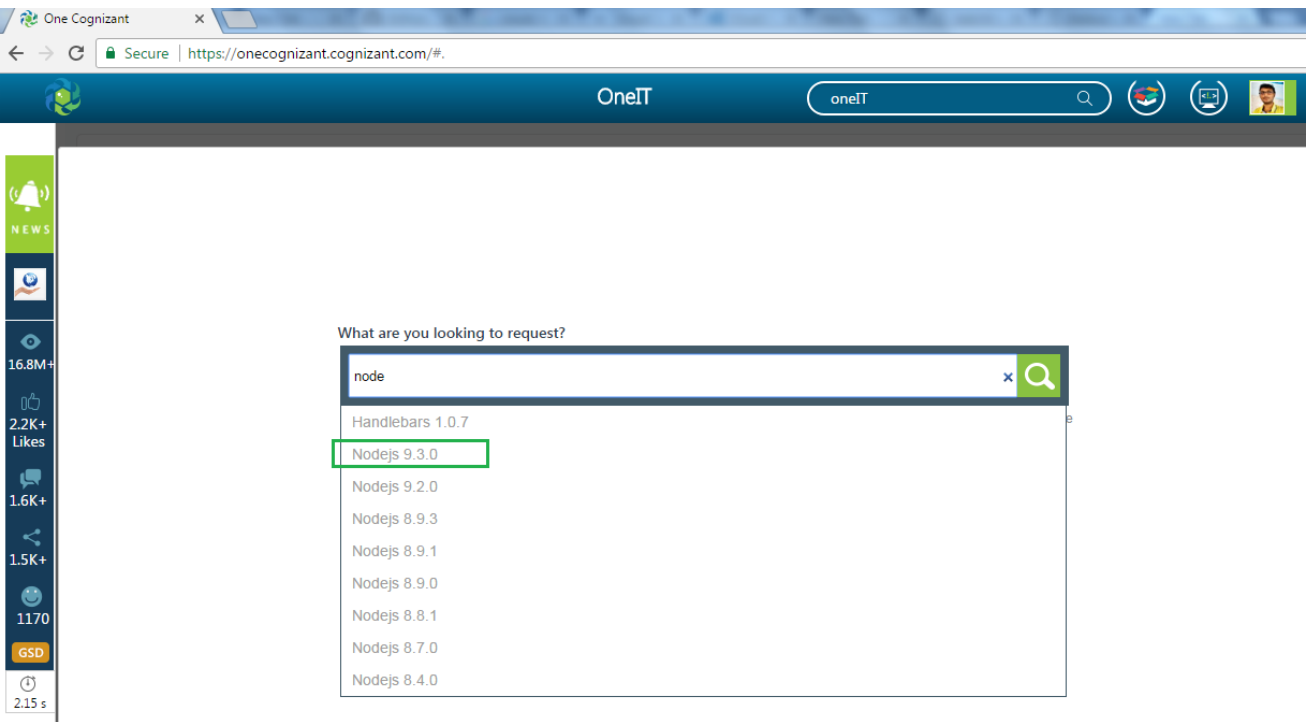
## **Step 1: Raising GSD to install NodeJS**

Navigate to <https://onecognizant.cognizant.com/>

Click on “**Request Hardware & Software**” icon.



This opens up the following window, under “**What are you looking to request?**” text box type “**node**” and select “**NodeJS 9.3.0**” from auto populate list.



After selecting the required nodejs version, following window will open with details about the app. Click on **“Raise Request”** icon to raise the software installation request.

The screenshot displays the OneCognizant web application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the 'OneIT' logo and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, a search bar contains the text 'Nodejs 9.3.0'. The main content area shows search results for 'Nodejs 9.3.0'. On the left, there is a sidebar with various filters and statistics. The main results table shows one result for 'Nodejs 9.3.0'. The result row includes a 'Raise Request' button with a green checkmark icon, which is highlighted with a red box.

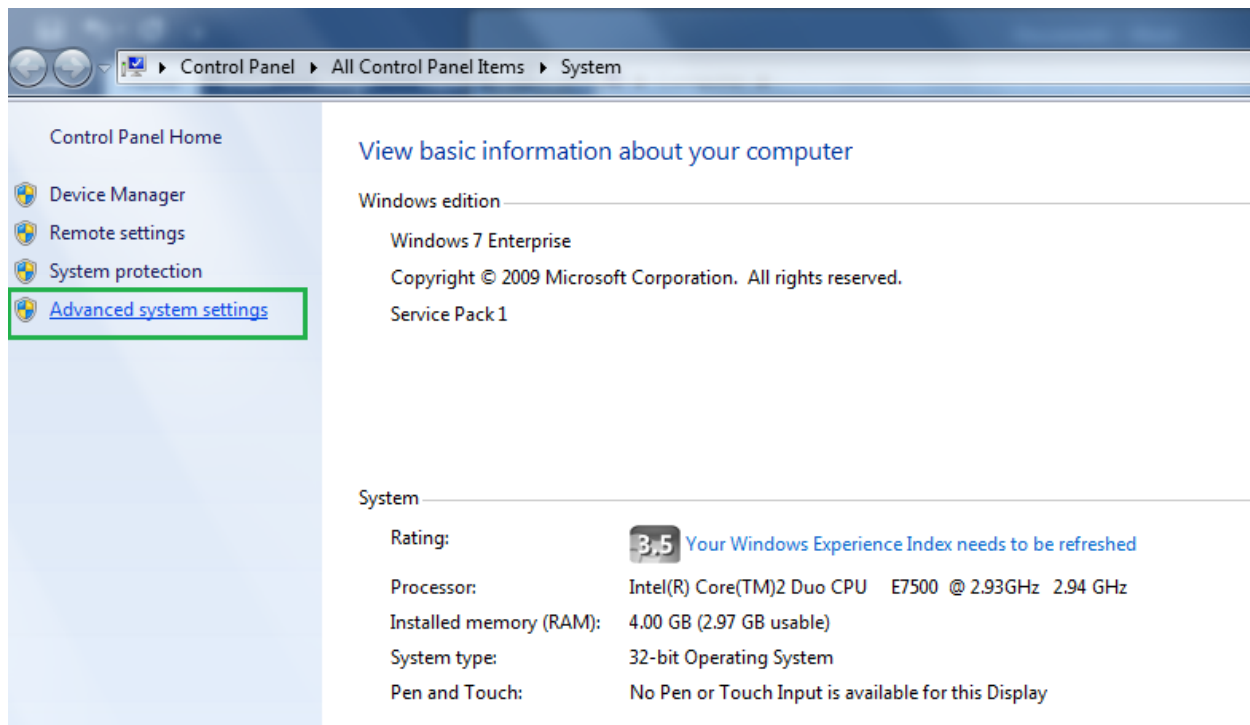
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Once software installation request is completed and NodeJS was successfully installed in to your machine, proceed with Step 3.

