Step by step procedure for setting up ReactJS development environment

Prerequisite

NodeJS

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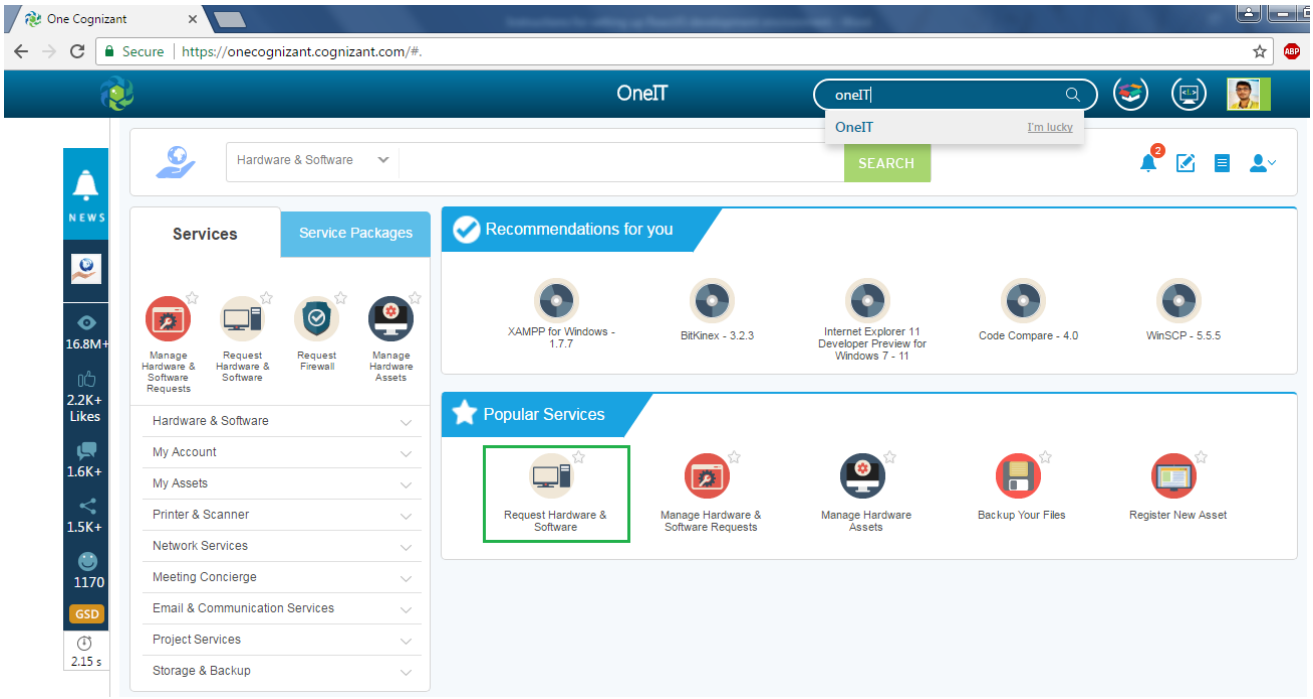
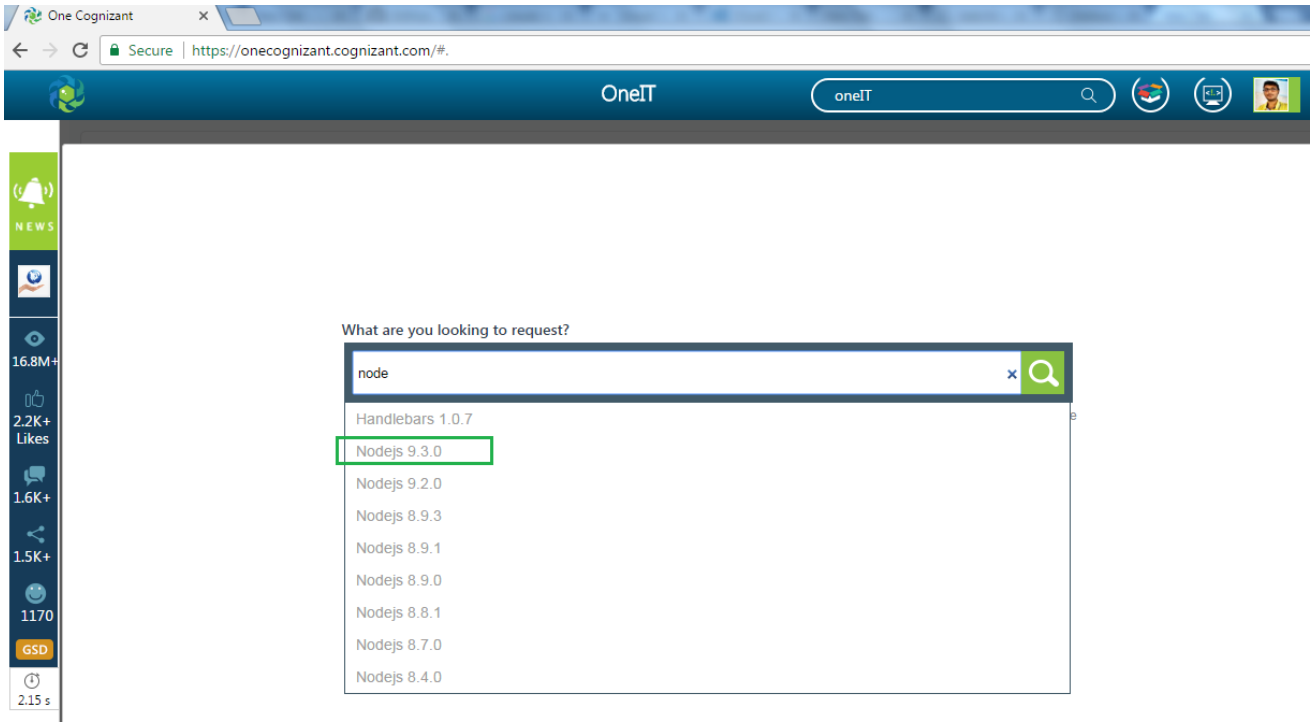
Step 1: Raising GSD to install NodeJS

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

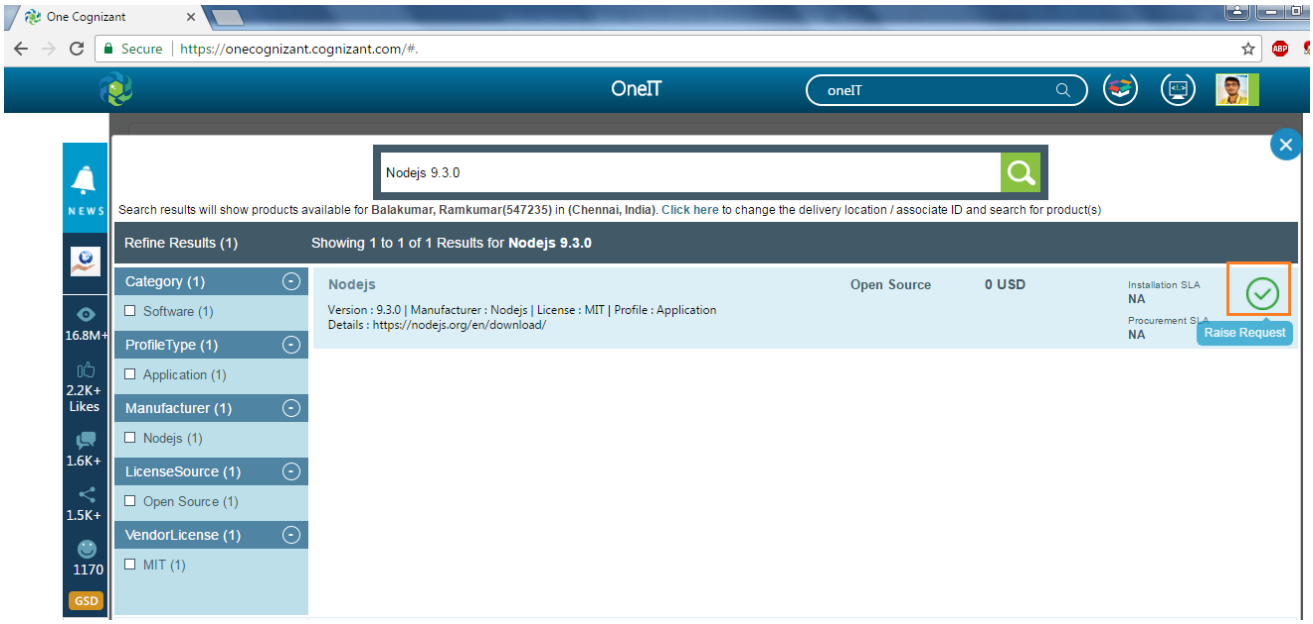
Click on "***Request Hardware & Software***" icon.



