

# Installing Node.js and npm

## Installing Node.js/npm

Visit <https://nodejs.org/en/download/> (<https://nodejs.org/en/download/>) and download the installer for your operating system (the LTS version is recommended).

npm is installed along with Node.js, so you don't need a separate installer for npm.

## Running node

Open up your command line/terminal and write:

```
$ node  
>
```

This will open the Node JavaScript console (type ctrl+c to exit).

You can also run a JavaScript file from the command line using node:

```
$ node app.js  
<app.js will be run>
```

## Updating Node.js/npm

You can use the commands below to update Node and npm at a later time if needed. You may also use the installer from the NodeJS website above if this doesn't work on your machine.

### Update npm

```
$ sudo npm install -g npm
```

### Update Node.js

```
$ curl -o- https://raw.githubusercontent.com/nvm-sh/nvm/v0.39.1/install.sh | bash  
$ nvm install node
```