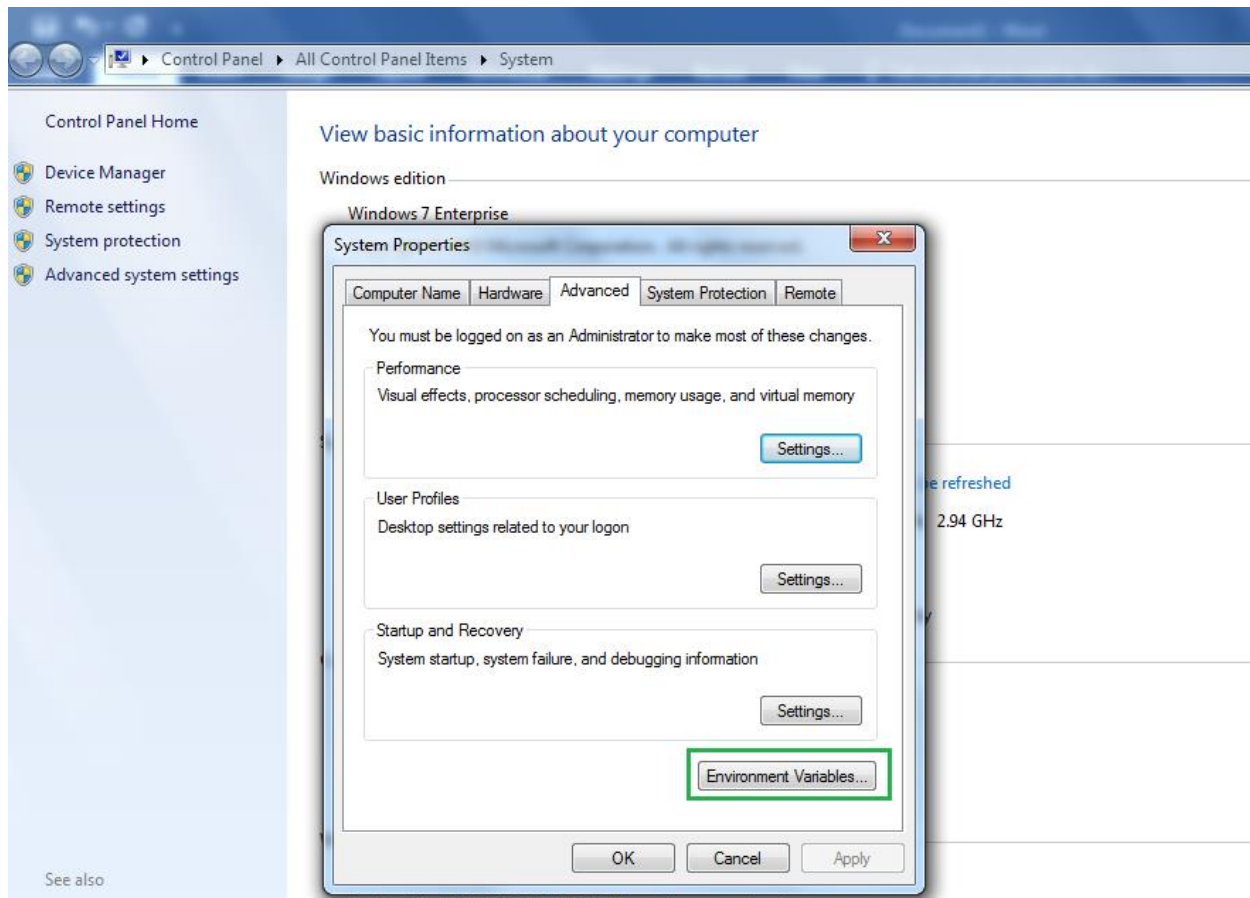
## **Step 2: Setting up environmental variable for Nodejs (Optional)**

**Note:** If you are going to install or already installed “*NodeJs*” as a standalone executable installer by raising GSD in to your machine, you can ignore this (Step 2) step completely, because during installation the following will be configured by the installer automatically.

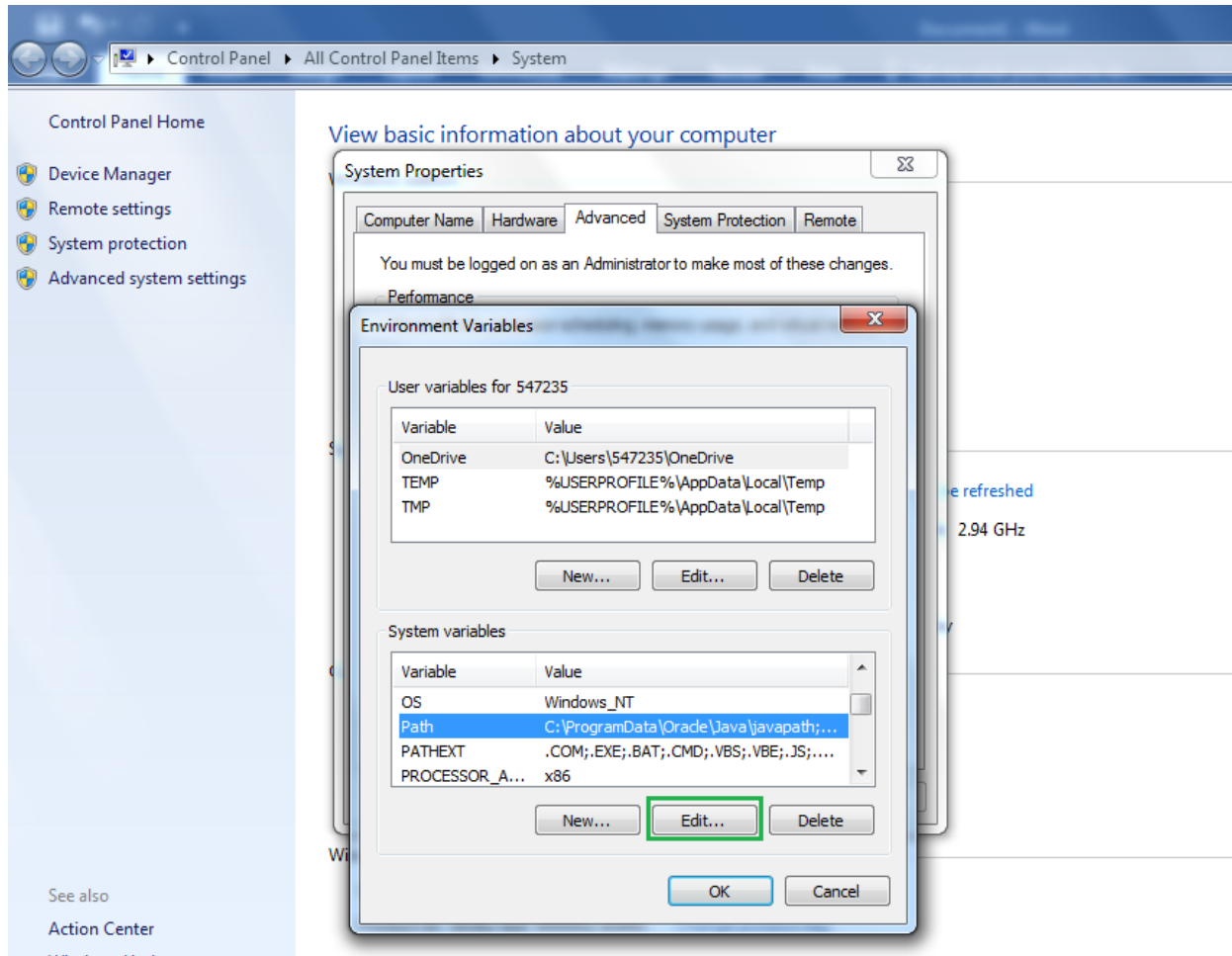
Navigate to “*Control Panel\All Control Panel Items\System*” and click on “Advanced system settings”



After clicking Advanced system settings, you can see the below “**System Properties**” dialog box. Click on “**Environment Variables**”