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.

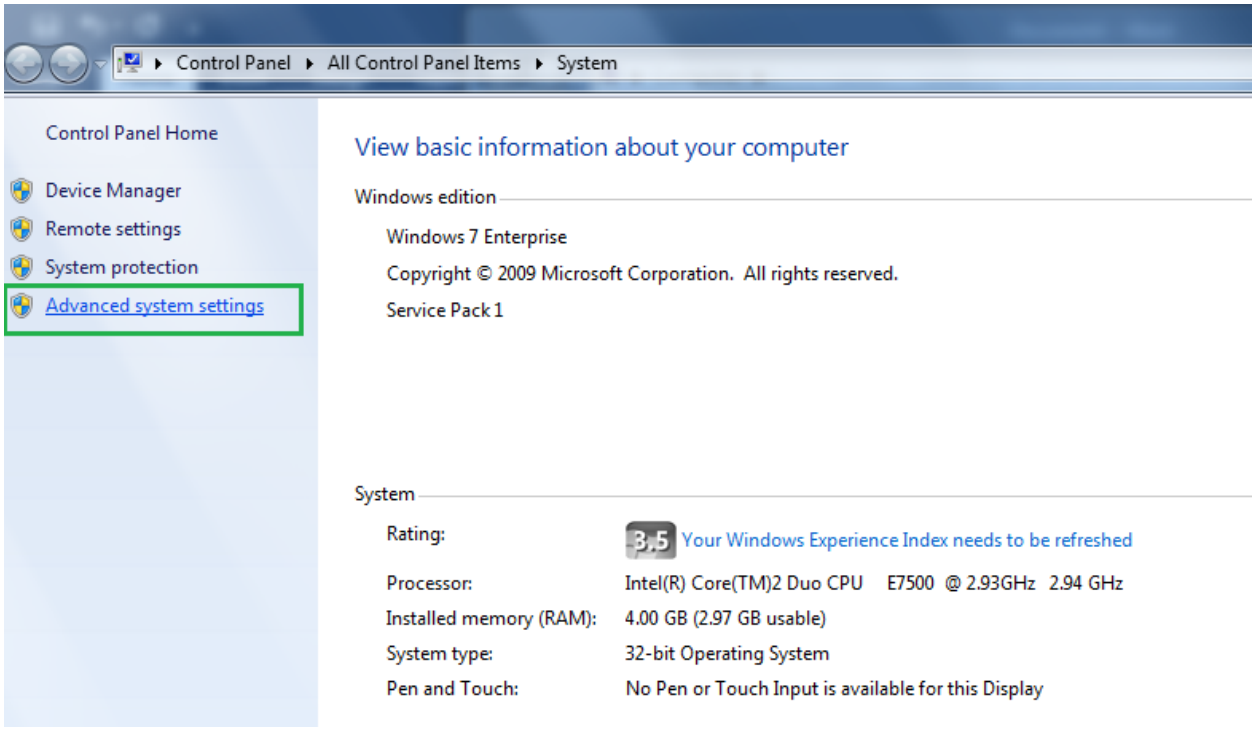


Once software installation request is completed and NodeJS was successfully installed in to your machine, proceed with Step 3.

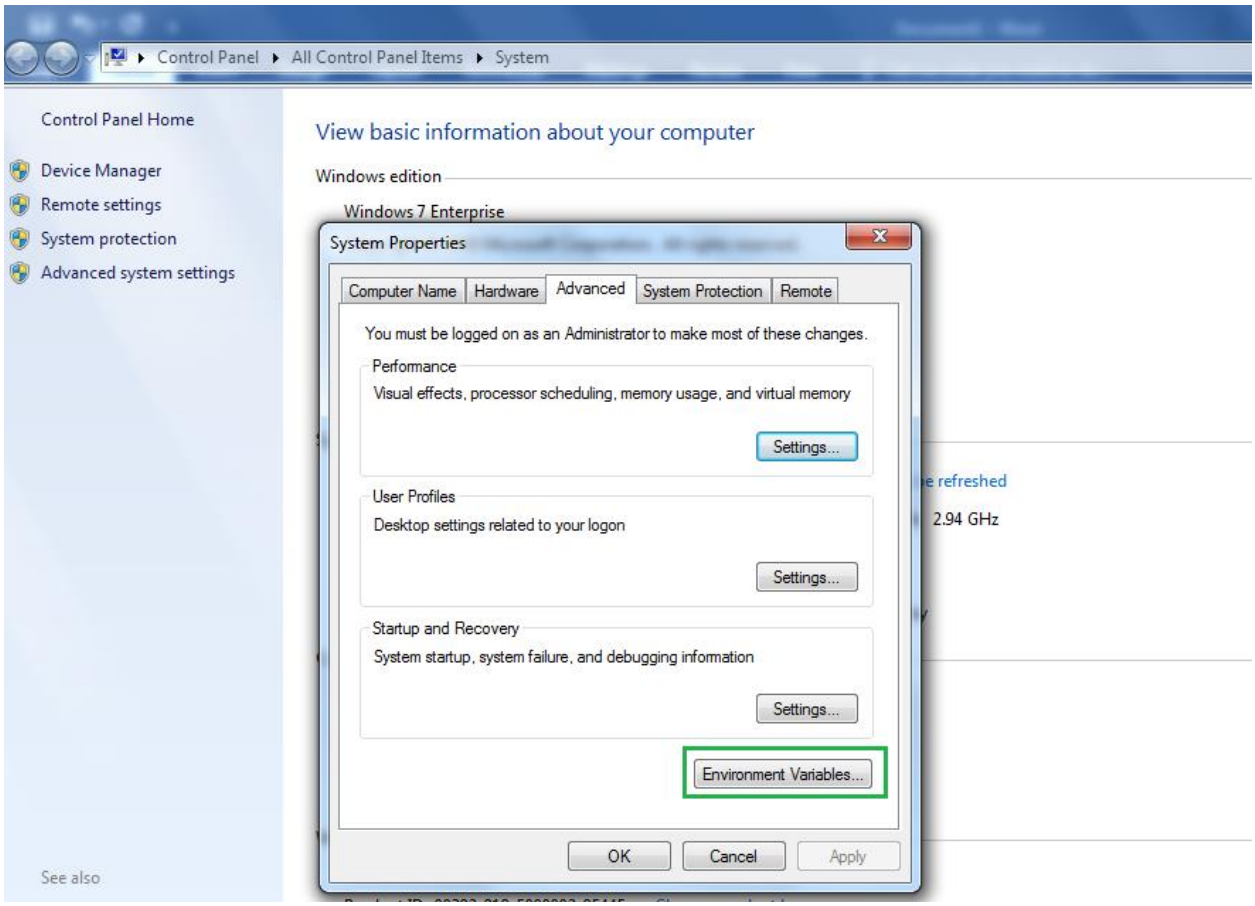
Step 2: Setting up environmental variable for Nodejs (Optional)

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.

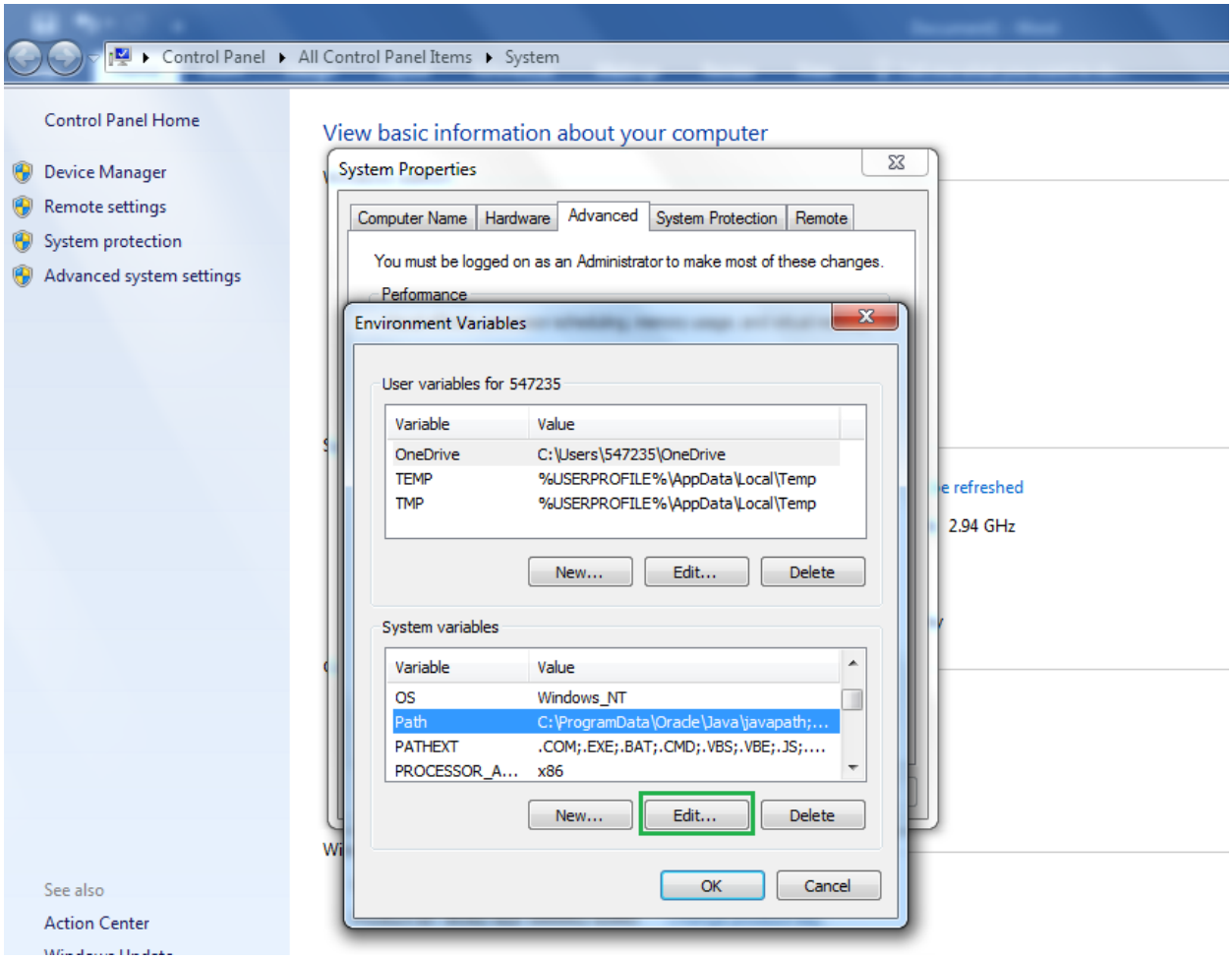
Navigate to "***Control Panel\All Control Panel Items\System***" and click on "Advanced system settings"



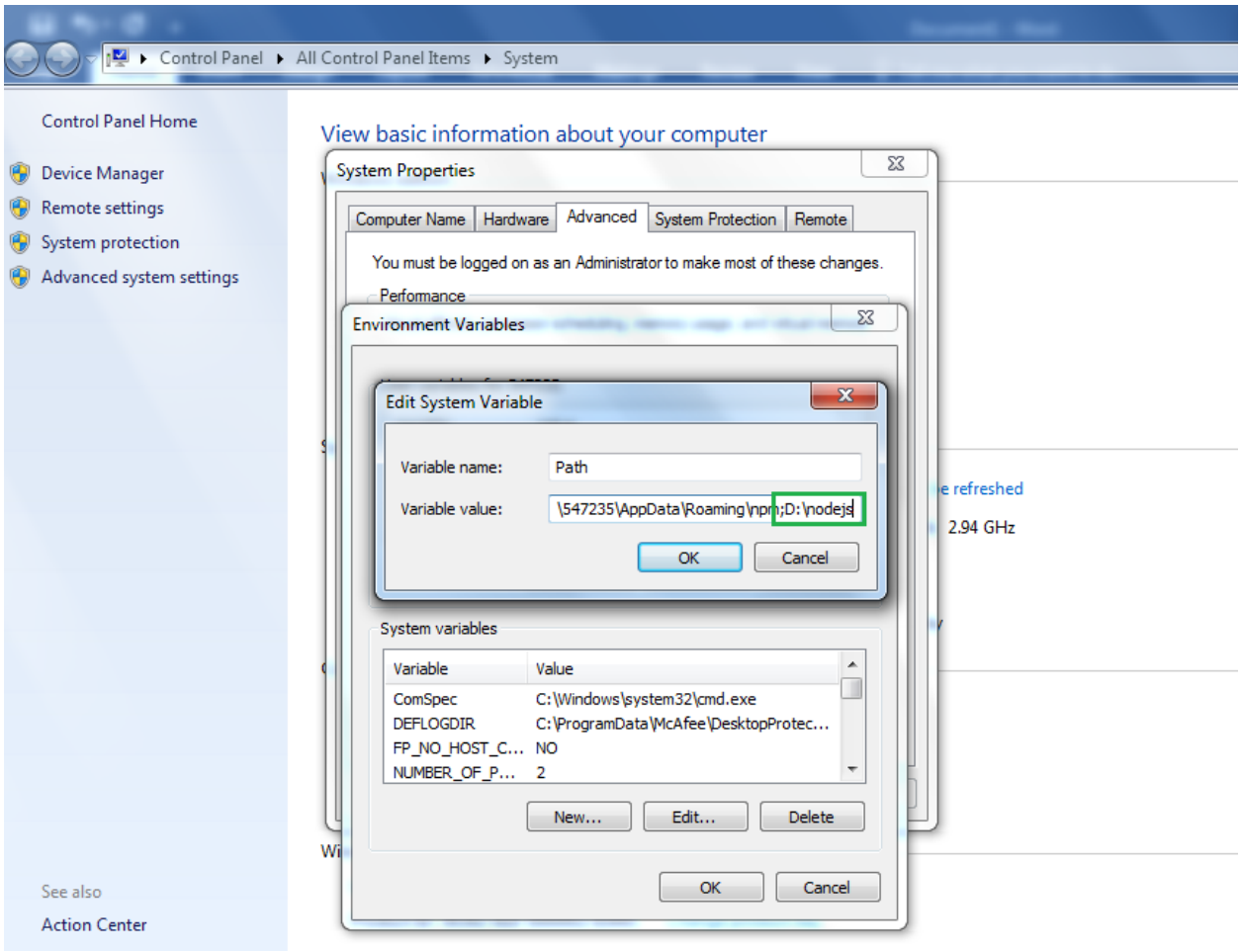
After clicking Advanced system settings, you can see the below "***System Properties***" dialog box. Click on "***Environment Variables***"



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.

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node --version
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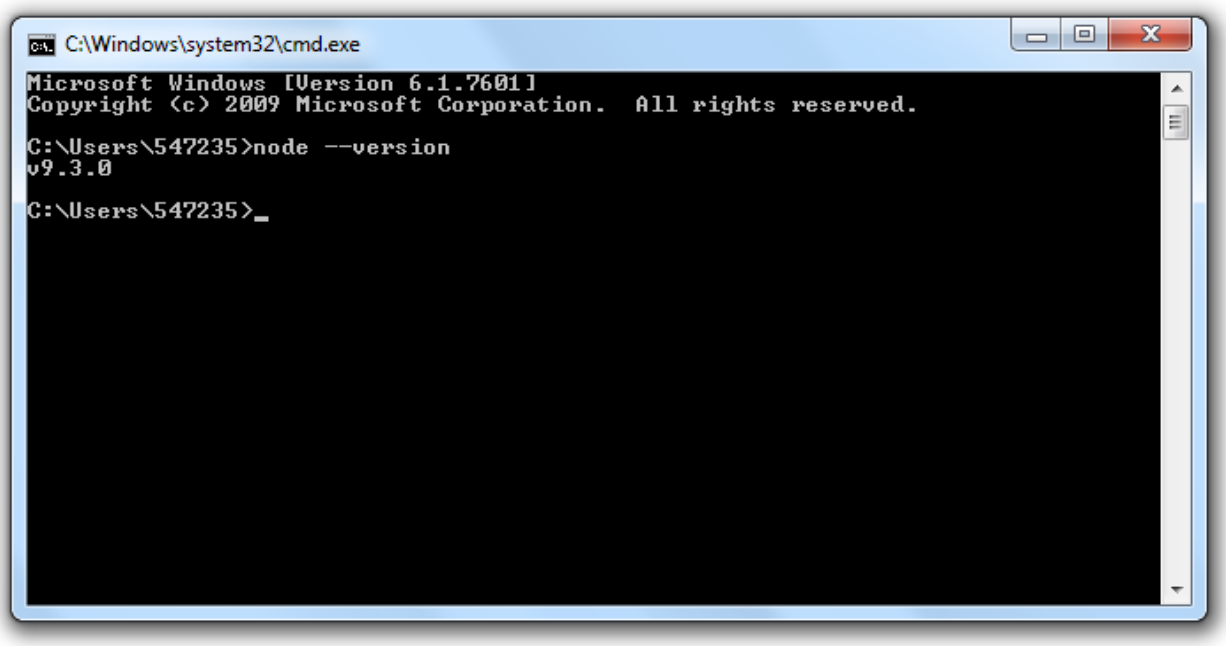

You can see the version of nodejs which was installed on your machine. If any error/issue is faced, we need to setup environment path manually by following step 2.