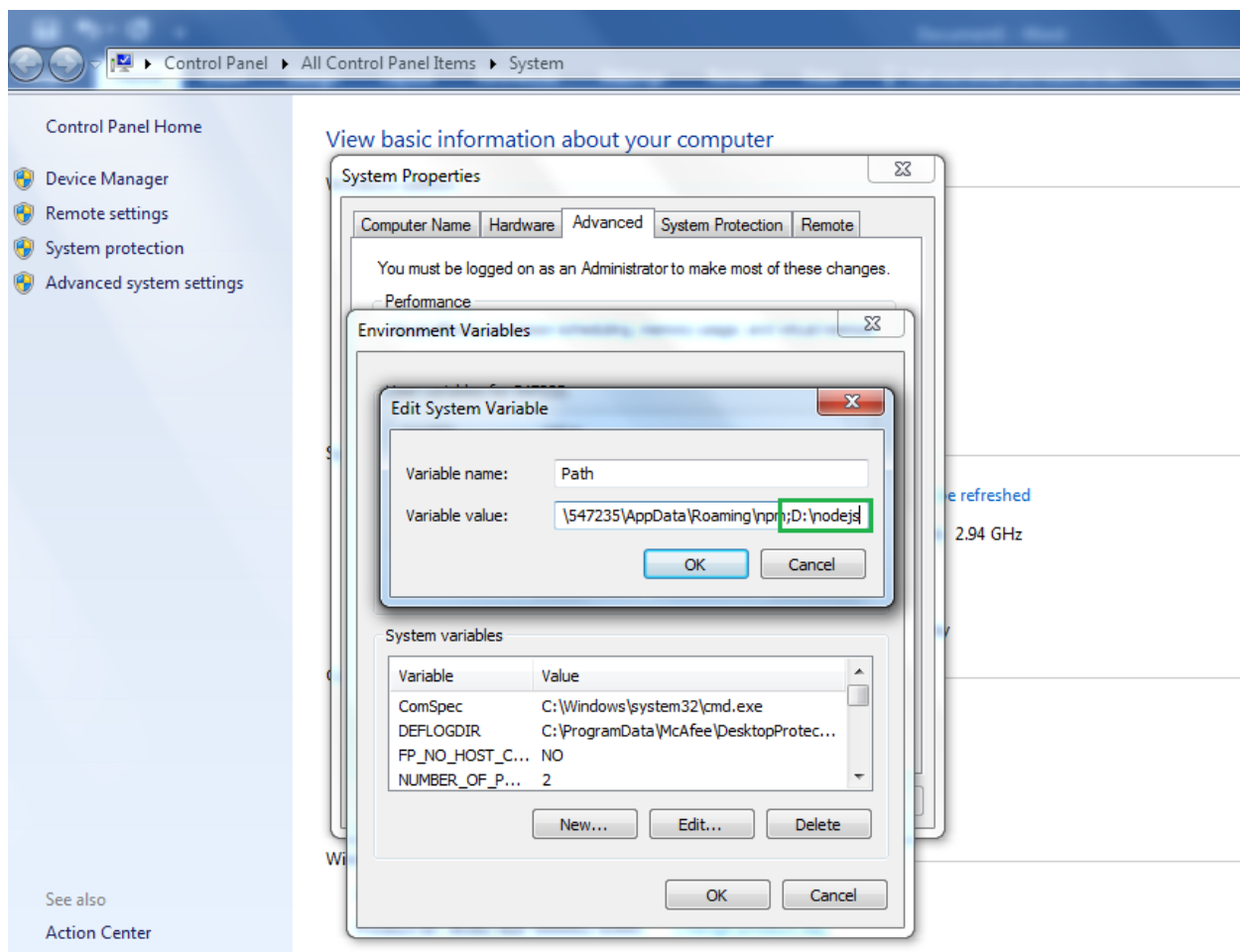


After selecting Environment variables, the below dialog box will appear. Under “**System variables**” section, find for a variable name “**Path**”. Once found, select the “**Path**” variable and click on “**Edit**” button.





This opens up the following window. Under “**Variable value**”, at the end of editable field you need to add a separator “**;**” followed by the path where nodejs package is present. Here it will be “**;D:\nodejs\**”. (or where the nodejs package is present)  
Click on “**OK**”. Also close all other opened dialog box by selecting “**OK**”.



### **Step 3: Verify Nodejs version**

To verify whether nodejs environmental path is working as expected, just open command prompt (no run as admin required) and run below command.

```
node --version
```

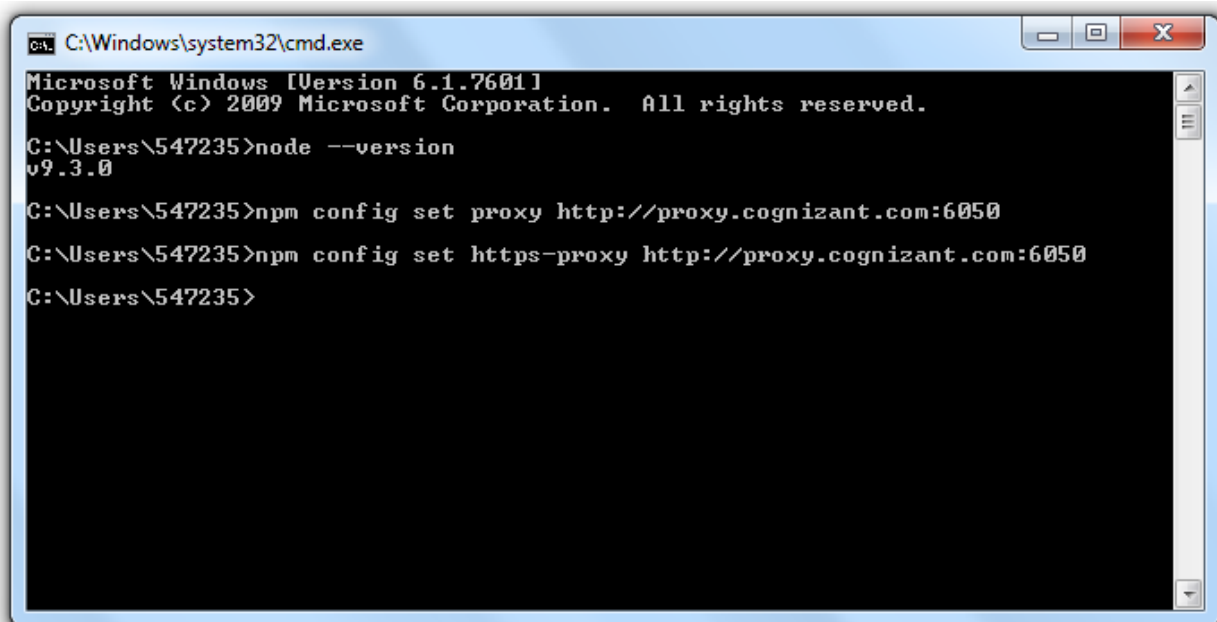
A screenshot of a Windows Command Prompt window. The title bar shows 'C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe'. The window contains the following text: 'Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7601] Copyright (c) 2009 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. C:\Users\547235>node --version v9.3.0 C:\Users\547235>\_'. The command prompt is open at the user's home directory, and the command 'node --version' has been executed, returning the version 'v9.3.0'.

You can see the version of nodejs which was installed on your machine. If any error/issue is faced, we need to setup environment path manually by following step 2.

## **Step 4: Bypass proxy**

We need to install ReactJS supporting packages from npm. For this, we have to bypass proxy to establish network connection, just execute the following command one by one. If proxy is not set in your machine, you can ignore this step.

```
npm config set proxy http://proxy.cognizant.com:6050  
npm config set https-proxy http://proxy.cognizant.com:6050
```



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C:\Users\547235>
```

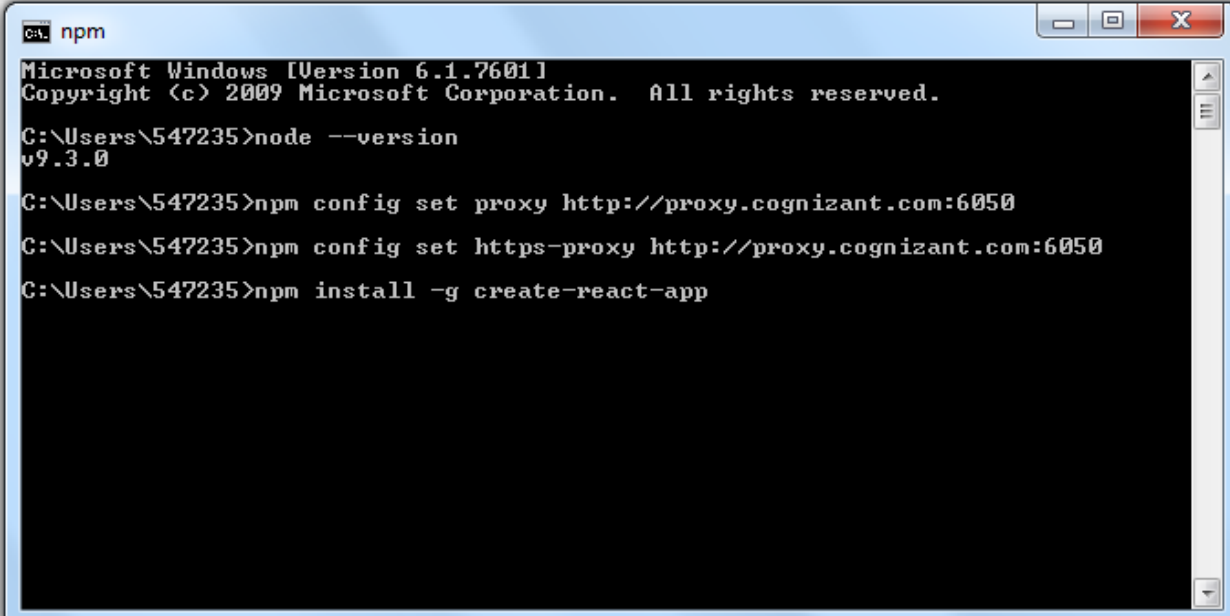
This proxy bypass command will run for one instance and also this command needs to be executed only once at the time of installing ReactJS supporting package. There after no more proxy bypass will require.

**Step 5: Installing “create-react-app” package and verify installation status**

Once network connection is established for npm, run the following command