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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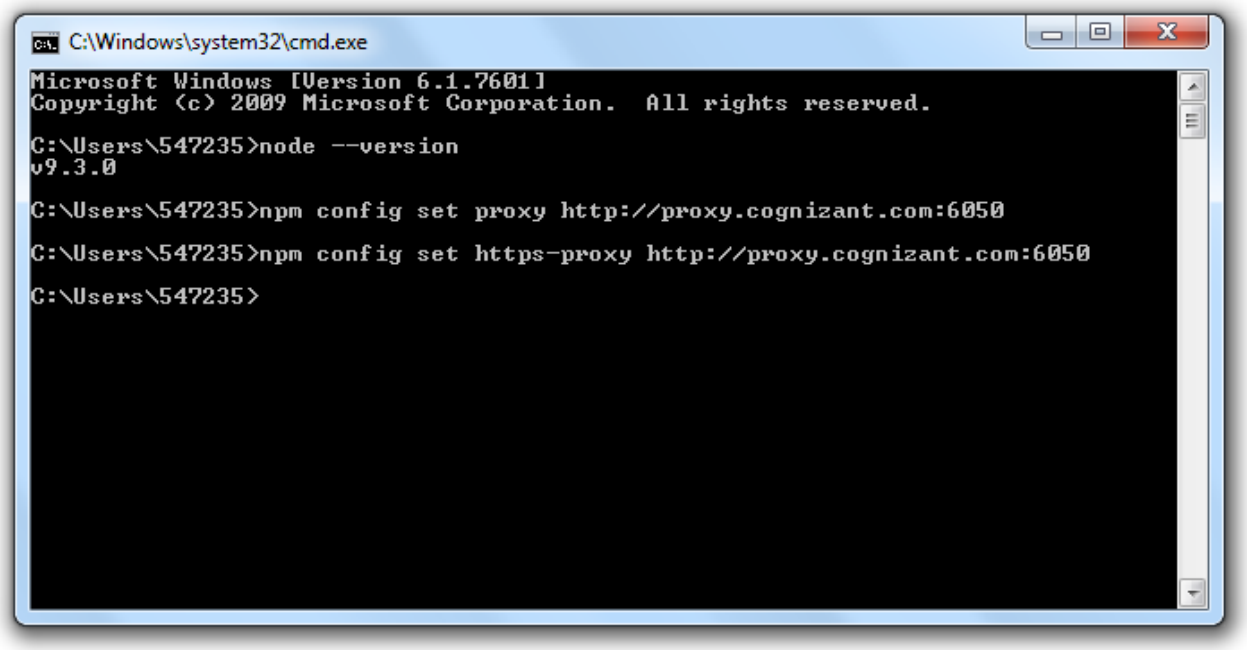

This proxy bypass command will run for one instance and also this command needs to be executed only once at the time of installing ReactJS supporting package. There after no more proxy bypass will require.

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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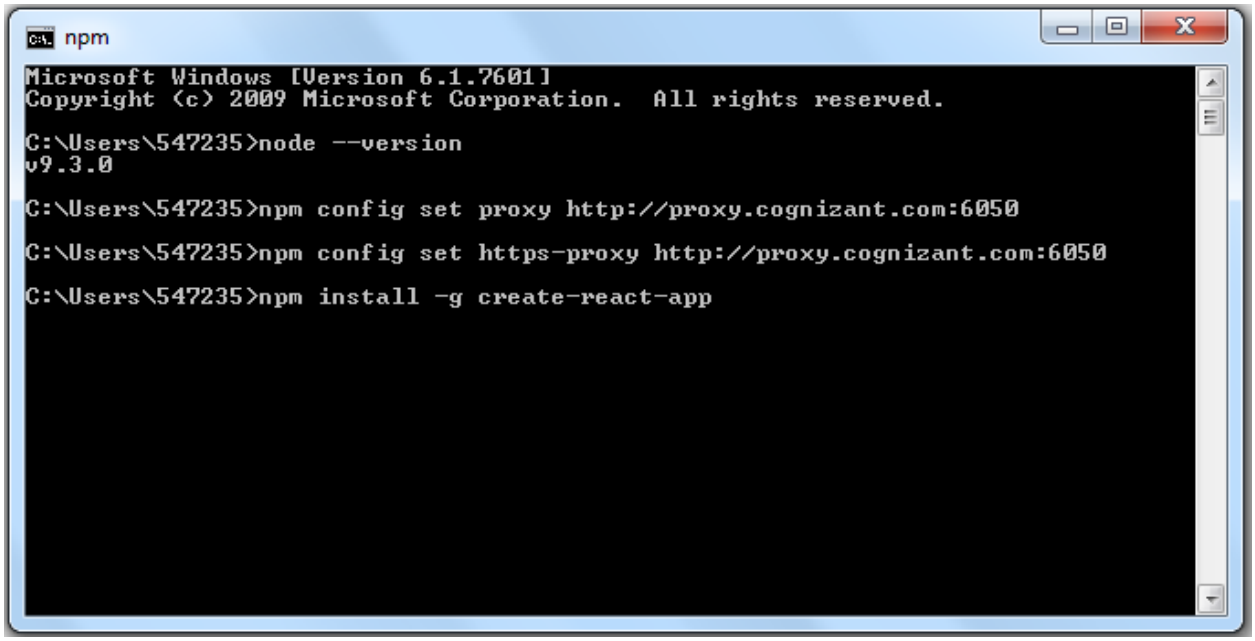
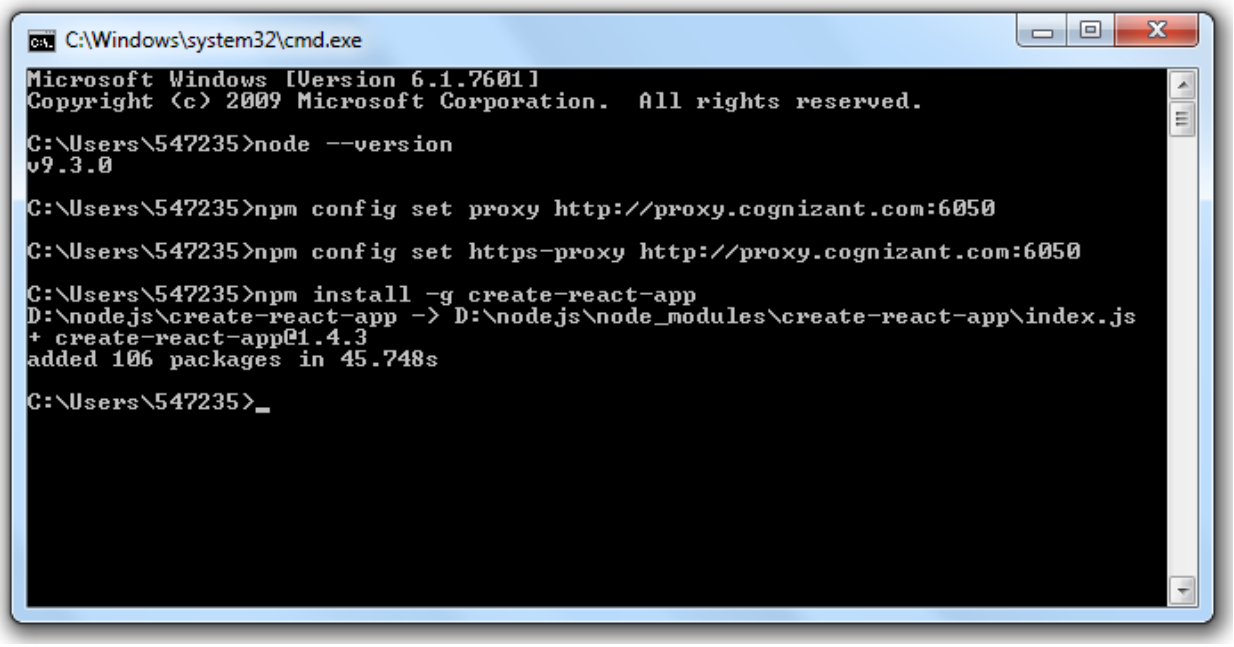


After the package was installed successfully, you can see some similar messages in cmd as given below.



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

```
create-react-app --version
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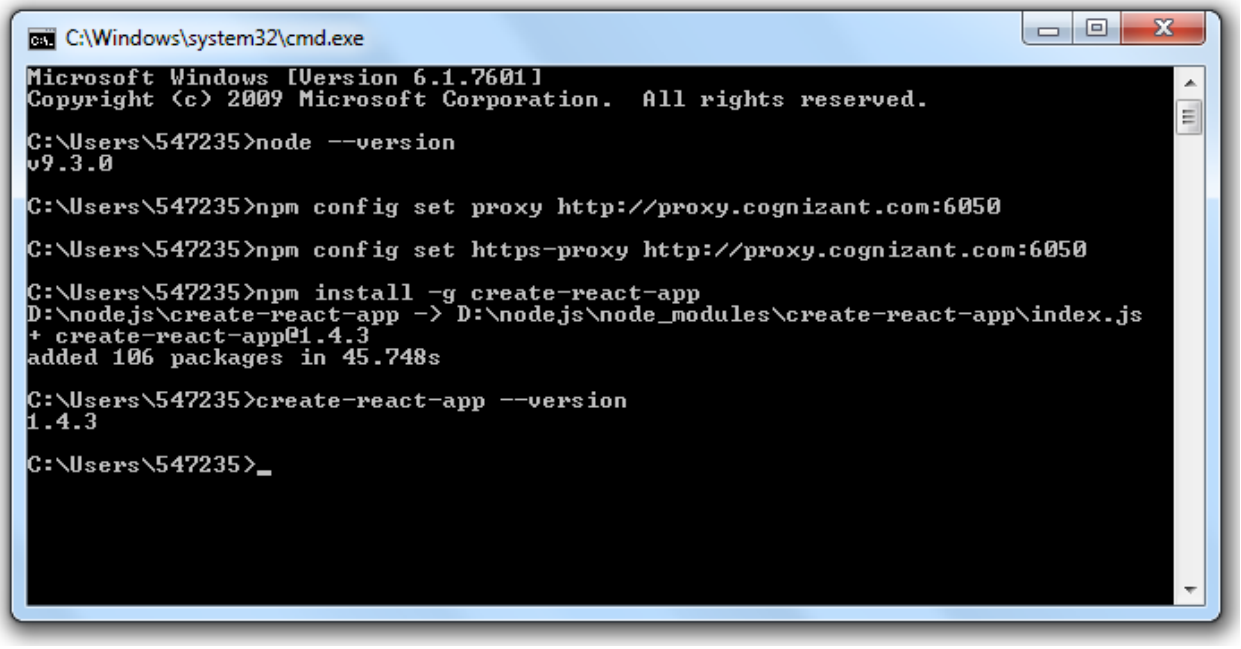


You can see the version of create-react-app package was installed by npm. If error occur repeat step 6.

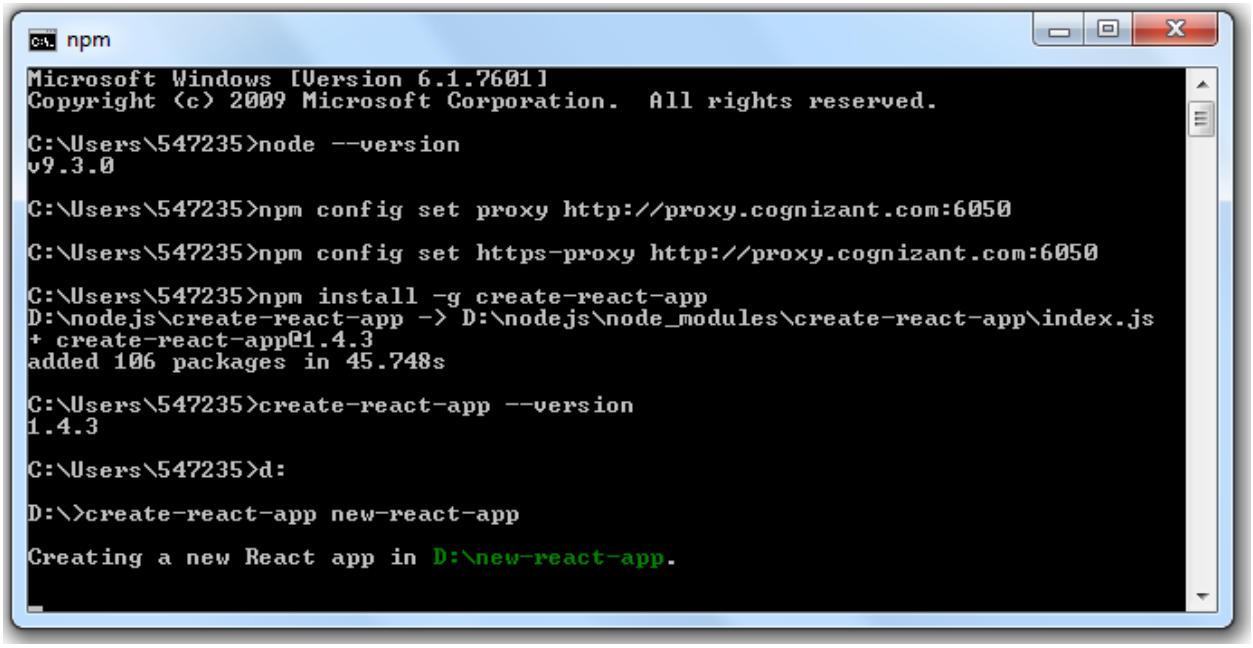
Step 6: Creating new React app

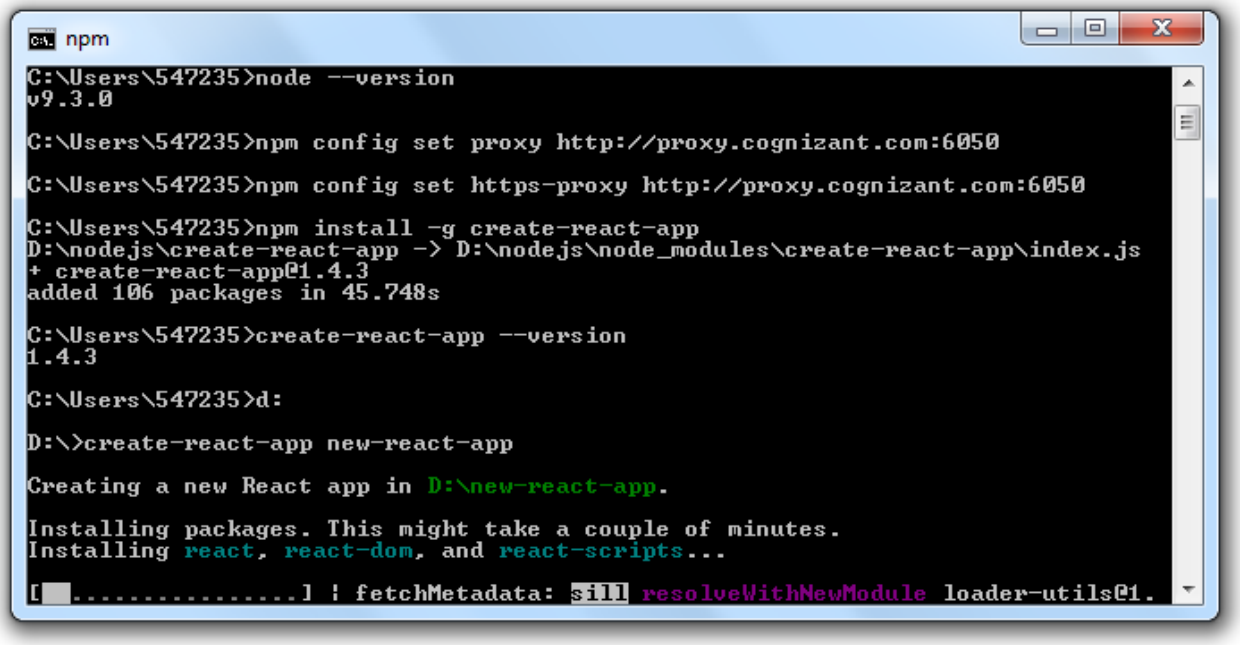
Run below command to create new react app

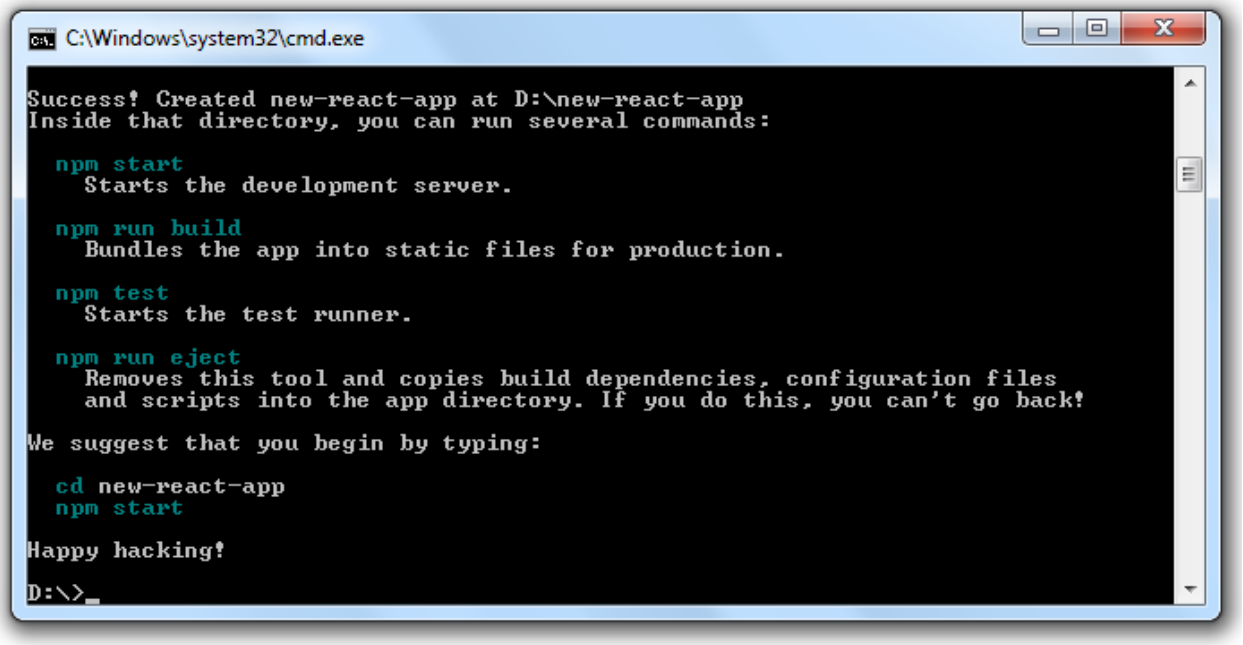
```
create-react-app new-react-app
```

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







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