```
npm install -g create-react-app
```

(-g denotes installing globally for all users in the system)

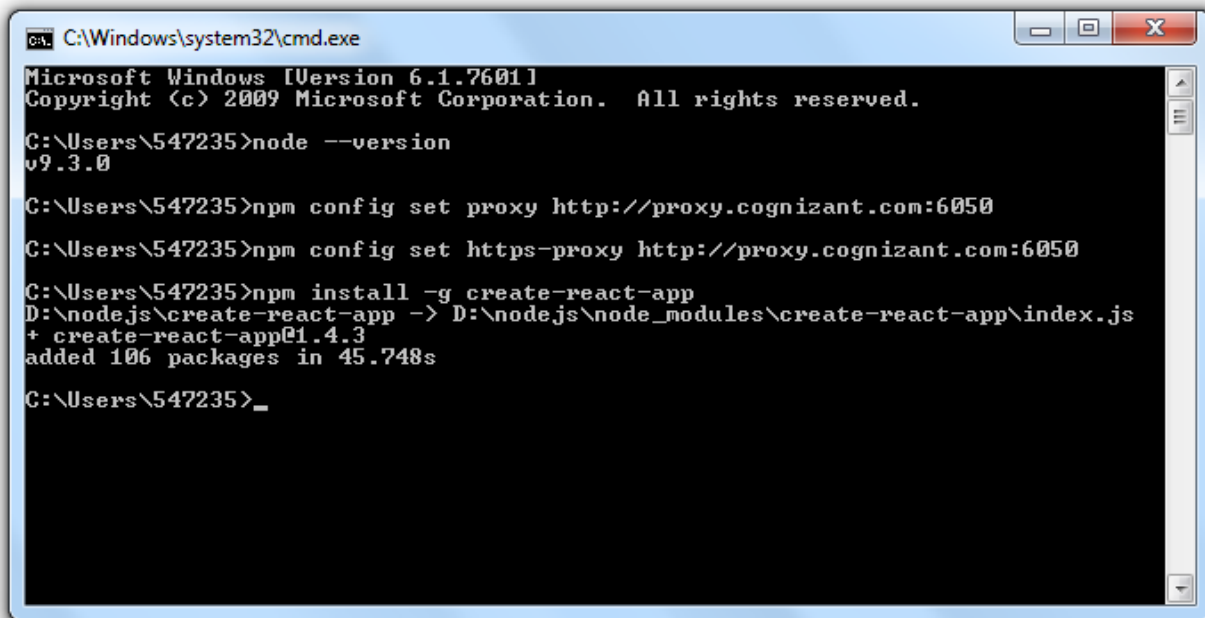


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C:\> npm
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C:\Users\547235> node --version
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C:\Users\547235> npm install -g create-react-app
```

After the package was installed successfully, you can see some similar messages in cmd as given below.



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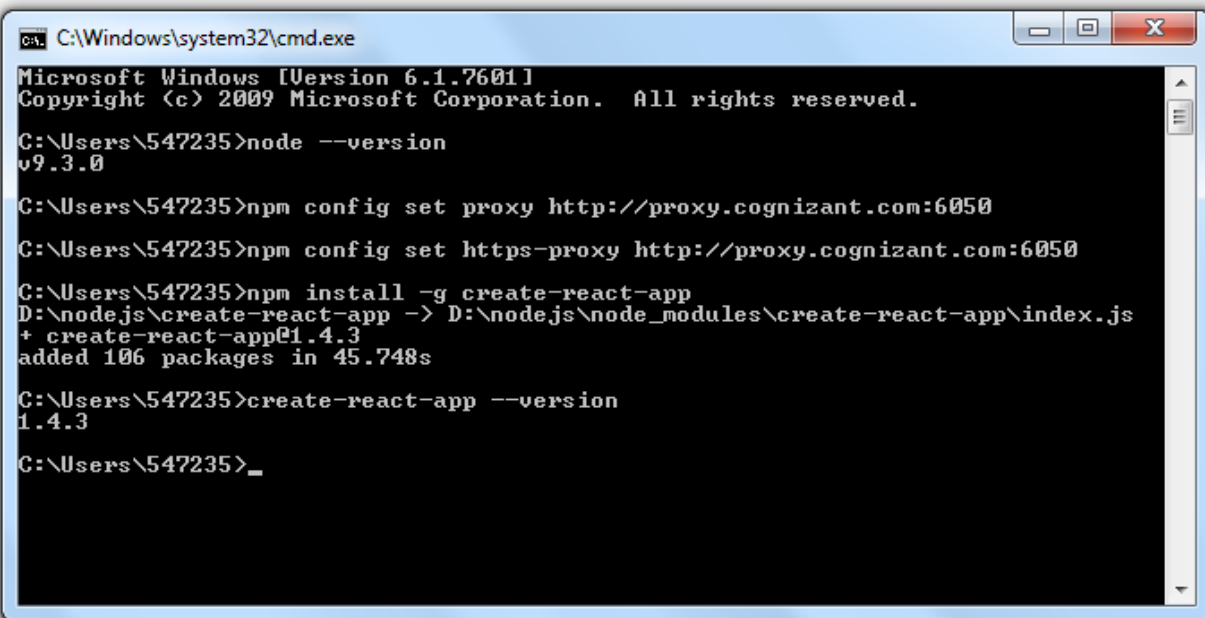
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C:\Users\547235>npm install -g create-react-app
D:\nodejs\create-react-app -> D:\nodejs\node_modules\create-react-app\index.js
+ create-react-app@1.4.3
added 106 packages in 45.748s

C:\Users\547235>_
```

To verify “create-react-app” package installation is working as expected, run below command

```
create-react-app --version
```



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C:\Users\547235>create-react-app --version
1.4.3

C:\Users\547235>_
```

You can see the version of create-react-app package was installed by npm. If error occur repeat step 6.