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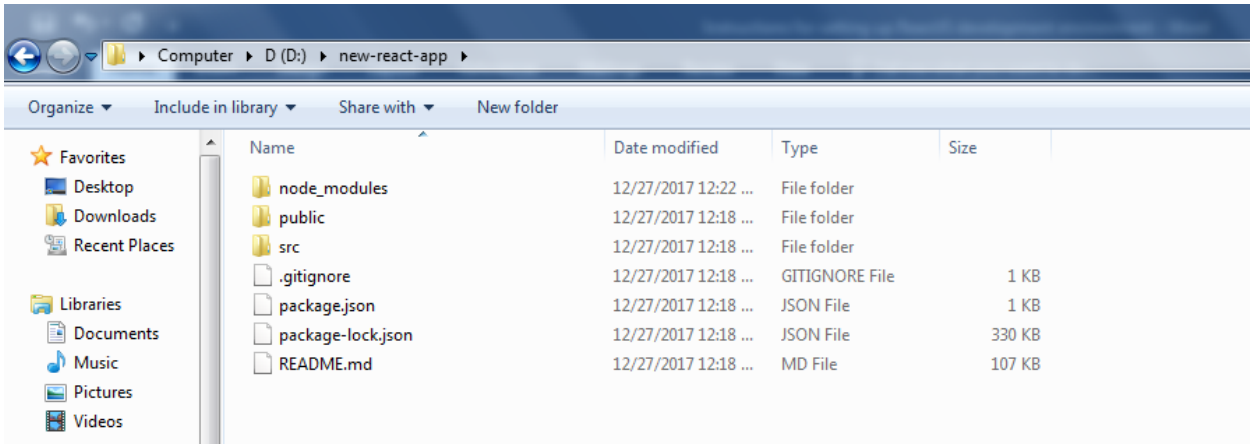
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Step 7: Running newly created React app in browser

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

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cd new-react-app
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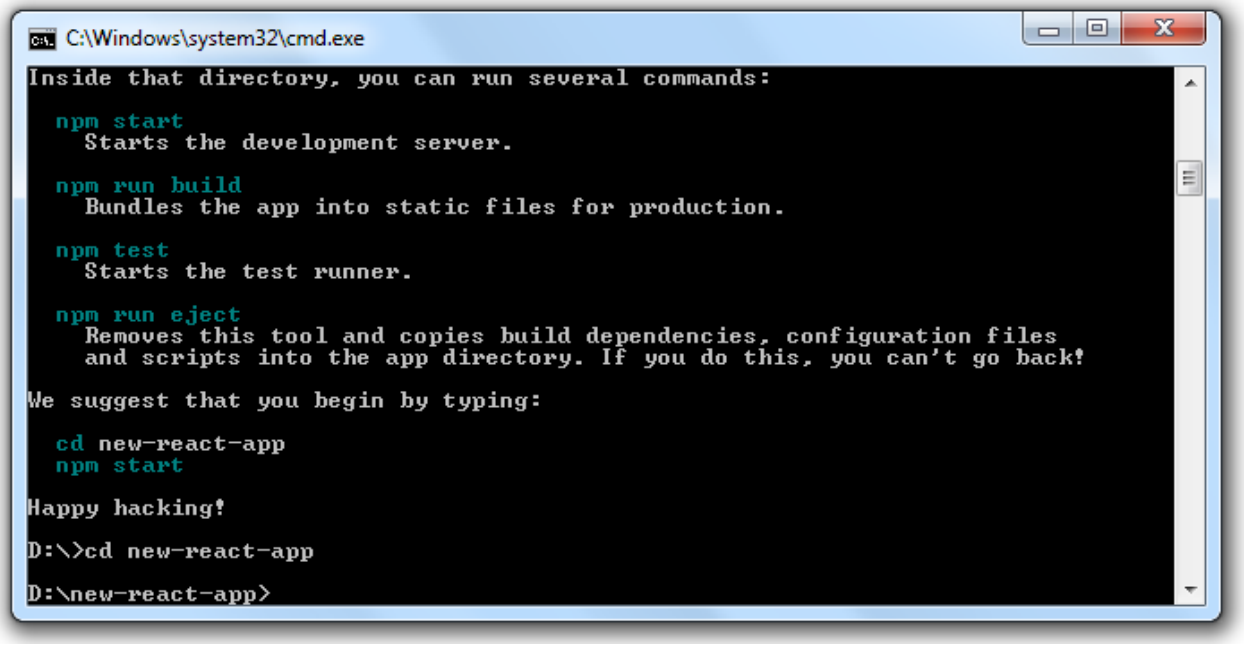

Now we are good to start the server by executing the following command

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npm start
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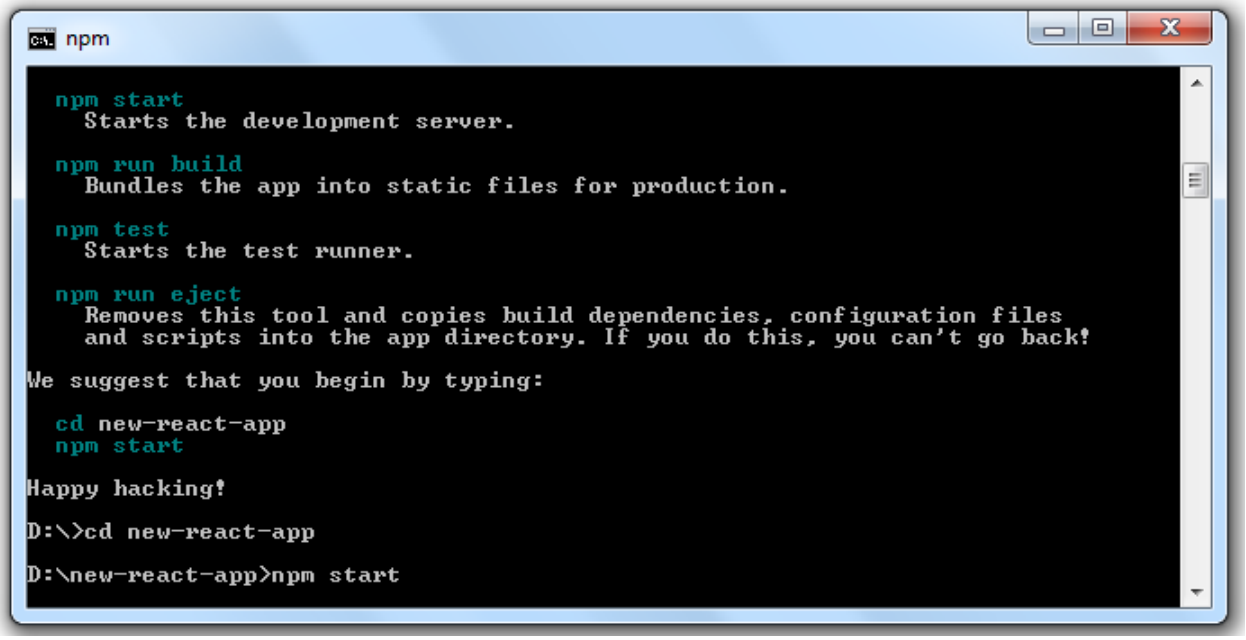
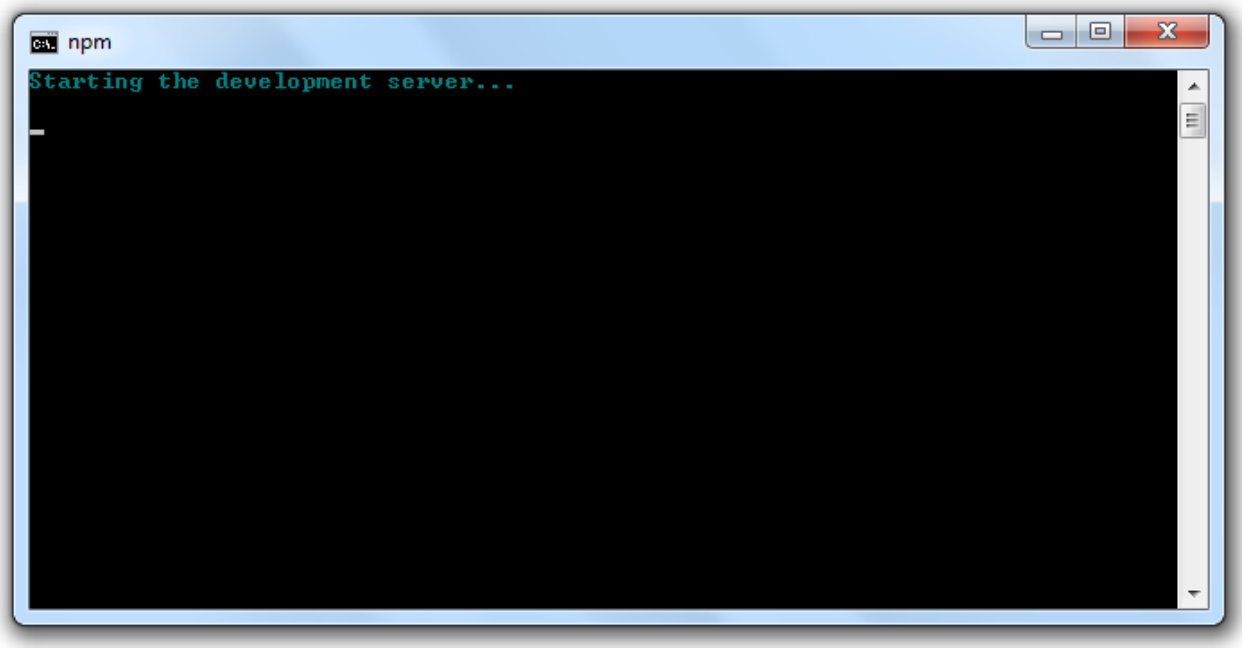


Once the "***npm start***" command is executed successfully, "***Starting the development server***" message will appear in command prompt. In parallel, the react app will kick start automatically by opening your default browser.



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

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http://localhost:3000/
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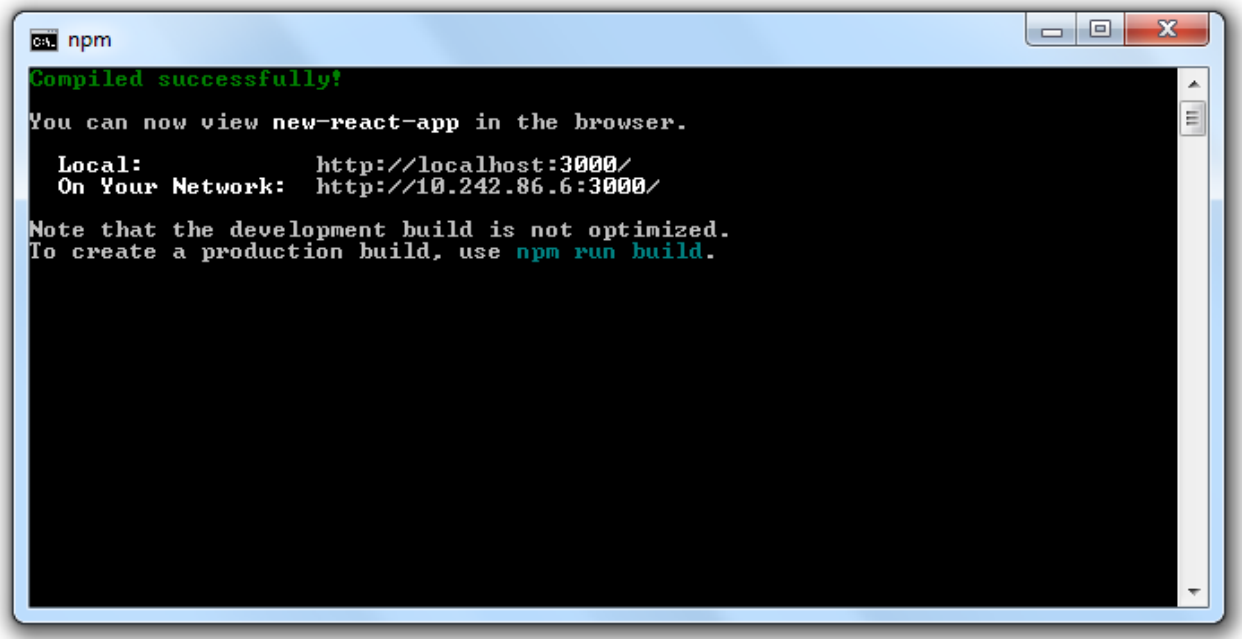
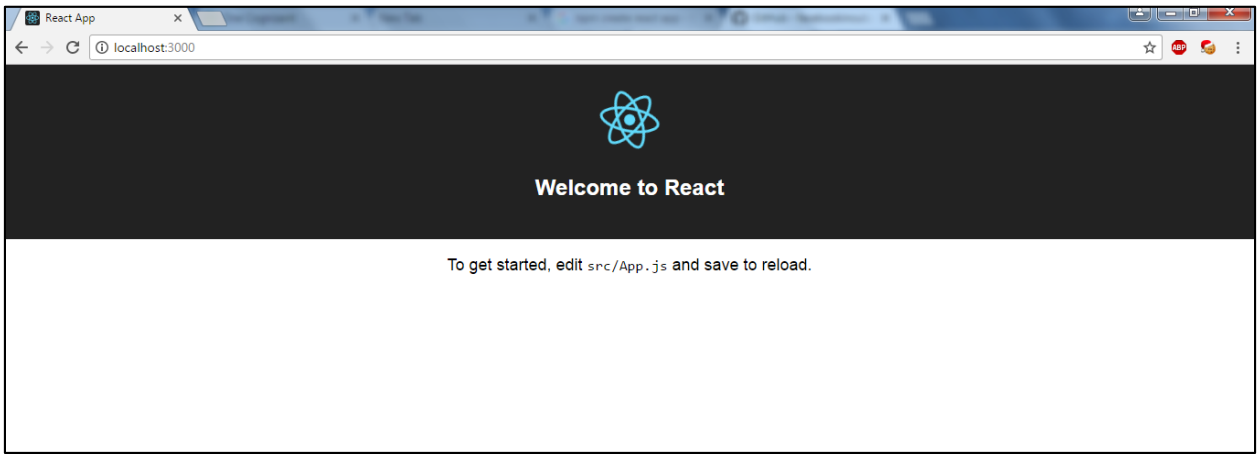


Note: The above terminal needs to be in open, as long as the react app is running in browser. Also this terminal will compile the code