## **Step 6: Creating new React app**

Run below command to create new react app

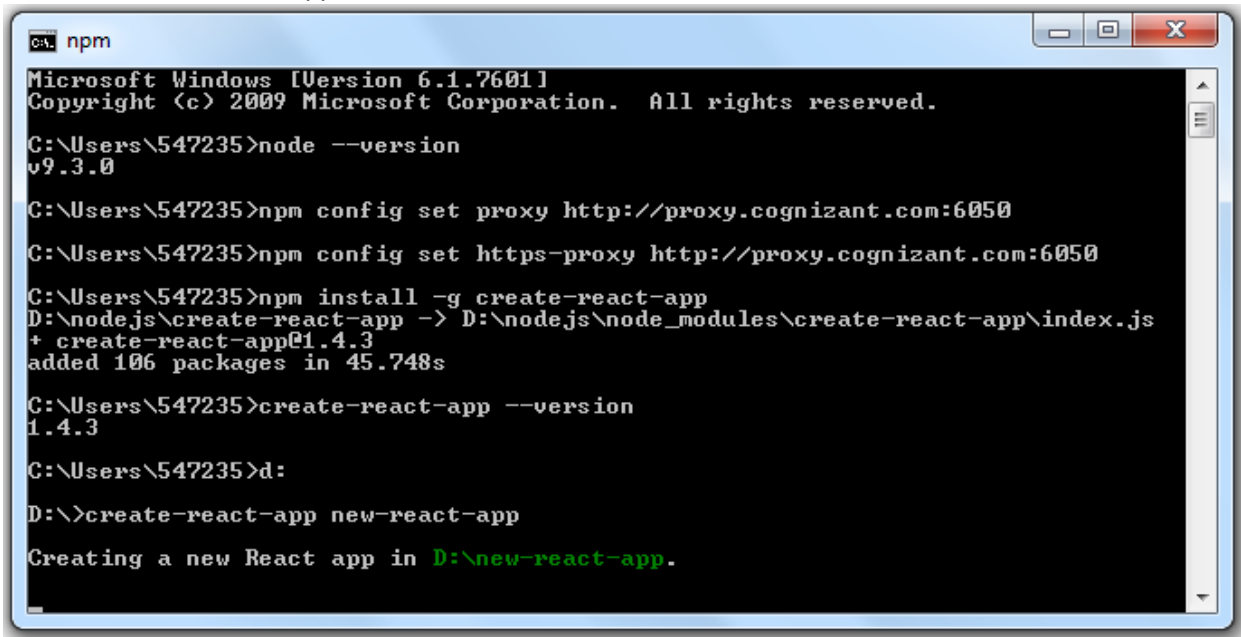
```
create-react-app new-react-app
```

Here,

“**create-react-app**” is the default command which will generate the initial react project.

“**new-react-app**” is the folder name where the project files will get generated. (This can be configurable by providing custom path or custom folder name)

For instance, new react app was created in **D:\** drive



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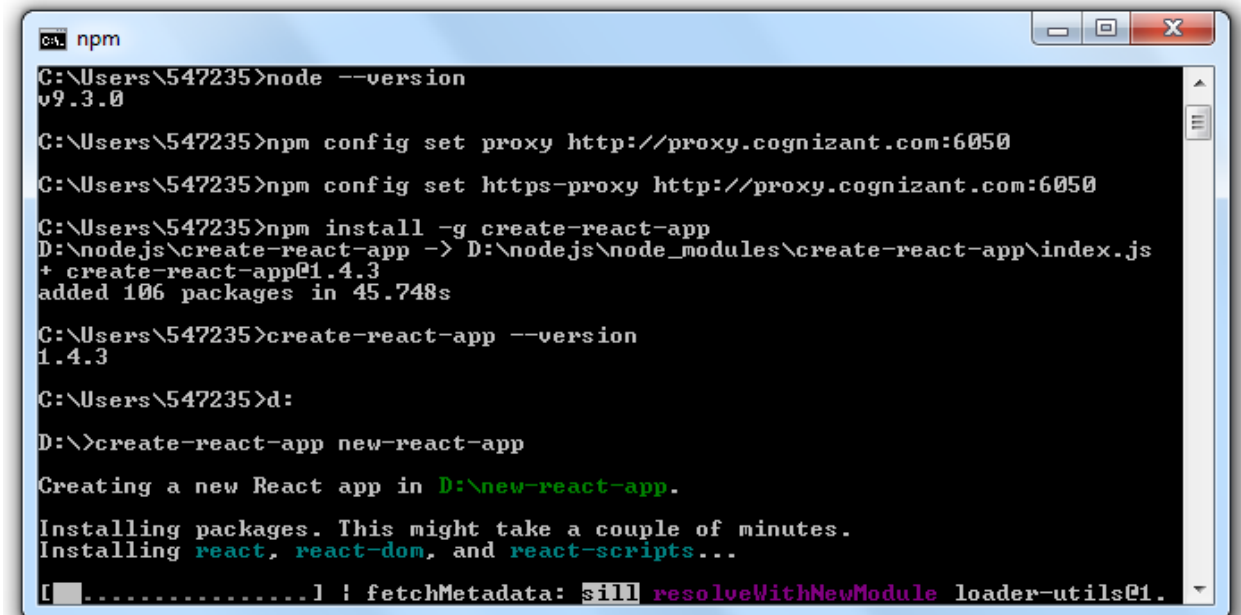
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C:\Users\547235>create-react-app --version
1.4.3

C:\Users\547235>d:
D:\>create-react-app new-react-app

Creating a new React app in D:\new-react-app.
```



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v9.3.0

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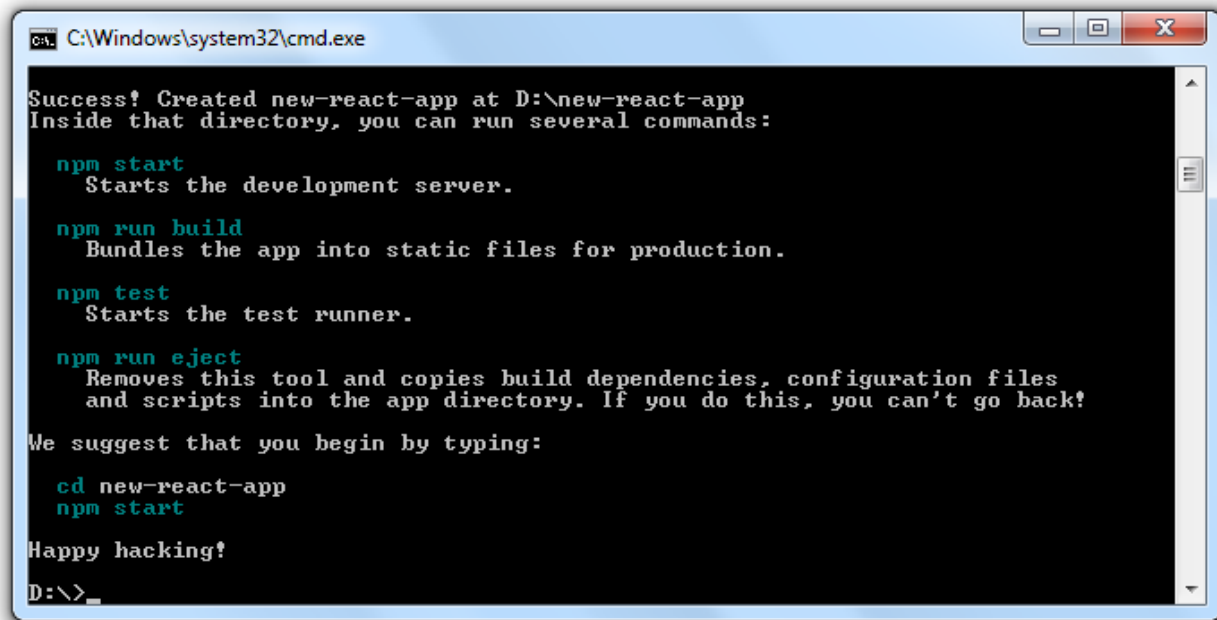
C:\Users\547235>create-react-app --version
1.4.3

C:\Users\547235>d:
D:\>create-react-app new-react-app

Creating a new React app in D:\new-react-app.

Installing packages. This might take a couple of minutes.
Installing react, react-dom, and react-scripts...

[.....] ! fetchMetadata: sill resolveWithNewModule loader-utils@1.
```



```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe

Success! Created new-react-app at D:\new-react-app
Inside that directory, you can run several commands:

  npm start
    Starts the development server.

  npm run build
    Bundles the app into static files for production.

  npm test
    Starts the test runner.

  npm run eject
    Removes this tool and copies build dependencies, configuration files
    and scripts into the app directory. If you do this, you can't go back!

We suggest that you begin by typing:

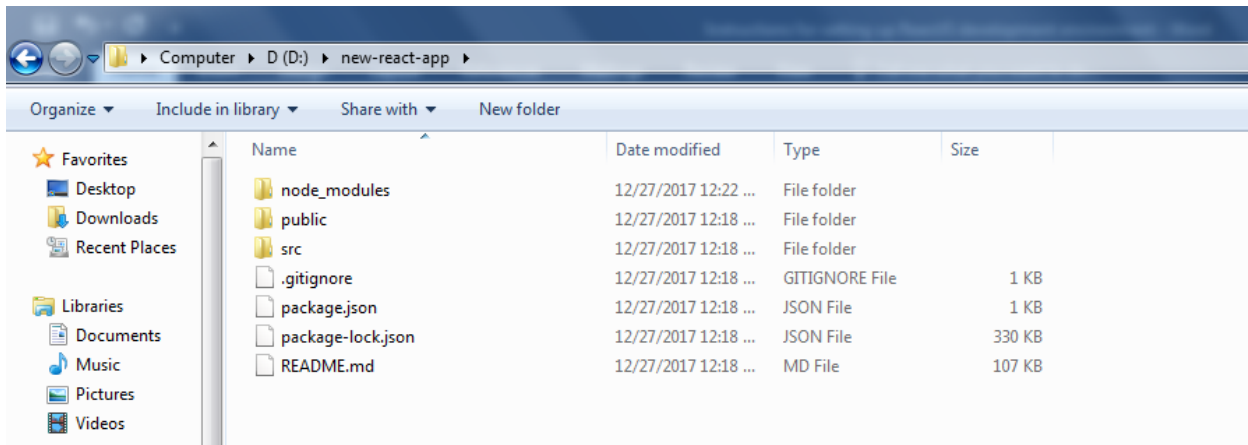
  cd new-react-app
  npm start

Happy hacking!

D:\>_
```

Once the command is executed successfully, navigate to the newly created react app folder in windows explorer to see the folder structure. Given below is the overview of generated folders with essential files respectively

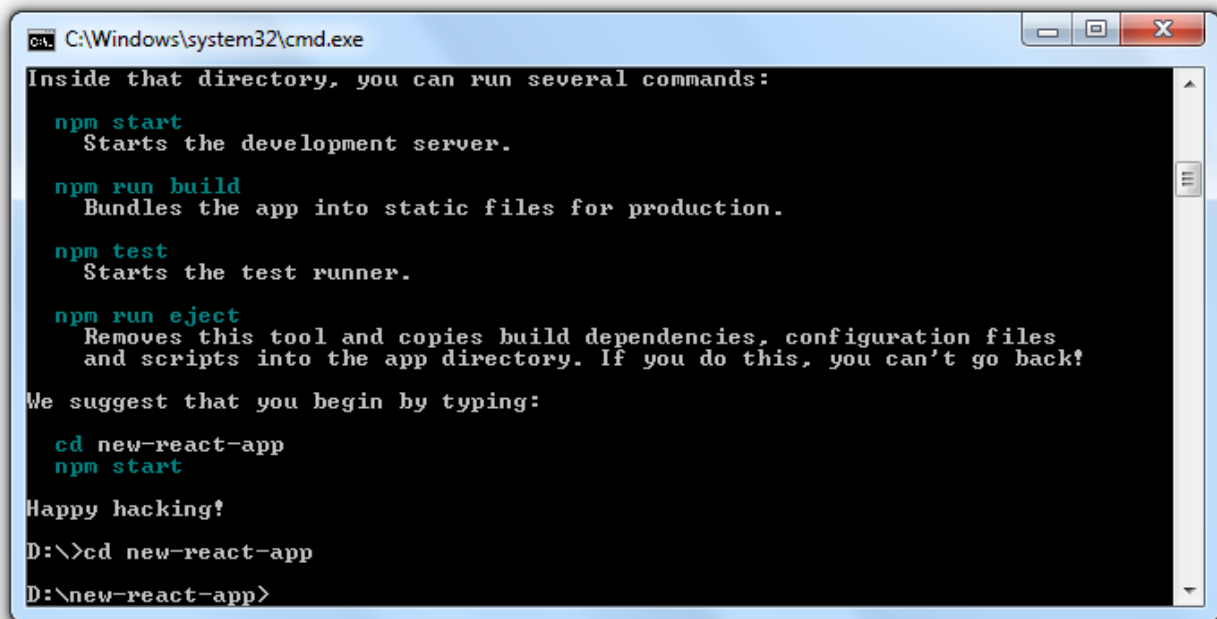
```
new-react-app
├── README.md
├── node_modules
├── package.json
├── .gitignore
├── public
│   ├── favicon.ico
│   ├── index.html
│   └── manifest.json
└── src
    ├── App.css
    ├── App.js
    ├── App.test.js
    ├── index.css
    ├── index.js
    ├── logo.svg
    └── registerServiceWorker.js
```



**Step 7: Running newly created React app in browser**

In command prompt, navigate in to the newly created folder, here we can run

```
cd new-react-app
```



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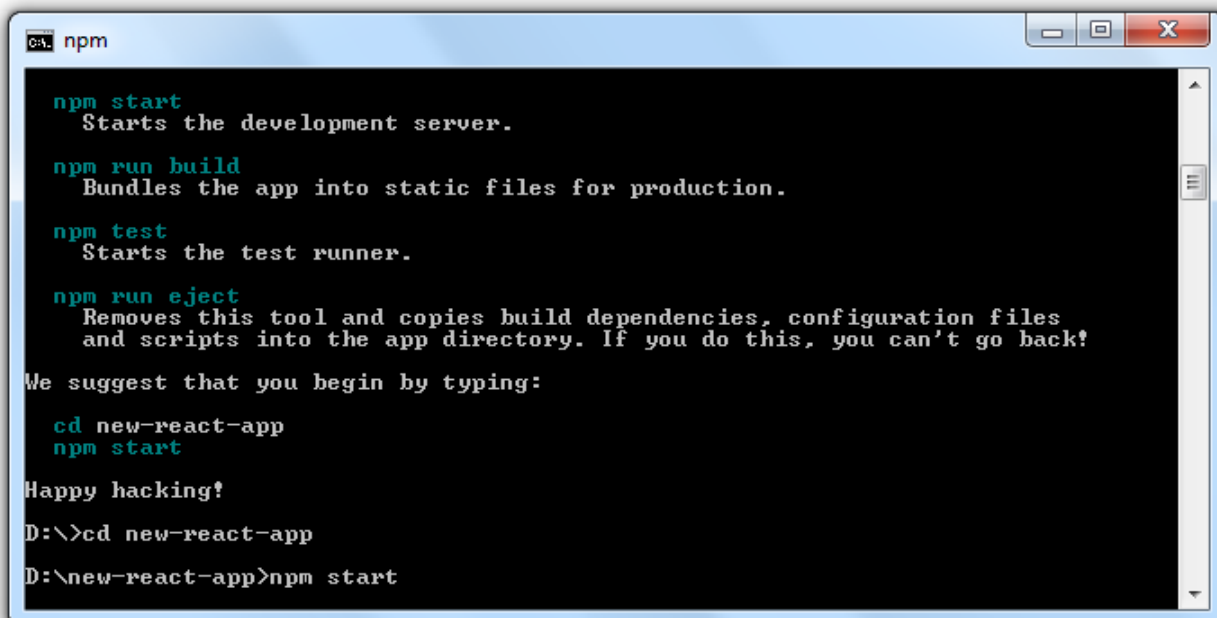
We suggest that you begin by typing:

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  npm start

Happy hacking!
D:\>cd new-react-app
D:\new-react-app>
```

Now we are good to start the server by executing the following command

```
npm start
```



```
npm
  npm start
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  npm run build
    Bundles the app into static files for production.

  npm test
    Starts the test runner.