automatically if any change is done to app and refresh browser consequently to see latest changes without need of doing manual refresh.

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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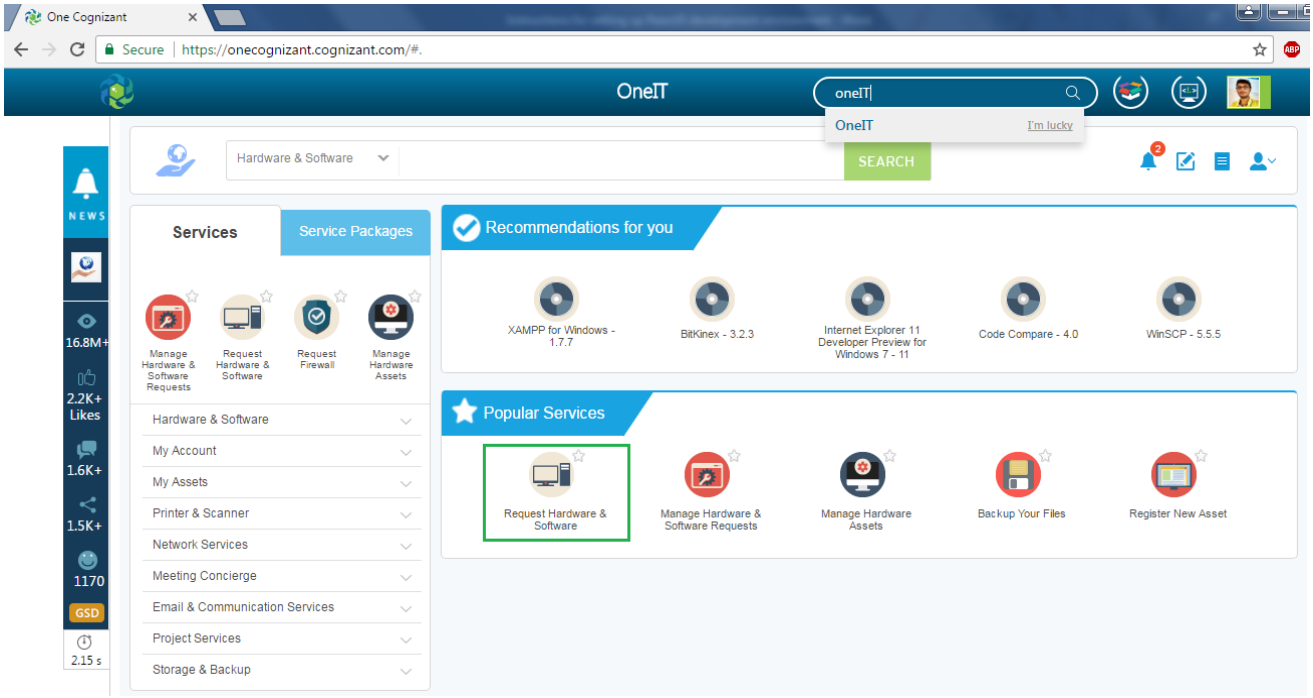

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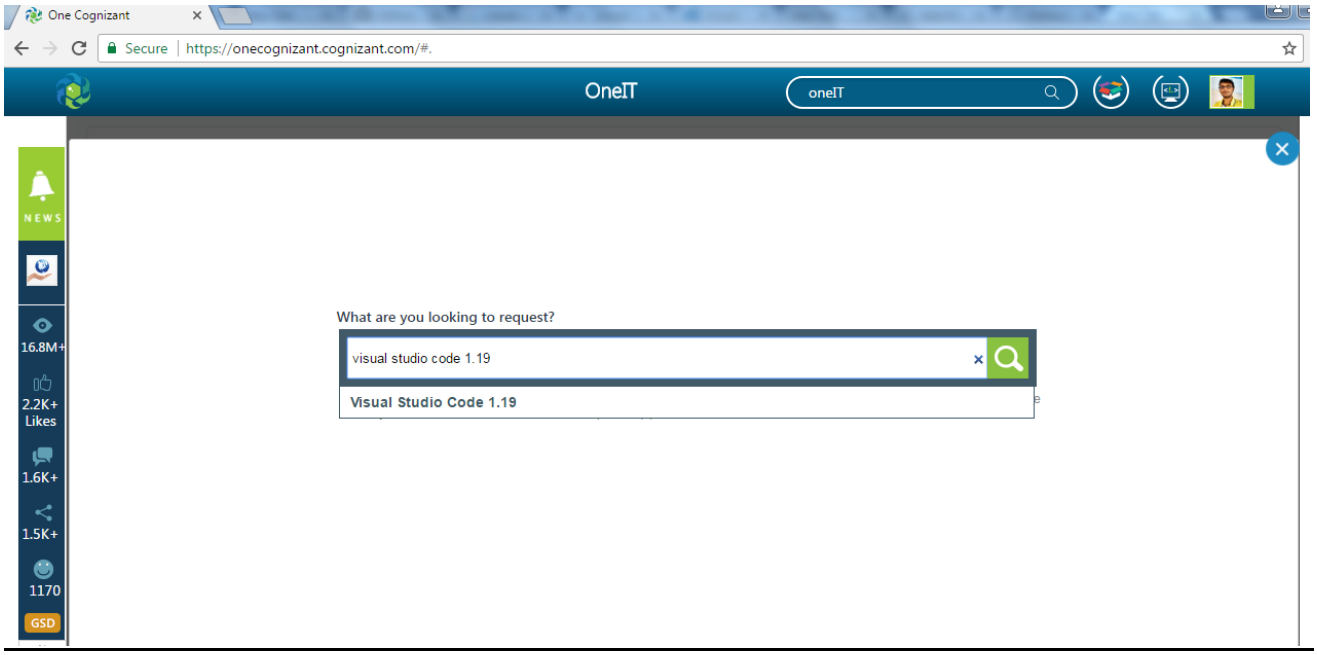
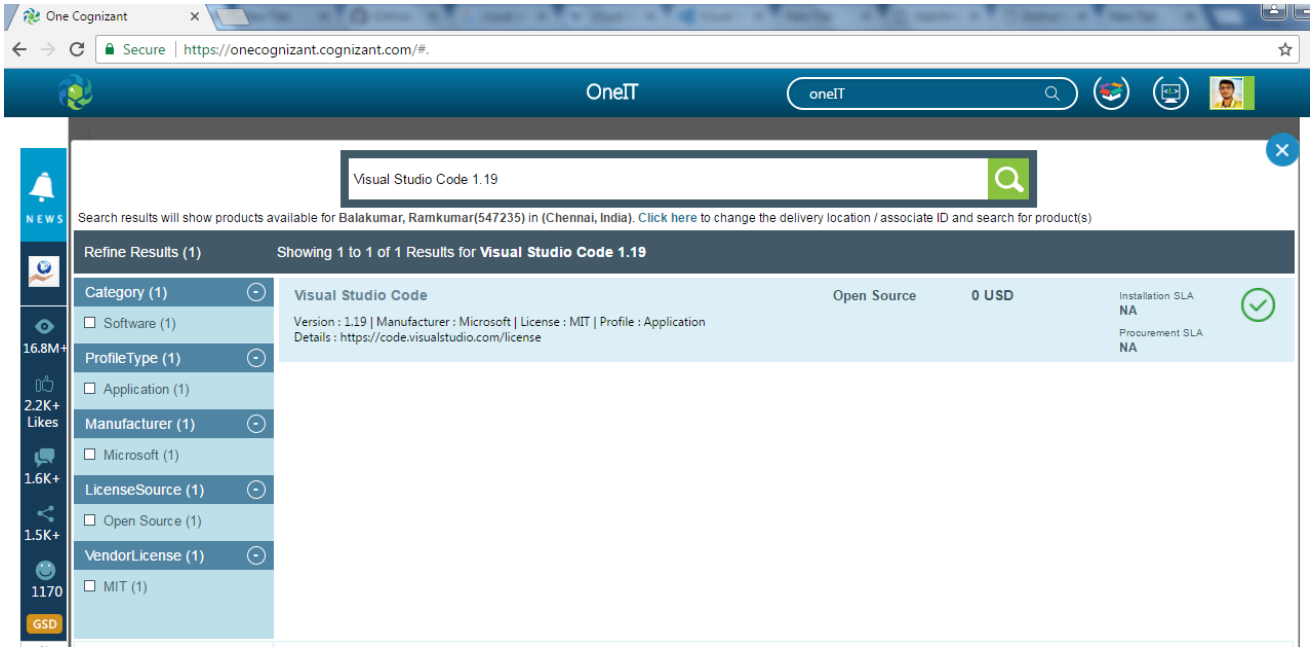


After selecting required VSCode version, following window will open with details about the app. Click on "***Raise Request***" icon to raise the software installation request.



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