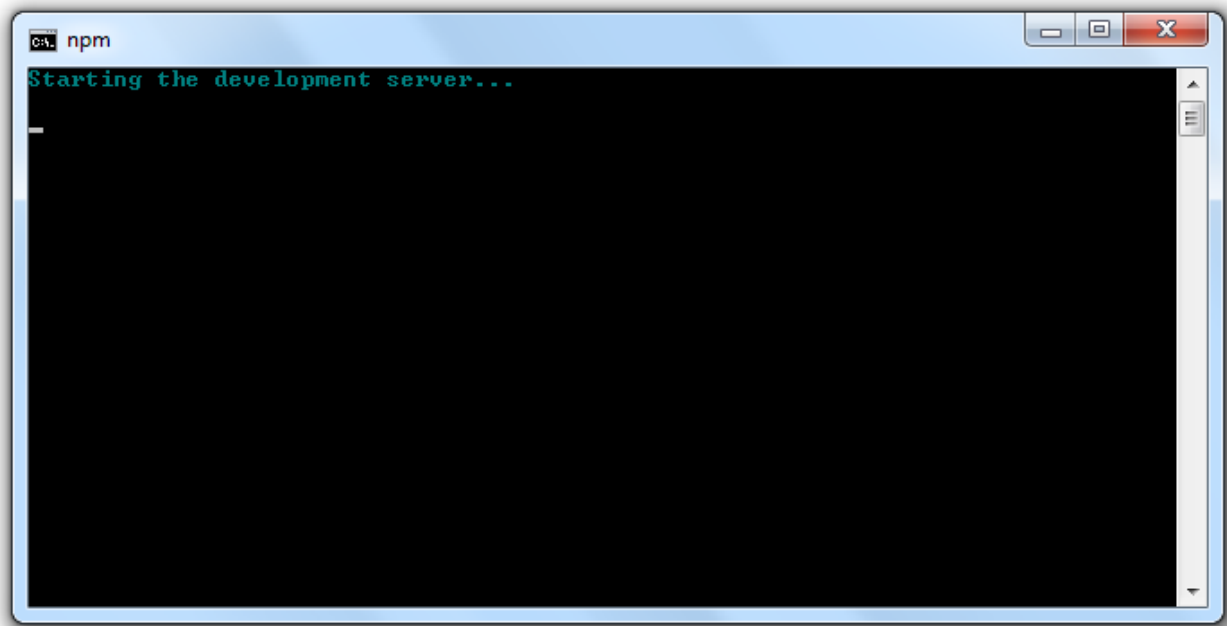
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We suggest that you begin by typing:

  cd new-react-app
  npm start

Happy hacking!
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D:\new-react-app>npm start
```

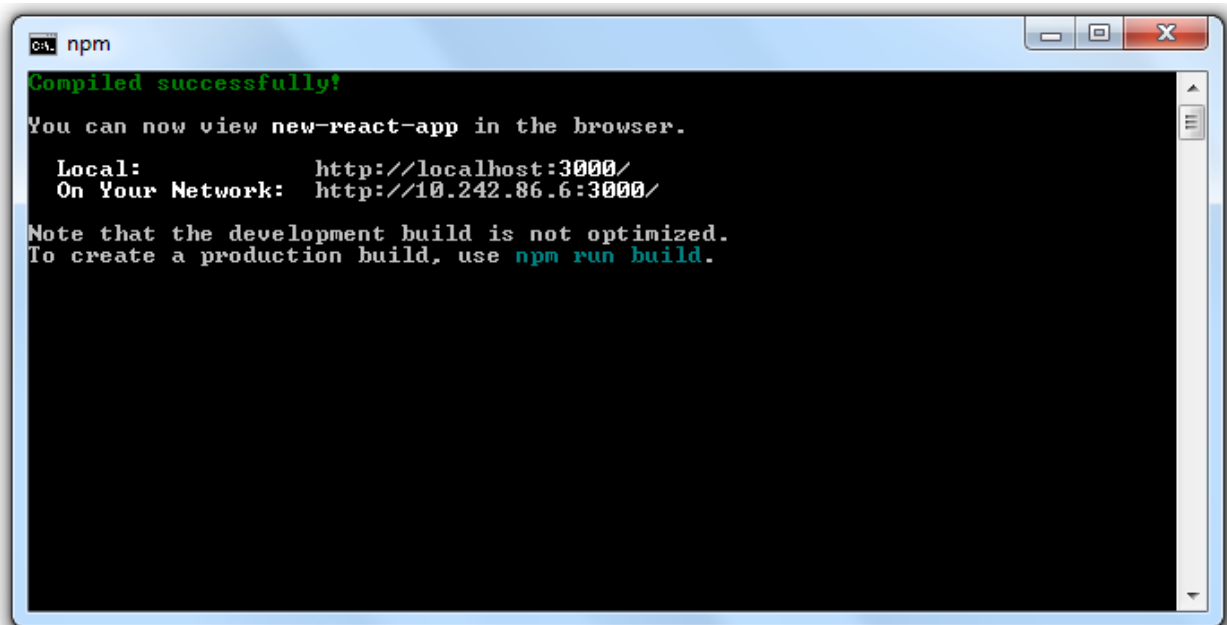
Once the “**npm start**” command is executed successfully, “**Starting the development server**” message will appear in command prompt. In parallel, the react app will kick start automatically by opening your default browser.

A screenshot of a Windows command prompt window titled 'cmd: npm'. The text 'Starting the development server...' is displayed in green. The rest of the terminal area is black with a white cursor line at the top left.

```
cmd: npm
Starting the development server...
```

At any time, you can run the react app in any compatible browser by hitting the following localhost URL

```
http://localhost:3000/
```

A screenshot of a Windows command prompt window titled 'cmd: npm'. It shows the message 'Compiled successfully!' in green, followed by instructions to view the app in a browser and the local/network URLs. A note about the development build is also present.

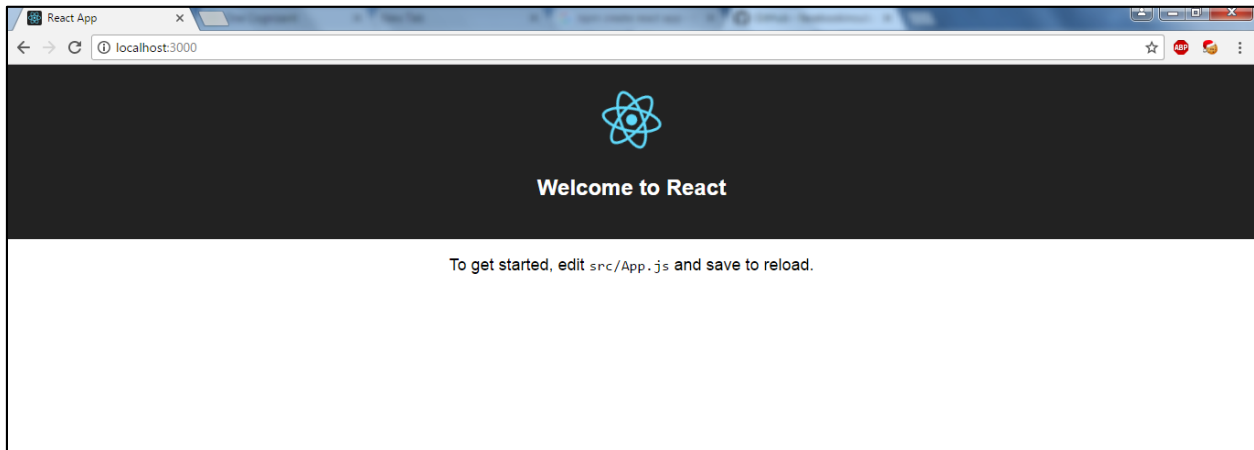
```
cmd: npm
Compiled successfully!
You can now view new-react-app in the browser.

  Local:      http://localhost:3000/
  On Your Network: http://10.242.86.6:3000/

Note that the development build is not optimized.
To create a production build, use npm run build.
```

**Note:** The above terminal needs to be in open, as long as the react app is running in browser. Also this terminal will compile the code automatically if any change is done to app and refresh browser consequently to see latest changes without need of doing manual refresh.

Now, the newly created react app is up and running successfully. Happy Coding 😊



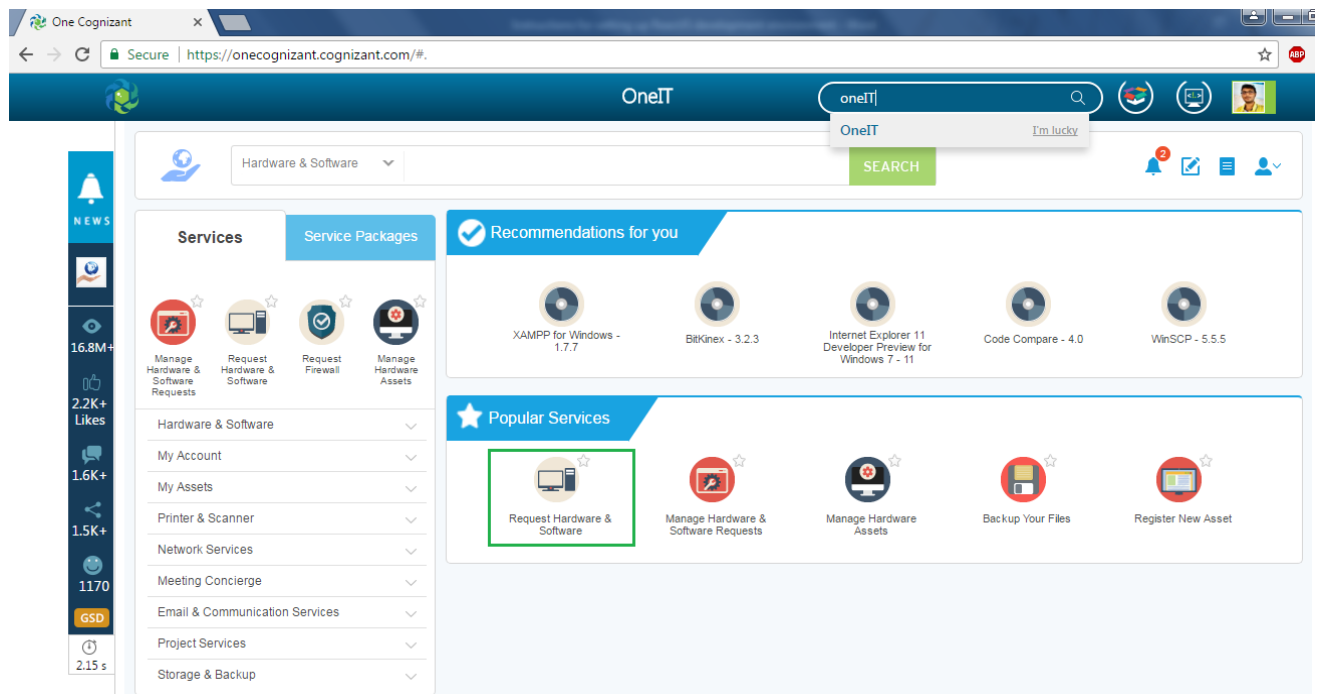


**IDE: Visual studio code 2017 (Optional)**

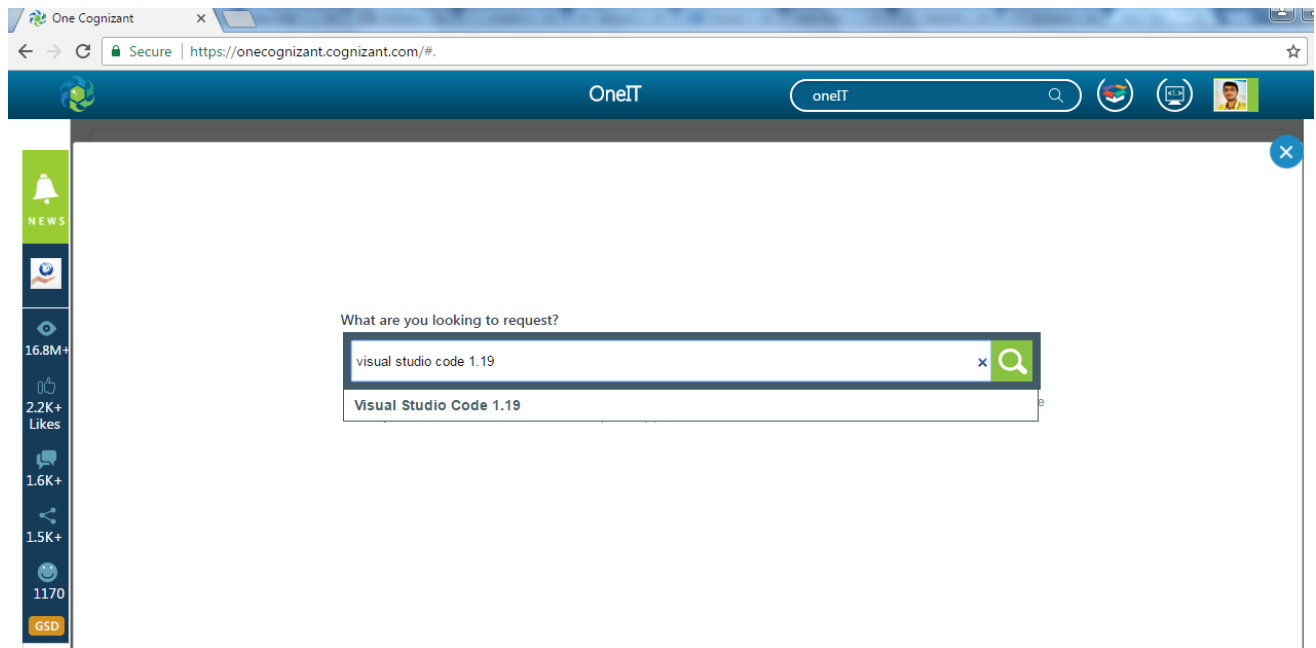
Visual studio code 2017 is an open source IDE and it is highly recommended for developing React, Angular and other similar apps. It includes support for syntax highlighting, intelligent code completion, snippets, code refactoring, etc. It is also customizable, to change the theme, keyboard shortcuts, and preferences.

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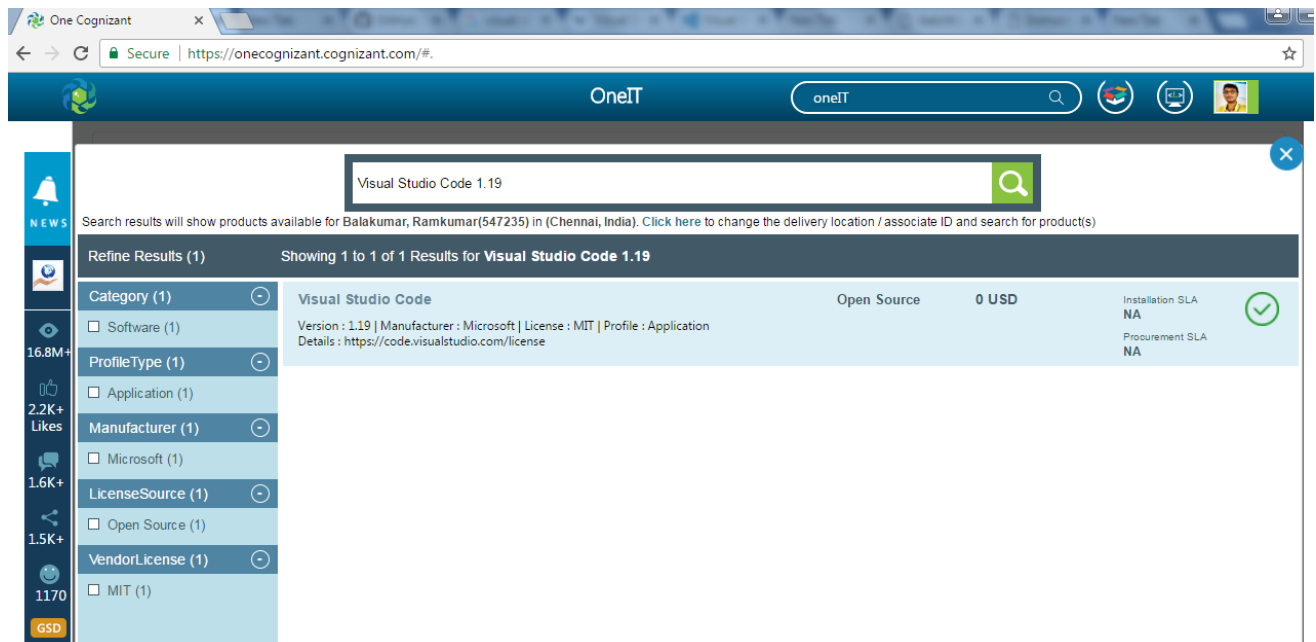
Click on “***Request Hardware & Software***” icon.



This opens up the following window, under “**What are you looking to request?**” text box type “**visual studio code 1.19**” and select “**Visual Studio Code 1.19**” from auto populate lists.



After selecting required VSCode version, following window will open with details about the app. Click on “**Raise Request**” icon to raise the software installation request.



Once software installation request is processed successfully, you can start coding using VSCode IDE.